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**WLA WEDNESDAY**

July 13, 2022



**2023 WLA Elections**  
**Nominations open July 20!**

*for future WLA leaders*

### **2023 WLA Election Nominations Open Next Week**

Are you seeking leadership experience? Looking to meet new people in the library field? Passionate about advocacy for libraries and library professionals?

Whether you're a longtime member or new to the association, WLA invites you to throw your hat into the ring for a leadership position! There are many opportunities to get involved.

Check out the [elections timeline for 2023](#). The nomination window will begin Wednesday, July 20 and remain open through Friday, Sept. 16.

If you have any questions, please contact [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org).



# WLA is now a 501(c)(3)

Your charitable donations to the WLA Scholarship Fund are now tax deductible.  
Visit [wla.org/giving](http://wla.org/giving) to donate today.

## WLA gains 501(c)(3) nonprofit status

The Washington Library Association (WLA) has officially shifted from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. It is exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

[Charitable contributions](#) to WLA and the WLA Scholarship Fund are now tax deductible. As a public charity, WLA is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers, or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522.

WLA will be awarding its annual scholarships later this year, for which donations are still being accepted at [wla.org/giving](http://wla.org/giving).

To learn more, please reach out to the WLA Office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org).

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## Call for Papers: *Alki* Winter 2022 Issue Indigenous Librarianship

The Washington library community wants to hear from you! Share your voice by publishing in *Alki*: The Washington Library Association Journal. We welcome content from all library workers, students, supporters, volunteers, and trustees. We publish peer-reviewed articles, opinion pieces, creative writing, and art.

For far too long, American libraries have had problematic interactions with local tribes, reinforcing destructive colonial relationships or helping to perpetuate the mythology that Native peoples are “disappearing.” December’s issue of *Alki* will publish pieces that center indigenous voices in our community, consider our relationships with local tribes, and highlight the practice of indigenous librarianship. Indigenous librarianship prioritizes the interests, practices, needs, and support of Indigenous people and can be practiced by both indigenous and non-indigenous librarians.

Interested in submitting for this issue? Learn more at <https://www.wla.org/alki-home>. Ray Zill, the current *Alki* editor, is also available to discuss ideas and expectations. Reach out by contacting her at [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org).

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## PLD Little-Known Libraries & Resources Series: WA Talking Book & Braille Library

The WLA Public Library Division (PLD) is offering an informational session with Reilly Curran, outreach librarian for the [Washington Talking Book & Braille Library](#) (WTBBL) on **Tuesday, July 19** from 9-10 a.m. via Zoom. Bookmark [the Zoom invite](#) for your calendar.

Come learn about what WTBBL does, their physical and digital collections, who qualifies for service, and how YOU, as library workers, can help connect people (and sign them up for services) in your community to this little-known gem in Washington State!

Reilly will give us an introduction to WTBBL, and there will be plenty of time for questions. We hope that you can join us! Please feel free to share this event with fellow library folks and organizations in your community who would benefit from this information.

Additionally: We would love this to kick off a series of monthly or bimonthly informational workshops about little-known libraries, collections, and resources available in Washington State; best-kept secrets that we don't want to keep secret!

Do you work for one of these places, or know of one? Who should we talk to? Email PLD Chair Jannah Minnix ([jminnix@sno-isle.org](mailto:jminnix@sno-isle.org)) or PLD Vice Chair Georgia Reitmire ([greitmire@yvl.org](mailto:greitmire@yvl.org)) to help us keep this series going!

### Look Who's Hiring

Big Bend Community College is seeking a [Library Consortium Services Manager](#).

Centralia College is seeking an [Instruction & Systems Librarian](#).

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

Coeur d'Alene Public Library (ID) is seeking a [Youth Services Librarian](#).

Everett Public Library is seeking a [Circulation Assistant II](#).

Gonzaga University is seeking an [Interlibrary Loan Specialist](#).

Highline College is seeking a [Library & Archives Paraprofessional 4](#).

King County Library System is seeking two [Library Regional Managers](#).

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager I \(West Pasco\)](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking an [Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Brewster\)](#) and a [Facilities Project Coordinator](#).

