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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

March 30, 2022

LIBRARYCON  
PANEL & LUNCH:

**FOLLOW  
YOUR  
FANDOM**



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**Attend the #WLA2022 "Find Your Fandom" Keynote Panel**

[Early Bird registration](#) closes next Wednesday, April 6!

Along with exciting programs and professional meet-ups, don't miss your chance to register for an incredible keynote on Saturday, May 7, featuring author Brittney Morris (*SLAY*, *The Cost of Knowing*), librarian Nic Figley, and convention planner Kristine Hassell! At the center of the gaming industry, Bellevue is filled with vibrant communities centered around role playing games, virtual reality, cosplay, comics, and more. How can we support and grow these communities within our libraries?

Get a behind-the-scenes look into their work, and leave with ideas for implementing gaming into your collections and programming, making participation equitable and accessible for all, and encouraging fandoms to thrive in your library.

Register Now!

### Group Discounts

Is your organization planning to send a group of staff members to the in-person conference in Bellevue? Contact the WLA Office to request a discount code based on how many employees will be attending in-person.

- 5-10 employees: 5% off
- 11-20 employees: 10% off
- 21+ employees: 20% off

Have questions? Please reach out to the WLA office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) or (206) 823-1138. We are so excited to see you in Bellevue later this spring!



### Check Out the Spring Alki Issue

The [Spring 2022 Alki Issue](#) is here! We asked the WLA community to send us their work in progress and reflections on *being* a work in progress.

- Learn about projects and initiatives across the state with in-depth articles and bite-sized updates.
- Discover the origins of Critical Race Theory.
- Reflect on imposter syndrome and new ways of connecting during a pandemic.
- Read the very first one act play to be published in Alki, and consider performing it aloud in your office.
- Experience “A Day in the Fray” with a new column authored collaboratively by the Alki Editorial Committee.

You'll find our usual columns as well, with some new authors for the upcoming year. What are you waiting for? Check it out! Tell us what you think by emailing Ray Zill at [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org).



# WLA Social Media *takeover*

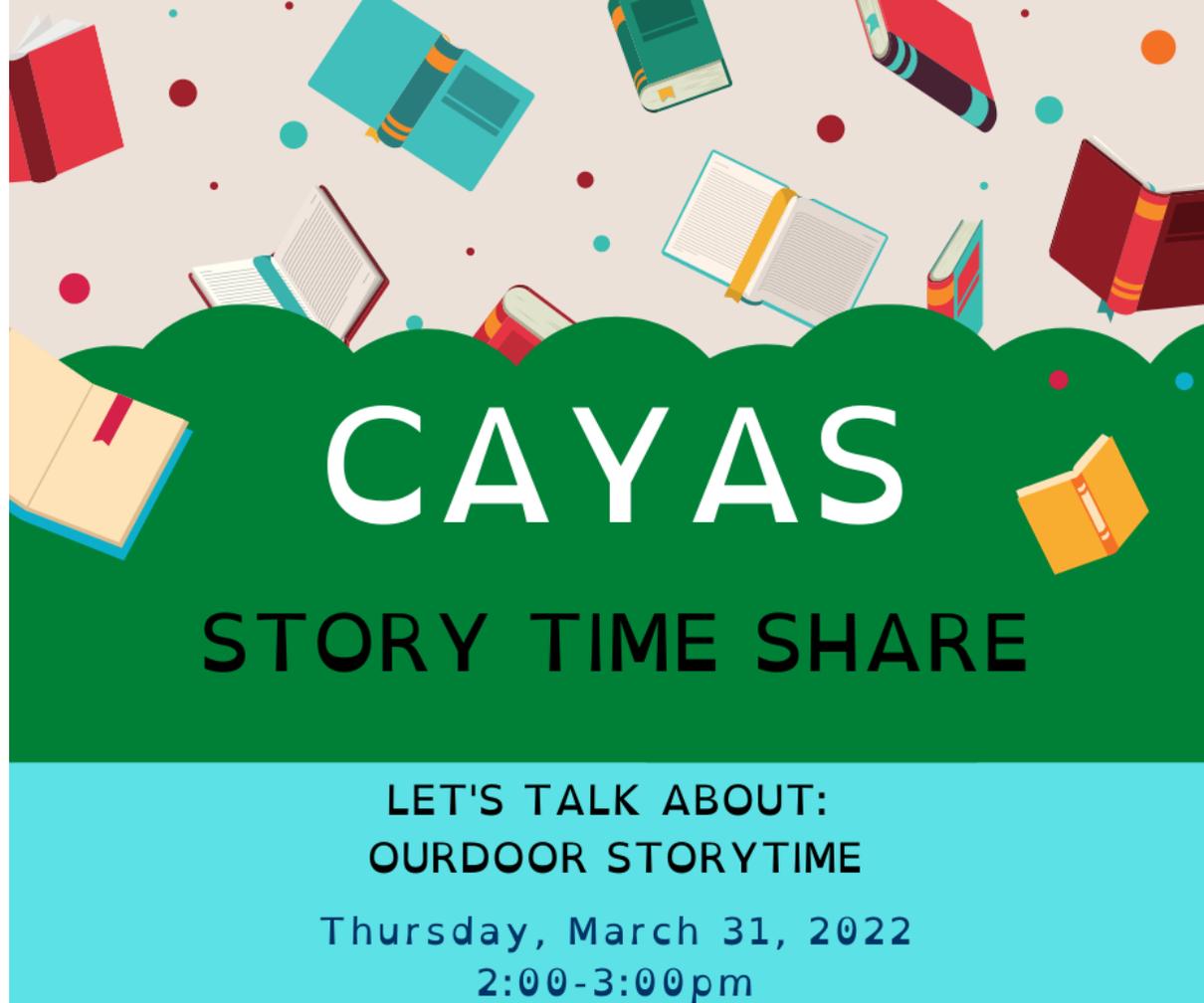
## **Submit a Social Media Takeover from Your Library!**

