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WLA WEDNESDAY

February 1, 2023

CLOSING SESSION

The Right to Read: A Conversation on Censorship



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Early Bird Registration Open for #WLA2023

[Early Bird registration](#) has launched for the WLA2023 in Wenatchee, March 30-April 1! The annual conference facilitates unique opportunities for innovation and collaboration between Academic, Public, School, and Special libraries across the state. Our Conference Committee has designed this conference for library professionals of all job roles, from all types of libraries, and at all career stages. You'll leave with connections, ideas, and information to put into action.

Registration rates are available for individuals in-person and online. There are also **in-person group discounts** for individuals associated with a single organization:

- 5-10 people: 5% off
- 11-20 people: 10% off

- 21+: 20% off

Early Bird registration is open through **Feb. 15**. Along with registering, be sure to [book your stay](#) at the conference hotel prior to **March 15!**

Conference Highlights

- Networking opportunities to facilitate make meaningful, lasting connections, including Dine-Arounds, receptions, the Table Topics Lunch, Divisional unconferences, meetups around shared interests and identities, and an app with an attendee social network.
- 70+ sessions from experts and innovators in Academic, Public, School, and Special libraries across the state.
- Virtual content available to all attendees to watch on demand through June 2023.
- Preconference Workshops to give a deeper dive into the topics of accessibility, community-centered planning, serving Indigenous communities, and more.
- Extracurricular activities to get you out exploring Wenatchee with new friends.
- User-friendly app to help you navigate the conference with ease, build your schedule, find new connections, participate in community discussions, enter challenges to win prizes, and so much more.
- Keynote speaker to be announced soon!
- Closing session featuring a panel on book challenges.
- Four meals included in your registration, plus refreshment breaks and receptions.
- Exhibit Hall packed full of library-related vendors offering giveaways, discounts, and exclusive opportunities to conference attendees.

Conference Theme

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.

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

WASHINGTON SCHOOLS NEED TEACHER LIBRARIANS



#K12LIBRARIANS4ALLWA

#K12Librarians4AllWA Update!

Thank you once again to everyone who took the time to testify or sign in support of SB 5102! View the [recording](#) of the hearing (SB 5102 hearing starts at 42 secs. into video) in the Senate Early Learning and K12 Education Committee here and [track the status of the bill here](#).

Please continue to contact the members of the Early Learning & K12 Education committee and urge them to move SB 5102 forward. [Find a list of committee members and their phone numbers here](#). You can also [use this form to email legislators](#).

We especially need those who live in the districts of the committee members to reach out. If you live in these districts—**16, 12, 22, 2, 5, 28, 43, 41, or 30**—please contact your state senator and encourage your local contacts to do the same! If you aren't sure which district you are in, you can [find out here](#).

Together we can help ensure equity in school library staffing for ALL Washington students!

If you have any questions please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org!



Register for 2023 WA Library Legislative Day!

There is still time to [register](#) for the 2023 WA Library Legislative Day, sponsored by WLA. We are excited to share that we will be returning in-person to Olympia this year!

This year, we are focused on [SB 5102](#), in relation to our grassroots [#K12Librarians4AllWA campaign](#), to ensure ALL students in ALL districts have access to a school library information technology program with a trained, certified teacher-librarian. Issues such intellectual freedom, e-book licensing, and levy passage requirements are also expected to be on this year's agenda.

By attending WA Library Legislative Day, you can expect to:

- Connect with library supporters from all types of libraries around the state.
- Hear from special guests 2023 WLA Board President **Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman**, Washington State Librarian **Sara Jones**, and Washington Secretary of State **Steve Hobbs**.
- Attend sessions and hear testimony from fellow library professionals along with WLA lobbyist **Carolyn Logue**.
- Meet with State legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them.
- Understand how to track and search for bills, give effective testimony, and advocate for libraries, to better support them in years to come!

This free event is a great way to become involved in library advocacy and help WLA push its legislative goals over the finish line!