Newberg Public Library (OR) is seeking a [Library Director](#).

Olympic College is seeking a [Library Tenure Track Faculty](#).

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

Pacific Lutheran University is seeking an [Assistant Professor/Archivist & Special Collections Librarian](#).

Pierce County Library System is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

Port Townsend School District is seeking a [Library Media/STEM Specialist](#).

Ritzville Library District #2 is seeking a [Library Director](#).

Seattle Public Library is seeking a [Senior Community Resource Specialist](#) and a [Community Resource Specialist](#).

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

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

St. Thomas School is seeking a [Library Instructional Assistant](#).

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

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#).

Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking a [Patron Registrar](#).

*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.*



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### Call for Programs: ALA LibLearnX 2023

[ALA LibLearnX 2023](#) is heading to New Orleans, Jan. 27-31, and is now seeking Education Program Proposals! The deadline to submit a program is Aug. 5.

Formats for proposals range from 15 minutes to two hours in length, and should be geared toward higher-level education conversation, hands-on interaction, and trend-scanning information. Program decisions will be announced Sept. 30.

Learn more about submitting a program proposal, including requirements and guidelines, at [www.2023.alaliblearnx.org/call-education-program-proposals](http://www.2023.alaliblearnx.org/call-education-program-proposals).

**Urban Librarianship:  
Embracing Challenges  
and Opportunities**  
**Thursday, July 14, 2022**  
12 - 3 p.m. US-Pacific Time

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### Summer Library 2.022 Mini Conference

The second Library 2.022 mini-conference: [Urban Librarianship: Embracing Challenges and Opportunities through Innovation, Leadership, and Best Practices](#), will be held online tomorrow, **July 14** from 12-3 p.m. PT. [Register now!](#)

This free event will be held live online and will also be recorded. [Register](#) to attend live and/or to receive the recording links afterward.

## 2022 Northwest ILL Conference Registration Open

The [21st Annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference](#) will once again be held virtually.

To help minimize Zoom fatigue of attendees and committee members, the conference will be spread out over two weeks on the following dates:

- Thursday, Sept 8.
- Friday, Sept 9. (workshop day)
- Wednesday, Sept 14.
- Friday, Sept 16.

[Register here!](#) This year's conference will take place on the Whova event app. If you have a Whova account, please register using the email address associated with it.

Registration is \$18 per person, and free for BIPOC attendees (use code: bipoc2022) and scholarship recipients. To be considered for a scholarship, please complete the [application form](#) by this **Friday, July 15**.

This year's keynote speaker is Bobbi Newman, the author of the forthcoming book [Fostering Wellness in the Workplace: A Guide for Libraries](#).

Additionally, at no extra cost, join copyright advisor Kyle Courtney for a virtual Copyright First Responders series, starting Aug. 19. Purchase of the "NWILL and Copyright" ticket must be made by Aug. 12 to participate. The program and dates for the series can be previewed at <https://nwill.org>.

## News & Notes

### GIS-Mapping Exchange Grants Available

The [GIS-Mapping Exchange](#), an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)-funded partnership between academics, geospatial data professionals, and public libraries, is currently accepting applications for its grant program.

The goal of the Exchange is to establish an innovative training program and collaborative networking platform between public library staff, geospatial data professionals, and patrons. With support from IMLS, the program is starting a two-year project that will directly fund and support teams of librarians from around the country to partner with geospatial data professionals in their local communities and carry out a geospatial project.

Libraries that wish to play a role in this project can apply for up to \$5000 in funding to partner with local geospatial data professionals. The awards are aimed to fund projects that increase a library's capacity as a key participant in their geospatial data community.

For more information and to apply for funding, please read the [Request for Proposals](#). The application window is ongoing. Applicants will be notified of their status two weeks after submitting a proposal.

If you have any questions, please email [Nancee Hunter](#).

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### **Digital Equity Forum Community Survey**

The Washington State [Digital Equity Forum](#) is conducting a survey to better understand the challenges that Washingtonians are experiencing when using and connecting to the internet.

The survey has been prepared in 15 different languages as well as recorded in American Sign Language to reach as many Washingtonians as possible. Please click the link below to take the survey.

