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WLA WEDNESDAY

September 28, 2022



WLA2023 Request for Proposals

WLA is accepting proposals for the [2023 WLA Conference](#), March 30-April 1, 2023 in Wenatchee, WA. On behalf of the conference committee, we invite you to submit a program proposal!

The 2023 conference theme is *All In, Reach Out*. Our experiences over the past few years have reinforced the importance of connection. We've adapted and learned new ways to connect with each other, to collaborate with community partners, and to meet the changing needs of our patrons and students. Join us at the confluence of the Columbia and Wenatchee Rivers this spring, where we will explore our methods of connection and share the resulting innovations. By reaching out and breaking down silos, we can be all in for our communities.

Programs relevant to **all kinds of libraries** are sought! Program session lengths available include:

- Preconference workshops: 3, 4, or 7 hours
- Conference sessions: 45 or 75 minutes
- "WLA After Dark" sessions: 45 minutes
- Lightning Talk sessions: 10 minutes

As you ready your proposal, we recommend collecting the following information in advance:

- Presenter Information (including the name, phone, email, job title, organization, and address of ALL presenters)
- Program Format
- Program Title and Description (approximately 100 words in length)
- Intended Outcomes of Program
- *See a preview of all questions at <https://tinyurl.com/WLA-RFP-2023>*

Proposals are due no later than Wednesday, Oct. 26. Applicants will be notified of their proposal status by Nov. 9.

Ready to submit your proposal? [Access the application form.](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org.



[Registration](#) is open for the [2022 WLA Accessibility in Libraries Summit!](#)

This all-day virtual event on Friday, Oct. 21 will bring together library professionals to engage in topics surrounding accessibility. Divisional round tables will take place at the end of the day so that attendees can connect and reflect on what they've learned.

The Summit will have a single interdisciplinary track. View [program descriptions](#). Attendees can look forward to a schedule that will include:

- Opening Keynote: "Library Accessibility: What I Didn't Learn in Library School" (*Renee Grassi, Dakota County Library*)
- Accessible E-Resources (*Ray Zill, Evergreen State College*)

- See, Feel, Hear: Multisensory Youth Programming (*Erin Groth, Washington Talking Book & Braille Library*)
- Accessibility Courses & Accessibility Applied at CWU (*Dr. Naomi Jeffery Petersen and Elizabeth Brown, Central Washington University*)
- Keeping Board Game Collections & Events Inclusive (*John Pappas, Lower Merion Library System*)

Cost to attend the Summit is \$20 for WLA students, \$35 for WLA members, and \$55 for non-members. [Organizational rates are also available!](#) Those who cannot attend the sessions live will receive recordings after the event.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org.



Nominations open for 2023 WLA Elections

Send in your nomination by Friday, Sept. 30!

There are just a few days left to submit nominations for the [2023 WLA Elections](#). Self-nominations are welcome!

Stepping into a WLA role presents the opportunity to cultivate your leadership experience, meet new people in the field, and advocate for libraries! Whether you're a longtime member or new to the association, WLA invites YOU to get involved.

Explore the [variety of opportunities](#) that WLA has to offer. If you have questions about any position, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

2023 Nomination Form

All nominees should complete the nomination form above by Friday, Sept. 30 and email their headshots to info@wla.org.

Statements in the form should be approximately 250 words and should describe how your skills and experience make you the best candidate for the position. You may want to consider these guiding questions:

- What skills would you bring to the position?
- What qualifications make you a viable candidate for the position?
- Where would you like to see WLA and the Division/Section in the future, and what would you do to move it toward that vision?

Terms of office begin January 1, 2023 and are one year, unless otherwise noted.

If you have any questions, please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org or (206) 823-1138.



#K12Librarians4AllWA Campaign Launched!

The [WLA Advocacy Committee](#) and [School Library Division](#) have been hard at work laying the groundwork for a 2023 campaign aimed to get all Washington K-12 students access to qualified Teacher-Librarians. **#K12Librarians4AllWA** is the official hashtag for this WLA-supported campaign. So far, WLA members have created a [website](#) to inform Washington residents about the campaign and how they can help, crafted a letter of support for WLA to send state legislators, and even designed a campaign logo.

We need the support of ALL WLA members to make this campaign a success. Check out the [website](#) to learn more about the current state of school libraries in Washington and why this campaign is important. Share our [graphics](#) on social media (with #K12Librarians4AllWA), and let your friends and families know about this essential campaign. Most important, **write to your state legislators** with your reasons for supporting strong school libraries. **Invite**

your state legislators, district administrators, and school board members into your school library. You find out how to contact your legislators on the campaign website along with a [sample letter](#) and [talking points](#).

Today's students encounter more information, and more disinformation, than ever before. Strong school library programs help fight disinformation, increase student achievement, prepare students for college, career, and community, and help close the achievement gap for students experiencing poverty. Current Washington law has a loophole which allows individual school districts to take funds provided for Teacher-Librarians and use them for other things. **Help us close this gap and ensure that Washington's K-12 students have access to the strong school library programs they need.**

***Alki* Call for Papers: 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. The deadline to submit for this issue of *Alki* is Oct. 15.

