WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

July 20, 2022

2023 WLA Elections
Nominations open July 20!
☐ *for future WLA leaders*

2023 WLA Election Nominations Are Open!

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. Self-nominations are welcome!

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2023 Nomination Form

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The nomination application will remain open through Friday, Sept. 16. For other important dates, check out the elections timeline for 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact info@wla.org.

Alki wants to hear from YOU!

Take the *Alki* Migration Survey

The *Alki* Editorial Committee would like to migrate the *Alki* journal to a web-based platform where articles can be read independently and be part of an issue in HTML format. We are recommending this move after an in-depth examination of how our publishing practices can be more accessible, equitable, discoverable, and sustainable.

We know this is a big change for our readers, which is why we want to hear from you!

Please complete the below survey to ensure your voice is heard and features you care about are considered in our final proposal to the WLA Board. The survey should take approximately 3-5 minutes to complete.

> *Alki* Survey

The deadline to complete this survey is by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 29. Responses are anonymous.

Please reach out to *Alki* Editor Ray Zill at alkieditor@wla.org if you are having trouble filling out the form.

Save the Date for WLA's Accessibility Summit

Mark your calendars for the fall WLA Accessibility in Libraries Summit on Friday, Oct. 21, 2022!

This all-day virtual event will bring together library professionals from around Washington and the world to engage in topics on accessibility in libraries, from planning events to maintenance of electronic resources and more! Divisional unconferences at the end of the day will allow attendees to connect and reflect on what they've learned.

Stay tuned for updates on registration and a full schedule of events, which will be posted later this summer at wla.org/AccessSummit.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the WLA Office by emailing info@wla.org or calling/texting (206) 823-1138.

ALA Chapter Chats:
Drop-In Hours with Steven Bailey
Third Wednesdays | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Office Hours Today with WLA's ALA Councilor

Steven Bailey holds his monthly ALA Councilor "Office Hours" today, July 20 from 1-2 p.m. As WLA's Chapter Councilor to ALA Council, he represents your interests to ALA and invites you to stop by to say hello and ask questions!

Use this Zoom Link or log in to the WLA website to access meeting information on the *Meetings & Events* calendar.

Please feel free to submit questions, comments and feedback regarding all things ALA as well, using the submission form linked below.

Submit Your Questions

WLA is a Chapter Affiliate Member of the American Library Association (ALA). ALA has affiliate relationships — a longtime partnership — with state library associations (chapters) in all fifty States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and regional library associations in the Mountain Plains, New England, Pacific Northwest, and Southeastern regions.

Chapters promote general library service and librarianship within its geographic area, provide geographic representation to the Council of the American Library Association, and cooperate in the promotion of general and

joint enterprises with the American Library Association and other library groups.

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](#).

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

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

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 a [Finance Director](#) and [Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS (Brewster)](#).

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 a [Supervising Librarian (Buckley)](#).

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

Puyallup School District is seeking a [High School Librarian](#) and a [Junior High Librarian](#).

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](#).

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 and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.

Conference Bulletin

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.

Early Bird Registration Extended for United for Libraries Virtual

[Early bird registration](#) for [United for Libraries Virtual: Trustees – Friends – Foundations](#) has been extended to July 22!

United Virtual, the third annual virtual conference for library trustees, friends, foundations, and the staff who work with them, will be held Aug. 9-11. View the sessions and [register now](#).

If you need assistance registering or experience any technical issues, please email united@ala.org or call 800-545-2433, ext. 2161.

Extended Scholarship Application Deadline for NWILL 2022

The 21st Annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference will be held virtually, 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) as well as scholarship recipients. The scholarship deadline has been extended to **Friday, July 22!** To be considered for a scholarship, please complete the application form.

News & Notes

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.

Welcoming Libraries Grant Application Now Open!

Applications are open for public and tribal libraries to apply for a grant from the Washington State Library to receive a Welcoming Library!

Find information about Welcoming Libraries and the grant on the grant's LibGuide. Applications are open through Friday, Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. Apply now!

Recipients will receive a curated and personalized collection of picture books with accompanying discussion questions about immigration that can used as a pop-up display in the library, lent to community groups, organizations, schools, and childcare centers, or brought to outreach events. The collection also includes a transportable pop-up display unit, consultation with the founders of I'm Your Neighbor books, storage crates, and more!

If you have any questions, please email sara.white@sos.wa.gov.

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.

Request for Proposals WA State Broadband Office: Digital Navigator Grant Program

The Washington State Department of Commerce is seeking proposals from firms interested in providing Digital Navigator services to their communities. View the RFP.

Digital Navigator services, devices, and subscriptions must involve one-on-one culturally literate assistance for people with limited access to services, including individuals seeking work, families supporting students, English language learners, people experiencing poverty, Tribal members, senior citizens, and Medicaid recipients.

The WA State Broadband Office anticipates awarding grants ranging between $200,000 and $500,000 per proposal.

Proposals are due by 5 p.m. PT on Aug. 18. Please contact Devin Gombosky if you have any questions.

Funding Opportunity:
NNLM *All of Us* Program Center Community Awards

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) *All of Us* Program Center (NAPC) is excited to announce its Community Award grants for libraries and community organizations!

The Community Awards provide funding for NNLM members to design and implement programming to increase community skills in health literacy, digital literacy and/or public understanding of clinical research, build community partnerships, and promote *All of Us* and NNLM resources.

Application materials, in-depth application instructions, and other resources can be found at https://bit.ly/NAPCawards. Up to five awards will be available, and the maximum award amount is $30,000. The application deadline is Aug. 26.

Questions about the award can be sent to LIB-NAPCengage@uiowa.edu.

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.

Libraries that wish to play a role in the 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](#).

The Learning Curve

New NNLM Consumer Health Class Series

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine](#) (NNLM) has created a series of consumer health classes for anyone interested in consumer health information and outreach. [Consumer Health Information Specialization](#) (CHIS) On Demand is comprised of five separate classes which cover the critical, need-to-know content related to the five Level 1 CHIS competencies:

1. Know the Community
2. Know the Health Consumer
3. Knowledge of Subject Matter and Resources
4. Evaluation of Health Information
5. Communication, Reference, and Instruction

[Register here](#)! The series of classes can be completed in any order, and one or all can be taken. Each class is designed to take one hour to complete and will help participants increase their knowledge and confidence in providing health information to their communities.

NNLM will also help those interested in obtaining CHIS by [covering the application fee](#) for level 1 or level 2. This includes those renewing their CHIS.

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](#).

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.

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.

Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at 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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