If you have any questions about Legislative Day or [WLA's 2023 agenda](#), please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org!



Call for 2023 WLA Merit Award Nominations

With #WLA2023 approaching, the [WLA Merit Awards](#) are back again! We look forward to hearing about accomplishments in the past year by library professionals from around the state!

The WLA Merit Awards offer the opportunity to recognize and highlight the outstanding work that has been ongoing in Washington libraries. To nominate

an outstanding individual or group for an award, please complete the [WLA 2023 Merit Award Nomination Form](#) by **Wednesday, Feb. 8.**

What library achievement did you see in your community or workplace that you'd like to see celebrated? Examples can include, but aren't limited to, outstanding service in the areas of:

- Programming (virtual, educational, community building)
- Outreach to users
- Services
- Access to technology
- Access to collections
- Serving the needs of people who were vulnerable, underserved
- Providing innovative ways to deliver services, materials

Library workers at all levels and in all types of libraries are eligible! Nominees do not need to be WLA members (with the exception of the Emeritus Award and the WALE Award). Additionally, nominators do not have to be WLA members. Award winners will receive a complimentary year of WLA membership!

Winners will be notified by Feb. 27, announced in WLA Wednesday on March 1, and celebrated on April 1 at the [WLA 2023 Conference](#) in Wenatchee.

If you have questions or wish to discuss eligibility requirements, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

***Alki* Call for Papers: Accessibility Matters**

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.

This issue is all about putting the 'A' back in equity acronyms. We know that disability is a spectrum and accessibility benefits everyone. We want to know how the big 'A' has played a role in your work and life. We're excited to announce that this will be our first text-based issue of *Alki*. Submissions could include the following:

- Art, creative writing, opinion pieces, or articles written by disabled members of our community
- Navigations through legal accommodations processes and how copyright got in the way

- Programs, events, and partnerships that have enriched your library's service to the disabled community
- Assessments, audits, and renovations that have made your library's physical (or virtual) space more accessible
- Technical knowledge essential for making library catalogs, websites, software, hardware, and electronic resources more accessible to the print disabled
- Virtual tours and spotlights on local organizations and institutions that center accessibility as their core mission
- Research-driven and persuasive pieces on the importance of accessibility in libraries, schools, museums, archives, and other cultural institutions

Alki is a journal by and for the Washington library community. We accept submissions that may not fit our theme but are still important to our community.

Email your submissions to alkieditor@wla.org by **Feb. 8, 2023**. Find submission guidelines [here](#).

The *Alki* editorial committee is available to discuss ideas and expectations. Reach out by contacting us at alkieditor@wla.org. For inspiration, [check out past issues of *Alki*](#).

Look Who's Hiring

Bellevue College is seeking a [Part-Time Librarian](#).

Central Washington University Library is seeking a [Student Success Librarian, Assistant Professor](#).

Gonzaga University is seeking an [Adjunct Faculty, Foley Library](#).

King County Library System is seeking a [Health and Social Services Coordinator](#), an [Adult & Community Services Manager](#) and several [Librarians – Public Services](#).

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

Lummi Library at Northwest Indian College is seeking a [Library Tech I](#).

National Forest Service Library in Fort Collins, CO is seeking a [Supervisory Librarian](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Okanogan\)](#); a [Branch Librarian](#)

[MLIS/MLS \(Republic\)](#); and [Bilingual Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Brewster\)](#).

North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Finance Manager](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Librarian - Adult Services, Library on Wheels \(Marysville\)](#).

Vancouver Community Library is seeking a [Branch Manager 2](#).

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

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Regional Programming Coordinator](#).