### **[Digital Equity Forum Community Survey](#)**

Do you know any Washingtonians that may be facing challenges trying to use and connect to the internet? Please help spread the word and share this survey! The WA State Office of Equity and WA State Department of Commerce are committed to hearing from as many voices as possible.

Additionally, please spread the word and share the ongoing [online speed test](#) to library users, to track true broadband speeds across the state.

If you have any questions, please email [digitalequity@commerce.wa.gov](mailto:digitalequity@commerce.wa.gov).

## **The Learning Curve**

### **DPLA: Digital Equity Project Information Session**

The [Digital Public Library of America](#) (DPLA) will hold an information session on July 19 from 10-11 a.m. PT on its [\\$850,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation](#) to support efforts advancing racial justice in American archives. [Register to attend](#).

The funding will enable DPLA to launch a digital equity project to develop community-based partners and increase partner capacity to lead this work. The three-year project will provide grants for underrepresented, under-

resourced archives and expand DPLA's capacity for supporting and partnering with diverse archival projects.

The information session will cover early-stage plans for the project. For more information, please email [info@dp.la](mailto:info@dp.la).

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### **Niche Academy: "The Post-Pandemic Library"**

Join Dr. Julie Todaro on July 27 at 11 a.m. PT for a free webinar to learn about information and choices for moving the post-pandemic library forward. [Register in advance](#).

Dr. Todaro, Dean of Library Services at Austin Community College and Past President of the American Library Association, is the author of [The Post-Pandemic Library Handbook \(2022\)](#).

Attendees unable to attend the live webinar will be sent a recording afterward. If you have any questions, please contact [webinar@nicheacademy.com](mailto:webinar@nicheacademy.com).

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## **MEDIA LITERACY INSTITUTE**

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### **Last Chance to Join UW's 2022 Media Literacy Institute**

There are only a few spots left! Register to join the University of Washington 2022 Media Literacy Institute, occurring Aug. 1-4 from 9:30-11 a.m. PT. The course fee is \$150 and includes 20 clock hours for Washington state educators. [Learn more and register](#).

Through the course, participants will understand basic media literacy theory, get direct feedback and coaching from experienced practitioners, and learn to integrate media literacy into their lessons and curricula.

*The course is a collaboration between the UW Center for Excellence in Media Literacy and the Center for Media Literacy.*

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## NCCE Cohort 2 Begins July 25

The Northwest Council for Computer Education (NCCE) is offering a free virtual training, the [Crossroads of History Project](#), for Western region educators. The course is sponsored by the Library of Congress (LOC) and will provide instruction on using LOC primary sources to develop and implement informed, meaningful activity plans based on social justice and civil rights issues.

Participants who complete the course, which consists of six phases, will be eligible for university credit or Washington State clock hours.

2022 Cohort dates include:

- Cohort 2: July 25-Aug 29
- Cohort 3: Sept. 26-Oct. 31
- Cohort 4: Oct. 24-Nov. 30

**Registration is open until the day the cohort begins.** [Register](#) for Cohort 2, which begins July 25.

For questions, please contact NCCE Director of Professional Learning Shannon Davenport at [sdavenport@ncce.org](mailto:sdavenport@ncce.org).



## WSL: Storytime Refresher Cohort

Applications for the Washington State Library Fall 2022 Storytime Refresher Cohort are open! [Apply now!](#)

This opportunity is intended for those new to providing early learning programs such as storytime, or are looking for a refresher due to the pause in early learning programming over the last few years.

The cohort will provide an opportunity to go through the [Supercharged Storytime course](#) with a professional learning community, discuss storytime challenges and successes, network with other early learning library professionals, and get back up-to-speed in best practices for storytime.

Applications will be open through the end of July. Welcome emails to accepted cohort members will be sent the first week of August. The cohort will run from mid-September through mid-December with a combination of synchronous meetings and asynchronous self-paced work.

*This program is supported by funding provided by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services administered by the Library Services and Technology Act, through the Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.*

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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.*

*It's a great time to become a member of the Washington Library Association. [Join](#) or [Renew](#) your membership today!*



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