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. Submissions could include the following:

- Art, opinion pieces, or articles written by indigenous members of our community
- Visual tours or spotlights on tribal libraries, museums, archives, or research centers
- Pieces highlighting programming and/or partnerships between libraries and local tribes, tribal members that center tribes, or tribal revitalization efforts
- Theoretical pieces on how libraries could support tribal sovereignty efforts
- Reports on how libraries have worked with local tribes to feature authentic
- Native arts in their physical or virtual spaces
- Articles or research on integrating indigenous language, knowledge, and information sharing in your library

- Research on critical concepts that non-Indigenous peoples need to know

Submission guidelines can be viewed at <https://www.wla.org/alki-instructions>. If you have any questions or want to discuss ideas and expectations, please email Alki Editor Ray Zill at alkieditor@wla.org.

Look Who's Hiring

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

Central Washington University seeks a [Library Paraprofessional 3 - Libraries Access Services Student Supervisor](#) and [Archives & Special Collections Technician](#).

Chastek Library at Gonzaga University School of Law is seeking a [Research and Instruction Librarian](#).

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

Clark College is seeking a [Tenure-Track Technical Services & Systems Librarian](#).

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

Kent School District is seeking a [Teacher Librarian / Technology Integration Specialist](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Branch Manager \(Silverdale\)](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Finance Director; Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Republic\)](#); and [Bilingual Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Brewster\)](#).

OCLC is seeking a [Program Manager - Web Junction](#).

Seattle University is seeking an [Electronic Services Manager \(Law Library\)](#), a [Scholarly Communications Officer](#), and a [Business & Economics Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Manager II](#) and a [Library Associate, Full-Time \(Brier\)](#).

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

South Seattle College is seeking a [Dean of Instructional Support Services \(Library, Tutoring, and Teaching and Learning Center\)](#).

UW Center for an Informed Public is seeking an [Education & Engagement Manager](#).

UW Records Management is seeking a [Compliance Analyst](#).

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

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Librarian II – Youth Services](#) and a [Librarian II – Diverse Populations](#).

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



Register for the 2022 Public Library eBook Conference

[Registration](#) for the 2022 Public Library eBook Conference is open, with a preliminary program schedule [now available](#)! Scheduled for Nov. 3-4 at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma, the Public Library eBook Conference will explore issues of interest and concern around the topic of eBook and eAudiobook collections in public libraries.

Eligible travel expenses will be reimbursed by the Washington State Library. More details and instructions can be found on the [registration form](#). Hotel conference rates are guaranteed through Oct. 12. The final registration deadline is Oct. 24.

For additional information, or if you have any questions or comments about this event, please contact Will Stuiivenga at will.stuivenga@sos.wa.gov.

The conference is sponsored by Washington State Library (WSL) and underwritten with federal LSTA (Library Services & Technology Act) funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Register by Oct. 1: ACRL-OR/WA Joint Fall Conference

[Registration is open](#) for the the ACRL-OR/WA Joint Fall Conference, which will be an opportunity for *Support and Reconnection!* The registration deadline is approaching on Oct. 1.

You are invited to attend this in-person conference Oct. 27-28 at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett, Ore. Your registration includes three meals, accommodations, programs, and all of the support and reconnection you can get!

Please send any questions to ACRL-OR at acrlor@olaweb.org.

ChLA Conference Call for Papers

The 50th [Children's Literature Association](#) (ChLA) Conference, hosted by the University of Washington iSchool, will be held June 15-17, 2023 in Bellevue, WA.

ChLA is currently [accepting](#) main conference proposals through Nov. 11. Presenters can also submit on topics from various ChLA Committees, including:

- International Committee - Islands (*deadline: Sept. 30*)
- Diversity Committee - Climate In Crisis: Diverse Children's Literature and the Anthropocene (*deadline: Oct. 31*)
- Accessibility - Disability & Intersectionality Roundtable (*deadline: Nov. 11*)
- Phoenix Award Roundtable (*deadline: Oct. 21*)

[Visit here](#) for proposal guidelines and the application. If you have any questions, please contact ChLA at info@childlitassn.org or (630) 571-4520.

2023 OLA Call for Proposals

The Oregon Library Association (OLA) 2023 Conference will be held virtually and in-person in Bend, Ore., April 19-22. OLA'S Conference Committee is now seeking program proposals! The theme is *Rekindle | Rejuvenate | Reimagine*.

Please use [this form](#) to pitch a program you or a group of colleagues would like to bring to the 2023 conference. The committee is looking for programs that will engage attendees in acknowledging challenges, bring comfort, and spark ideas. These can be presentations, panels, facilitated discussions, group activities, and more.