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

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



2023 WLA Conference Preview

Show off your WLA and library pride at conference on Saturday, April 1! You can order [WLA2023 swag](#) through our RedBubble store or wear anything that shows off your passion for libraries! Some other RedBubble options include:

- [#K12Librarians4AllWA Logo](#)
- [WLA: Association Logo](#)
- [WLA: Association Pride Logo](#)
- [Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA Logo](#)
- [WALE Logo](#)

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

The ACRL Distance and Online Learning Section (DOLS) Conference Program Planning Committee is soliciting speakers for their panel presentation, "Learners of 2030: Preparing for Literacies and Skills of the Future." This program will be a 60-minute interactive panel presentation held at the ALA Conference, June 22 through June 27, 2023 in Chicago, Illinois (exact date and time are pending schedule announcements from ALA). The program description is as follows:

Abstract: All types of libraries are shifting workflows and materials to teach patrons the expertise needed for job skill sets required to be successful in careers that do not yet exist. Join this panel session to hear from a diverse set of librarians on their perspectives, resources, and services related to needed skills, literacies, technologies, and the ways digital and online learning can be leveraged for the future. Engage with colleagues to begin to understand this new landscape and how we can prepare to better serve our patrons in academic, public, and school libraries.

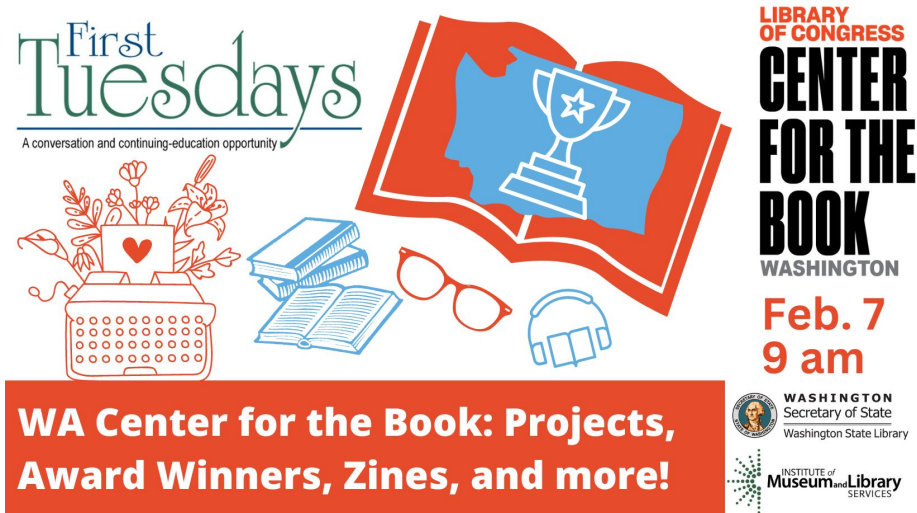
For questions please contact [Melissa Atkinson](#), Co-chair, ACRL DOLS Conference Program Planning Committee 2023.

News & Notes

English Learner Collection Development Mini-Grants

The Washington State Library is pleased to launch a collection development mini-grant pilot program for English language learner materials at community and technical college (CTC) libraries. These grants will fund up to \$500 for up to 10 CTC libraries to create or augment collections of books for adult English learners. The application period opens February 1 and closes March 1, 2023. For more information and to apply, visit the [English Learner Collection Development Mini-Grant page](#).

If you have any questions, please email claire.imamura@sos.wa.gov



Washington Center for the Book: Projects, Award Winners, Zines, and more!

Join Sara Peté, director of the [Washington Center for the Book](#) (an affiliate of The Library of Congress Center for the Book administered by Washington State Library) to learn about the center's mission and projects on Feb. 7, 9 a.m. Please [register here](#).

Projects covered will include the Washington State Book Awards (a partnership with The Seattle Public Library), the Washington State Zine Contest, the National Book Festival, #WaAuthors in the PALABRA archive, and more. The webinar will include a few quick book talks, some cool zines, and a few ideas for highlighting Washington authors in your community.

For questions, please email sara.pete@sos.wa.gov.

New WSL Circulating Kit Open for Reservations: Welcoming Libraries

[The Welcoming Library](#) is a pop-up community conversation on immigration. That conversation is driven by a collection of acclaimed picture books featuring New Arrival and New American families.