Want to help the [WLA Marketing & Communications Committee](#) show off a typical week for library workers in various Washington State libraries?

We're planning to share some social media takeovers on WLA's accounts this year to help everyone get to know the work Washington State libraries are doing. The takeover is open to any Washington State library worker (WLA members AND non-members), as well as out-of-state WLA members.

We're asking people to fill out some of the prompts in this [Google form](#) so we can post the content on their behalf to WLA's social media platforms. You are welcome to [review the questions](#) before filling out the form. We plan to do these periodically over the next few months (maybe the whole year if there's enough interest!). We'll let participants know in advance when their takeover posts will go live.

Thanks for considering! If you have any questions, please reach out to Hanna Roseen at [hroseen@ncwlibraries.org](mailto:hroseen@ncwlibraries.org) or Marisa Petrich at [marisp2@uw.edu](mailto:marisp2@uw.edu).



### **Tomorrow: CAYAS Hosts Story Time Share**

Join the WLA [Children's & Young Adult Services](#) (CAYAS) Section on March 31 from 2-3 p.m. to celebrate all things youth services through resource sharing, networking, and troubleshooting to further library programming for children! [Register in advance.](#)

For March, we're going to talk about story time outside! Since many of us might soon be transitioning to more outdoor programming this summer it's a great time to share ideas and best practices.

Would you like to become a member of CAYAS? Joining the section is free with your WLA membership. [Add the section](#) to your membership or request to join by contacting the [WLA Office](#).

### **WCCPBA, Towner, OTTER Committees Announce 2023 Nominees**

The Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award (WCCPBA), Our Time to Enjoy Reading (OTTER), and William C. Towner Award Committees are excited to announce their 2023 lists! These nominees will be voted on in the coming school year 2022-2023

- WCCPBA's 2023 list features [20 nominated picture books](#) for students in grades K-3.
- The Towner Award features [10 nominated nonfiction picture books](#) written for 2nd-6th grade students.
- OTTER's list features [six nominated books](#) that are both engaging and developmentally appropriate for readers transitioning into chapter books.

Stay tuned for 2023 nominations from the Sasquatch Award Committee! Their nominees will be announced by Friday, April 29, at the latest.

## Look Who's Hiring

Bellevue College Library is seeking an [Undergraduate Research Librarian, Assistant \(Tenure Track\) Professor](#).

Bellingham Public Library is seeking a [Children's Services Librarian](#).

Chastek Library at Gonzaga University School of Law is seeking an [Evening & Weekend Circulation and IT Assistant](#) and a [Research and Instruction Librarian](#).

City of Grandview is seeking a [Library Director](#).

Gonzaga University is seeking a [Business & Leadership Studies Librarian](#).

Grays Harbor College is seeking a [Library and Archives Paraprofessional 3](#).

Highline College is seeking a [Library and Archives Paraprofessional 3](#).

Kelso Public Library is seeking a [Library Assistant III](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking an [Associate Director of Community Libraries](#) and [Associate Director of Programs & Resources](#).