Presentations can include half-day or full-day pre-conferences on Wednesday, April 19 or 75-minute presentations for Thursday, April 20 through Saturday, April 22.

Proposals will be accepted through Oct. 15. If you have questions, please email Program Chair Sonja Somerville at ssomerville@cityofsaalem.net.

News & Notes

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

2022 WASHINGTON STATE BOOK AWARD WINNERS



2022 WA State Book Award Winners Announced

The [Washington Center for the Book](#) and [The Seattle Public Library](#) have selected winners in eight categories for the 2022 Washington State Book Awards (WSBA) for outstanding books published by Washington authors in 2021. This is the 56th year of the program, formerly called the Governor's Writers Awards.

2022 WSBA Winners: Books for Adult Categories

Biography/Memoir

- [Being Seen: One Deafblind Woman's Fight to End Ableism](#) by Elsa Sjunneson, of Seattle (S&S/Simon Element)

Creative Nonfiction

- [*The Book of Difficult Fruit: Arguments for the Tart, Tender, and Unruly \(with recipes\)*](#) by Kate Lebo, of Spokane (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Fiction

- [*On Fragile Waves*](#) by E. Lily Yu, of Western Washington (Erewhon)

General Nonfiction

- [*Orca: Shared Waters, Shared Home*](#) by Lynda Mapes, of Seattle (Braided River and The Seattle Times)

Poetry

- [*More American*](#) by Sharon Hashimoto, of Tukwila (Grid Books / Off the Grid Press)

2022 WSBA Winners: Books for Youth Categories

Picture Books

- [*Rock by Rock: The Fantastical Garden of Nek Chand*](#) by Jennifer Bradbury, of Burlington; illustrated by Sam Boughton (Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

Books for Young Readers

- [*Mighty Inside*](#) by Sundee Frazier, of Renton (Levine Querido)

Books for Young Adult Readers

- [*Little Thieves*](#) by Margaret Owen, of Seattle (Henry Holt and Company)

Congratulations to this year's winners!

If you'd like to make a submission for the 2023 award cycle, submissions are now [being accepted](#) at this time.

Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Ambassadors Pilot Program

The OSPI Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Program is accepting Requests to Participate from Washington State K-12 teachers and teacher-librarians who want to join the Ambassadors Pilot Program cohort for the 2022-23 school year.

Participants will develop their Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship instruction and leadership skills through a series of synchronous virtual sessions with

guest presenters, synchronous PLC sessions, and asynchronous activities that help them reflect on their learning and make plans for implementation. Free clock hours and other benefits will be available.

[Requests to participate](#) are due by **4 p.m. on Sept. 30**. Decisions about the cohort will be made by Oct. 10.

For more information, please read this [handout](#), watch this informational session [recording](#), or contact Lesley James, OSPI Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Program Supervisor at lesley.james@k12.wa.us.

The Learning Curve

Public Library Staff and Diversity: Results from PLA's 2021 Survey

Join the Public Library Association (PLA) on Oct. 4 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. PT for this free webinar on the results of the 2021 annual survey on Public Library Staff and Diversity. [Register here](#).

Please note that due to high demand, up to 1,500 registrations will be accepted for the event, but only the first 1,000 viewers will be able to attend live. The webinar will be recorded for later viewing.

The results provide new and updated information related to beginning librarian and library director salaries; staff roles; hiring and retention efforts; and equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) goals and activities. The webinar will highlight how the data suggests both opportunities and challenges for the future of public libraries. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn how to engage in PLA's on-going data-related initiatives.

The Public Library Staff and Diversity Report: Results from the 2021 PLA Annual Survey was published on August 23, 2022, and is freely and publicly accessible on the [PLA website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact plawebinars@ala.org.



Debbie LeeKeenan Early Childhood Workshops ANTI-BIAS EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH: 1:00-2:30 P.M.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: PROVOKING COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH: 1:00-2:30 P.M.

WSL: Debbie LeeKeenan Early Childhood Workshops

The Washington State Library (WSL) will be hosting a two-part series of free online workshops with [Debbie LeeKeenan](#), a lecturer, consultant, and author currently residing in Seattle.

The first session in this series will provide a framework for anti-bias education. The second session will provide strategies on using children's literature to provide mirrors and windows to the world and as an opportunity to engage children in courageous conversations about potentially challenging topics.

Anti-Bias Education

Wednesday, Oct. 5: 1-2:30 p.m.

[Register here](#)

Children's Literature: Provoking Courageous Conversations

Wednesday, Oct. 19: 1-2:30 p.m.

[Register here](#)

Attendees are welcome to register for one or both of the sessions. There will be opportunities to apply the ideas in breakout rooms. It is recommended participants view her film [Reflecting on Anti-bias in Action: The Early Years](#) in advance of the sessions.

Workshops will be recorded and posted on the WSL Youth Services Niche Academy Page. Please contact Sara White at sara.white@sos.wa.gov if you have any questions!

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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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