Readers of all ages “meet” these families on the page and explore the commonalities of all families with embedded discussion questions and companion programming / education materials. The collection — with its pop-up display unit — packs into a crate and travels between schools, libraries, and community centers in a given region, building an environment of Welcoming and Belonging.

For more information about what the circulating kit includes and how it can be helpful in your library, [visit here](#). Make a reservation for the kit [here](#).

Kits will stay at a library for up to six weeks then they must be sent to the next

location. You are welcome to borrow it for between 1-6 weeks!

If you are hoping to send this kit between locations in your district using internal mail and need it for more than six weeks, please email STEAM@sos.wa.gov.

The Learning Curve

Registration is open for MisinfoDay 2023!

The University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public, in partnership with Washington State University's Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, is excited to present multiple ways to participate in MisinfoDay this year:

High school educators: Bring your students to an in-person MisinfoDay event!

For the first time since the start of the pandemic, MisinfoDay is returning in person on three campuses: WSU Pullman (March 6), WSU Vancouver (March 8), and UW Seattle (March 14).

Visit the MisinfoDay 2023 webpage for more information about the MisinfoDay events at the above locations.

[Register here](#) by Wednesday, February 15, for the campus closest to your school. Note: Registration is first come, first served and often fills up before the deadline.

Middle and high school educators: Have MisinfoDay in your classroom by using our virtual library or running the misinformation escape room.

We are excited to add new lesson content to our virtual library this year: "Misinformation 101" and "TikTok and Viral Misinformation." See this flier to get a glimpse of the free content already available in our library!

You can also run the Euphorigen Investigation escape room with your students by using the online version of the game or accessing the digital materials to download and print yourself.

[Register here](#) by Wednesday, March 1, to receive access to the escape room and the new lesson content as soon as they're released.

Learn more about MisinfoDay [here](#). Please email misinfoday@uw.edu with any questions.



Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) Project Workshop

Saturday, March 18: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Kennewick Library – [Register Here](#)

Monday, March 20: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Puyallup Library – [Register Here](#)

Attendees will receive hands-on training on operating solar telescopes and other methods for direct and indirect solar viewing, best practices for developing and facilitating STEM programs, and how to engage with community partners and library-specific digital resource networks. STAR Net facilitators, bringing many years of experience building the STEM capacity of public library staff, will work with each state library to customize the workshop experience based on the needs and interests of public libraries within that state. These workshops will use materials from the circulation kits and highlight best practices in using those materials but the strategies, activities and resources shared during the workshop will be useful to attendees whether they have access to a circulation kit or not.

The goals of these solar science workshops are to help library staff:

1. Build off the excitement of the 2023 and 2024 solar eclipses, and engage their patrons in solar science activities
2. Safely and effectively facilitate direct (e.g. solar telescope and Sunoculars) and indirect methods of safe solar viewing
3. Develop and facilitate exciting and interactive STEM programming at their library

Lunch will be provided by STARNet. Masks are not required, but encouraged.

Why are all the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Principal's Office?

Beginning as early as preschool, Black students are disproportionately suspended and expelled from school. As many of these students reach adulthood, these punishments can lead to legal trouble, creating what some call the “school-to-prison pipeline” that affects many Black communities.

Brought to you by Dr. Daudi Abe and Sno-Isle Libraries, this webinar will be held on Thursday, Feb 2, 11am-12pm. Please [register here](#). This webinar will be

recorded.

Black Love Matters: Real Talk on Romance, Being Seen, and Happily Ever Afters

Brought to you by Jessica P. Pryde and Sno-Isle Libraries, this webinar will be held on Wednesday, Feb 8, 6 - 7 pm. Please [register here](#). This webinar will be recorded.

In this program, Jessica will discuss many of the topics approached in the book regarding the way Black Love is depicted in novels, television shows, and films, including the history of Black romance, social justice and its role in romance novels, the positioning of Black indie romance authors, and more. Bring your questions and comments, and get ready to add to your TBRs!

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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