Orcas Island Public Library is seeking a [Library Director](#).

Pacific Lutheran University is seeking a [Cataloging and Metadata Specialist](#).

San Juan Island Library is seeking an [Outreach & Technology Librarian](#) and a [Bookkeeper](#).

Seattle Public Library is seeking a [Special Collections Services Manager](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Health Sciences Librarian](#).

Skagit County Law Library is seeking a [Law Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Circulation Supervisor](#) and a [Public Services Assistant I, Part-time](#).

South Puget Sound Community College is seeking an [Open Education Librarian](#).

Spokane Falls Community College is seeking a [Director of Learning Support](#).

Spokane Public Libraries is seeking a [Central Branch & Social Services Manager](#).

Saint Martin's University is seeking an [Electronic Services Librarian](#).

Tacoma Community College is seeking a [Dean of Library and Learning Innovation](#).

Tacoma Public Library is hiring a [Collection and Technical Services Manager](#).

University of Puget Sound is seeking a [User Experience & Discovery Librarian](#).

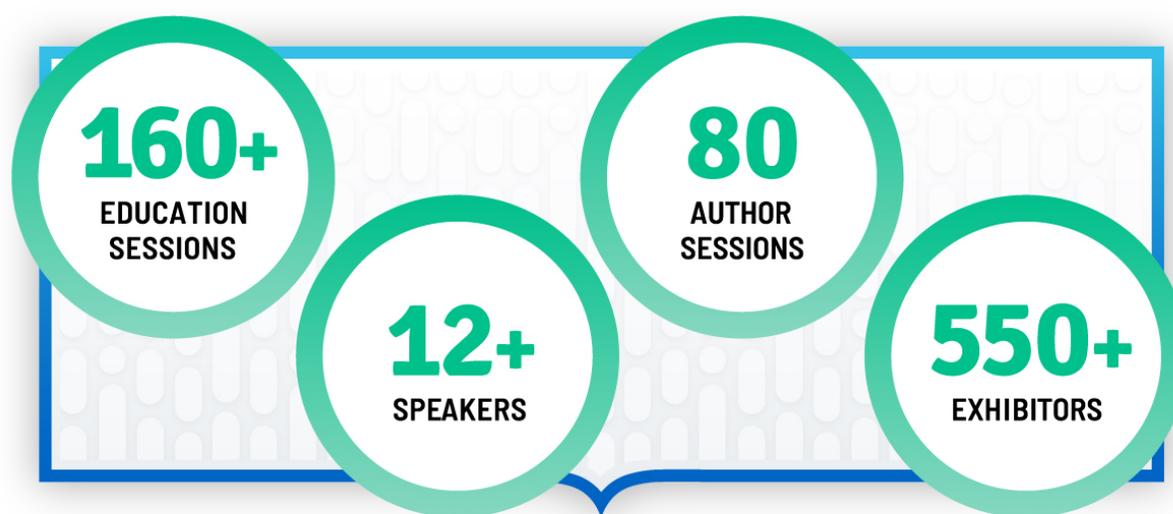
Walla Walla County Rural Library District is hiring a [Teen Programming & Outreach Associate \(Burbank\)](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#) and an [Interlibrary Loan Technician](#).

Tigard Public Library is seeking a [Bilingual \(English/Spanish\) Youth Services Librarian](#).

*If your institution has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email [newsletter@wla.org](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.*

## Conference Bulletin



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### Register for ALA Annual 2022

Early bird registration closes tomorrow, March 31 for [ALA Annual](#), in-person and online June 23-28 in Washington, D.C. [Secure your spot!](#)

Attendees will hear from inspiring speakers, attend top-quality educational sessions, visit with exhibitors, hear from authors, and meet and mingle with colleagues. Check out the [preliminary schedule](#), which offers filters for your subjects of interest, your library or meeting type, and ALA groups.

Questions regarding registration, accessibility, and more can be directed to [alaregistration@csreg.zohodesk.com](mailto:alaregistration@csreg.zohodesk.com).

### NWILL 2022 Virtual Conference: Call for Programming

The [Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing](#) Conference Committee invites proposals on interlibrary loan and resource sharing from all over North America and the world: pre-recorded lightning rounds (7-10 minutes), presentations or panels (45 minutes), or workshops (90-120 minutes).

Submissions from all types of libraries are encouraged, as are proposals from individuals from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds, identities, and communities. We truly want the conference to be as representative of our profession as possible.

