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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

October 19, 2022



2023 WLA Elections
Voting Open!

Voting for the [2023 WLA Elections](#) is now open! As a current WLA member, please take a few minutes to vote for our 2023 Board, Division, and Section leadership!

Voting will be open through **Oct. 26.**

- **Step 1:** [Read through](#) the candidate statements.
- **Step 2:** [Vote](#) using our online ballot. To access the voting form, you will need to log in to your WLA account.

All current WLA members may vote for WLA Board positions. Ballots for WLA Divisions and Sections are restricted to current members of those groups.

If you'd like to vote for particular candidates in a Division or Section you don't currently belong to, please complete the [Add a Division or Section Form](#). Additional Division memberships are \$10 each. All Sections are FREE to join.

Winners will be announced November 2 in WLA Wednesday! New leadership terms will begin January 1, 2023.



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*. 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

Want to present at #WLA2023 but aren't sure what program to propose?

[Here is a list](#) of ideas that we've seen frequently requested in our recent evaluations. Don't forget to submit your proposal(s) by Wednesday, October 26.

The Conference Committee would like to see proposals on any topics related to academic, public, school, and special libraries, whether or not a topic is included in the below list. **The list is not intended to be exhaustive or limit your options, but rather to get your ideas flowing!**

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.

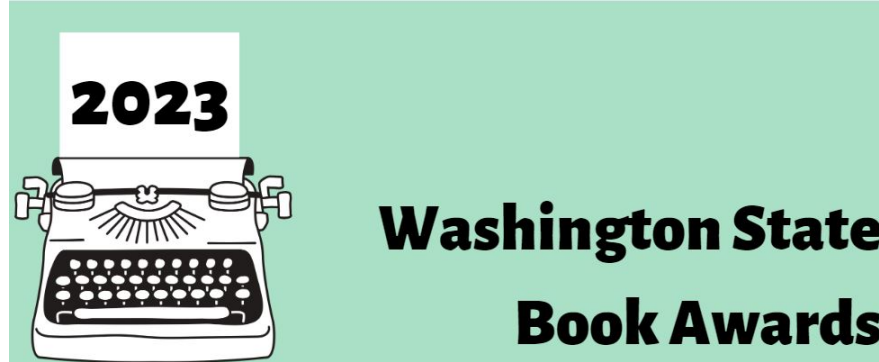


#K12Librarians4AllWA Campaign Launched!

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.**



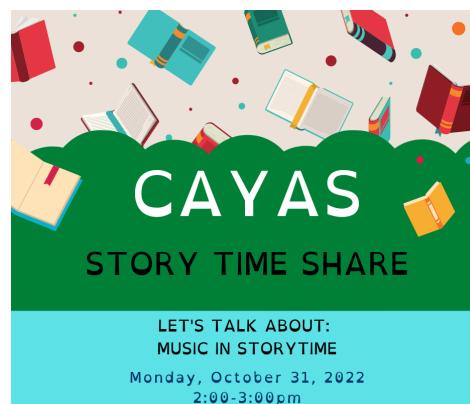
2023 Washington State Book Awards Call for Judges

The Washington Center for the Book (administered by Washington State Library) and The Seattle Public Library are seeking judges for the 2023 Washington State Book Awards.

We are looking for librarians, booksellers, and past WSBA finalists and winners to judge our adult and youth categories.

Applications are due by November 1.

For more information and to apply, [click here](#).



October CAYAS Storytime Share

Join us on **Oct. 31 at 2 p.m.** to celebrate all things youth services through resource sharing, networking, and troubleshooting to further library programming for children!

[Log in](#) to the WLA Meeting & Events calendar to access the registration link!

The October theme is: Let's talk about music in storytime! Do you have a favorite welcome song? The perfect song to get the wiggles out? A scarf song that all of your storytime attendees love? What about a recorded song that you use every single

storytime? Come share your favorites and get some new ideas from your colleagues!

Save the date for the last CAYAS Storytime Share of the year: Dec. 30 at 2 p.m.