Presenters and co-presenters will receive free registration to the conference. Proposals due on April 18 by noon. [Learn more and submit a proposal.](#)

*The NWILL Conference Conference will be ONLINE Sept. 8, 14, and 16, with virtual workshops held Sept. 9.*

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## Call for Proposals for 9th Annual Virtual LILi Conference

The 2022 Virtual [Lifelong Information Literacy](#) (LILi) Conference will be online July 8, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. PT. LILi welcomes everyone interested in topics of lifelong information literacy to submit proposals for presentations related to this year's conference theme, *Teaching and Learning: Introducing New Topics, Pivoting Online, and Starting from Scratch*.

LILi will be accepting proposals for lightning talks, presentations, and virtual poster sessions through **April 1**. [Submit a proposal](#).

If you have questions, please contact LILi Chair [Liz Cheney](#) or LILi Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect [Michael Habata](#).

## News & Notes



### Celebrate School Library Month in April!

[School Library Month](#) is the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) celebration of school librarians and school libraries!

Every April school librarians are encouraged to host activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school libraries play in transforming learning. Visit <https://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/slm> for templates and resources to help build your celebration.

Planning on creating a social media campaign for your school library during April? Be sure to tag [@AASL](#), as well as [@WALIBASSN](#) and [@WLA\\_School!](#) We'd love to hear about your celebration activities. You can also submit your photos and videos via [this form](#) for a chance to appear on AASL's social media.

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### Apply for New Round of ALA Emergency Relief Grants

The American Library Association (ALA) has announced it will make available [\\$1.55M in emergency relief grants](#) to more than 75 libraries that have experienced substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The ALA COVID Library Relief Fund invites public, school, academic, tribal, and correctional libraries across the United States and US Territories to [apply for grants](#) of \$20,000, through April 21.

The ALA COVID Library Emergency Relief Fund is administered through the ALA [Chapter Relations Office](#). For more information and questions, please email [cro@ala.org](mailto:cro@ala.org).

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### **Bridging Knowledge Program Accepting Applications**

Applications remain open for the [Bridging Knowledge Grant Program](#)! The deadline to apply is **April 1**.

This grant will provide 15 scholarships to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian graduate students to earn the Master of Library and Information Science degree, with an advanced certificate in strategic management of digital assets and services, at San José State University (SJSU).

If you have questions, please view the original [information session](#) recorded Oct. 20, 2021, or contact Bridging Knowledge Project Manager [Cindy Hohl](#) or SJSU Student Outreach Specialist [Sheila Gurtu](#).

*The program is administered through Alaska Library Network in partnership with the American Indian Library Association and the Alaska State Library. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.*

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### **Teacher-Librarian Professional Development Feedback 2022**

Do you work in a school library? The Washington State Library (WSL) is currently in the process of planning a one-day professional development opportunity tailored to the needs of individuals who work in school libraries. WSL has created a survey to gauge training needs and interest. [Access the survey](#).

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and all data collected will be kept private and will only be used in aggregate. If you have any questions, please contact WSL Youth Services Consultant [Sara White](#).

## **The Learning Curve**

**Niche Academy: "Universal Design for Learning: Review, Assessment, and Future Directions"**

Join Leah Plocharczyk (Florida Atlantic University - Jupiter) and Matthew Conner (University of California at Davis) for a webinar on Universal Design for Learning (UDL), April 13 at 11 a.m. PT. [Register in advance.](#)

This presentation will review the theory and rationale for UDL and summarize research on its effectiveness. Presenters will examine certain contradictions in UDL, such as how a learning method that is tailored to individual differences can work for an entire class.

The webinar will be recorded and available to registrants unable to attend the live presentation.

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### **WebJunction: "Broadband Improvements: Free Planning Tools for Libraries"**

Join Stephanie Stenberg ([Community Anchor Program](#)) and Carson Block ([Carson Block Consulting](#)) on April 20 from 10-11 a.m. PT to learn how to use the Toward Gigabit Libraries toolkit. [Register in advance.](#)

The [toolkit](#) is a free, self-service guide created to help libraries understand and improve their IT capacities and broadband resources. The toolkit can help staff better articulate the library's needs to leadership, policy makers, and broadband service providers, in order to improve on digitally serving the community and planning for the future.

A recording of the webinar will be available afterwards for those unable to attend the event live.

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*Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at [newsletter@wla.org](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) by Monday to be included in that week's digest.*

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