National Friends of Libraries Week is October 16-22!

Join WLFFTA and Friends of the Library to celebrate National Friends of the Libraries week with examples of Friends' group activities across the state on **October 19th, 12 p.m.**

[Log in](#) to the WLA events calendar to access the Zoom meeting link.

Now is the time to set your plans to recognize the hard work of your community Friends of the Library Group.

Want some ideas on how to do this? United for Libraries has some great suggestions including:

- Plan a membership drive
- Send out a press release with the great activities your Friends group has planned
- Share a photo of your Friends group on social media and library displays
- Create a proclamation establishing a Friends group for a library that needs some love and support from the community
- Submit a nomination by December 2nd for a great Friends group in your community to win \$250 for their stellar activities at your library!

As part of the National celebration, the American Library Association is sharing a free webinar about the interesting and scalable fundraisers planned by Friends groups from across the country. Register [here](#).

Look Who's Hiring

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

Central Washington University is seeking a [Access Services Student Supervisor](#) and [Archives & Special Collections Technician](#).

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

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

Evergreen State College is seeking a [Library and Archives Paraprofessional 3](#)

King County Library System is seeking multiple [Library Regional Managers](#) and a [Network and Systems Engineer](#).

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 \(Brewster\)](#).

Network of the National Library of Medicine, Region 5 (University of Washington Libraries) is seeking an [Outreach and Access Coordinator](#)

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

Primary Source Seattle is seeking a [Full Time Administrative Assistant](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Scholarly Communications Officer](#) and a [Business & Economics Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate](#).

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

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

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a [Burbank Branch Supervisor](#).

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

Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking a [Library & Archival Paraprofessional 2](#).

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

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.



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).

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:

- 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.

News & Notes

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Limited Waiver Opportunity: Join a Webinar

[The Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\) program](#) currently has a limited waiver opportunity to get borrowers closer to loan forgiveness. The waiver temporarily changes PSLF rules so borrowers can receive credit for past repayment periods that did not previously qualify for PSLF.

The time-limited waiver **expires Oct. 31, 2022**, so it's important to learn more and apply as soon as possible.

Informational webinars can be found [listed here](#). Each presentation is hosted by Washington Student Loan Advocate Stephanie Sampedro.

Each webinar will cover the waiver's eligibility requirements, eligible loans, repayment plans, and how to apply. There will be links to resources and time for questions.

Improving Air Quality in Overburdened Communities

The WA State Department of Ecology is conducting engagement on improving air quality in overburdened communities through Washington's newly adopted Climate Commitment Act.

Your input is important to help make sure the process used to identify overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution reflects the air quality concerns of your community and all communities across Washington. Ecology would like your feedback on:

- Draft indicators to identify overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution
- Draft factors for creating community boundaries
- Data sources

Find more information [at this link](#) which has ways to engage, including registering for the virtual sessions, providing feedback, and contact

information.



UW 2022 Spencer G. Shaw Lecture features Joseph Bruchac


Join the University of Washington online on Oct. 20 from 12-1:30 p.m. for the 2022 Spencer G. Shaw Endowed Lecture, featuring [Joseph Bruchac](#), award-winning writer, musician, and traditional storyteller. [Register here!](#)

An enrolled member of the Nulhegan Abenaki Nation and a member of the Nulhegan Abenaki Elders Council, Bruchac is the author of over 170 books in many genres.

His book *Keepers of the Earth* (co-written with Michael Caduto) uses traditional American Indian stories to teach science and has sold over a million copies. In 2021 his novel *Code Talker* was chosen by Time magazine as one of the 100 best YA books of all time, and his novel in verse *Rez Dogs* was listed as one of the best books of 2021 by NPR. His newest book, *A Peacemaker for Warring Nations*, illustrated by Mohawk artist David Kanietakeron Fadden, tells the timely story of the founding of the Great League of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois).

Please contact Dr. Michelle H. Martin, Beverly Cleary Professor for Children and Youth Services, at mhmarti@uw.edu if you have any questions about the event.

The Spencer G. Shaw Endowed Lecture Series spotlights award-winning authors and illustrators and honors beloved African American UW iSchool Professor Emeritus Spencer Shaw, internationally known for his work as a librarian, storyteller, and teacher.



Student Mock ELECTION

Student Mock Election Programming Resources Now Available

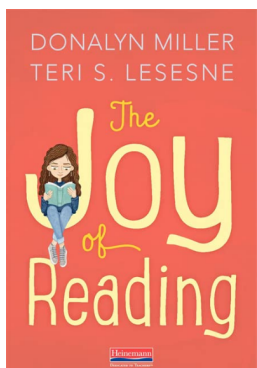
The [Student Mock Election](#) is a non-partisan event organized by the [WA Secretary of State](#) that teaches students about the elections process and becoming an informed voter. Students vote on real ballot measures and real candidates, just like they can when they turn 18.

Voting is free to all Washington State public, private, tribal, and homeschool students in grades K-12. No pre-registration is necessary.

Visit the Mock Election site to [order](#) free "I Voted" stickers, [download](#) the Mock Election Toolkit, and find a civics lesson in the new [Teaching Elections in Washington](#) curriculum book.

If you have any questions, please contact MoonSub Vendetta, Voter Outreach and Education Specialist, at moonsub.vendetta@sos.wa.gov.

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The Road to Reading Joy

November 2022-May 2023

What if every student in your school loved to read? What if every classroom teacher allowed for choice reading and curated curriculum based upon diverse, contemporary, high-interest literature? What if Teacher-Librarians and

classroom teachers joined forces to build campus-wide reading joy and lifelong learners?

Join a cohort of like-minded educators determined to reimagine reading. This deep-dive into Donalyn Miller and Teri S. Lesesne's new book *The Joy of Reading* will help educators ignite students' reading joy.

Learn practical strategies for collaboration and implementation, including writing grants to bolster classroom libraries, helping students find right-fit books, and creating standards-based curriculum around independent reading.

Teacher-Librarians are encouraged to participate with a site team comprised of themselves and classroom teachers, but all are welcome!

Participants will spend five asynchronous hours reading the book and collaborating with their site team. Participants will spend six synchronous Zoom sessions connecting, brainstorming, and problem-solving with colleagues across the state, culminating in a live Q&A with author Donalyn Miller!

A total of 12 Clock Hours will be awarded for participation between November 2022 and May 2023. The Washington State Library will provide free copies of *The Joy of Reading* for participants, while supplies last. [Click here](#) for more information and the full schedule!

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.

LibGuide Link: <https://washstatelib.libguides.com/roadtoreadingjoy>

Informational Webinar Recording:

<https://my.nicheacademy.com/wslclockhoursacademy/course/51298>

Social Emotional Learning in the Library

Libraries respond to the needs of our communities, and communities all over the world have experienced an elevated level of trauma and stress over the past few years. As we continue to serve the public in these challenging times, library workers must adapt, pivoting to incorporate Social Emotional Learning (SEL) into the work we do with families every day. In many cases, we are already using SEL in our work.

This free webinar series will cover key SEL concepts and how to integrate them into library programs and activities. Book lists and other resources will be

provided, and each session will include a calming mindfulness exercise for attendees.

The next webinar in this series is Practical Applications of Social Emotional Learning in the Library on November 8, 2022. More information and registration is available [here](#).

Libraries and Learning Analytics: The Future is Now

Learning analytics offers a new tool in the library assessment toolbox, one that closes gaps left by other assessment methods but requires different ways of framing assessment questions, innovative strategies for using or connecting data, and strengthening collaborations with campus partners.

This highly interactive workshop is a continuation of the November 2021 ACRL ULS webinar, "Libraries and Learning Analytics: Facts, False Choices, and Future Forays" ([watch recording](#)), and is designed to help librarians take the next step in learning analytics preparedness by guiding them through a series of activities designed to support them in thinking through decisions, data, and conversations necessary for ethical, effective, and engaging learning analytics work at their institutions. [Free registration can be found here](#).

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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