



February 15, 2023



Early Bird Registration Deadline for #WLA2023

The deadline for [Early Bird registration](#) for WLA2023 in Wenatchee, March 30-April 1 is by end-of-day **TODAY**. [Register now](#) to receive the best price!

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

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.
- **More keynote speakers** 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.

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



Announcing the Primary Source Scholarship Winner

On behalf of the WLA 2023 Conference Committee, we're excited to announce the Primary Source Scholarship for Small & Rural Libraries has been awarded to Sarah Bofenkamp, from Whitman County Rural Libraries!

Thank you to all who applied for scholarship, and thank you to our scholarship sponsor, Primary Source!

This scholarship is made possible by our new conference sponsorship opportunities. If you know of an organization that'd like to make a direct impact in the WA library community, please [find more information](#) on our sponsor and exhibitor site.

The hard deadline for late submissions to *Alki*: The Washington Library Association Journal is this **Friday, Feb. 17!** Make sure to send your article to alkieditor@wla.org by the deadline. Any submissions received after this date will be set aside for future publication. Please [review instructions](#) for submissions.

Alki welcomes content from all library workers, students, supporters, volunteers, and trustees. We publish peer-reviewed articles, opinion pieces, creative writing, and art. *Alki* is a journal by and for the Washington library community.

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

Call for *Alki* Milestones and Art!

Send us your recent accomplishments, announcements, and art! The Milestones section focuses on significant moments for libraries and librarians statewide. Write approximately 250 words to recognize new hires, promotions, project completions, remembrances of those who have passed, and even works in progress. Library groups, staff, students, retirees, and friends of Washington libraries are all welcome to submit.

Show off your art! Include no more than 3 photos with alt text description and a short caption.

Art submissions may include:

- book displays
- new or updated spaces (everyone loves a 'before and after')
- artistic expressions of all forms
- posters for upcoming events

Email your submission to Bethany McKinley, *Alki* Editor, at alkieditor@wla.org by Feb. 24 to be included in the March *Alki* issue. Any late submissions will be set aside for future publication.

Exhibit at WLA2023 - Deadline Extended!

Due to popular demand, the deadline to [register as an exhibitor at WLA2023](#) has been extended to **Feb 22!** Don't miss your chance to engage with WLA attendees as they gather this spring in the heart of Washington State. The

conference will bring together library professionals from academic, public, school, and special libraries!

When: March 30-April 1, 2023

Where: Wenatchee, WA

Visit the [conference site](#) to download our prospectus for information on pricing and opportunities for engagement. The registration deadline to be recognized in the printed program is **Feb 17**.

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Look Who's Hiring

Antioch University Seattle is seeking a [Core Faculty and Director of School Library Endorsement Program](#).

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](#).

Highline College is seeking [Part Time Faculty - Library & Information Services](#).

King County Library System is seeking a [Materials Management Supervisor](#), three [Librarian and Information Services Managers](#), 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](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Okanogan\)](#), a [Finance Director](#), and [Bilingual Branch Librarian \(Brewster\)](#).

North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Community Outreach Specialist](#).

Seattle Central College is seeking a [Full-time Faculty Tenure-Track Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant I](#), a [Cataloging, Acquisitions, and Interlibrary Loan Manager](#), and [Library Associates](#).

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

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

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

LUNCH EVENT

All-In Lunch: Connections & Conversations



WLA2023 Conference Preview All-In Lunch: Connections & Conversations

We're excited to highlight the return of our highly popular networking event from last year's conference. Our table topics lunch is designed to facilitate deeper conversations and allow you to forge more meaningful, lasting connections.

You'll be encouraged to branch out from your circles to sit with strangers who have shared interests, job roles, or challenges—but they won't be strangers for long! You'll pick a table topic and refer to the guiding questions to get the conversation flowing. Whether you come to conference with colleagues or solo, you'll leave this lunch with stronger ties to your WLA community.

[Register for WLA2023 here](#), and learn more and view the full schedule of programs and keynotes on the [conference website](#). If you have any questions, please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org or (206) 823-1138.



Register for the North American Virtual Reference Online Conference

The North American Virtual Reference Online Conference (NAVROC) will take place virtually over three half days, Feb. 21-23. This is a free event and open to all. [Register here!](#)

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Michael Stephens, Professor at the SJSU School of Information, who will deliver the address "Wholehearted Libraries: Meeting the Needs of Community."

The NAVROC 2023 theme is *Emergence*. COVID-19 and other global changes have affected the way libraries interact with their communities, and the way librarians view themselves. As our environment continues to change, we as library workers must adapt to those changes. Join other library professionals from across the continent to discuss the ways that virtual reference can help us navigate and thrive in uncertain times.

Please use the [conference contact form](#) if you have any questions!



Call For Papers: WLIC Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities

The Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities (LPD) Standing Committee is calling for proposals for its satellite meeting, Aug. 18-19 at Korenbeurs, Schiedam, prior to the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) [88th IFLA General Conference & Assembly](#).

Please [review](#) the proposal guidelines. Proposals are due March 1 and should be sent to lpd-satellite@dedicon.nl. They will be evaluated by the satellite program committee group, and successful applicants will be informed by April 1.

The LPD will follow WLIC's theme "Let's work together! Let's library!" with a focus on inclusivity and the integration of public library services for persons with print disabilities.

This IFLA WLIC 2023 satellite is organized by IFLA Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities Section in cooperation with the National Library of the Netherlands (KB).

Register for the NNLM Virtual Symposium Health Misinformation

Registration is open for the [NNLM Virtual Symposium](#), taking place April 4-6. [Register today!](#)

The 2023 NNLM Virtual Symposium - Health Misinformation will explore both the research behind health misinformation movements and provide practical and evidence-based solutions to support librarians, health educators, and direct care providers in combating the spread of all types of health misinformation.

Keynote speakers will include Kyla Fullenwider, Senior Advisor at the U.S. Office of the Surgeon General; Jevin West, co-author of [Calling Bullshit: Data Reasoning in a Digital World](#); and Amanda Wilson, Alla Keselman, and Catherine Arnot Smith, editors of the book [Combating Online Health Misinformation: A Professional's Guide to Helping the Public](#).

All sessions will be recorded and available on the symposium platform for up to 30 days and posted on the NNLM YouTube channel. Participants can earn Medical Library Association (MLA) continuing education credits. Learn more at <https://nnlm23.vfairs.com/en/faq-page>.

News & Notes

WSL: English Learner Collection Development Mini-Grants

The Washington State Library has a collection development mini-grant pilot program for English language learner materials at community and technical college (CTC) libraries. The 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 closes March 1.

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



8th Annual Washington State Zine Contest

[The Washington State Zine Contest](#), open to all ages, is a [Washington Center for the Book](#), The Seattle Public Library, and Timberland Regional Library partnership. Submissions for the contest are due Feb 24.

Visit the Washington Center for the Book site for contest entry forms, submission guidelines, and downloadable posters.

If you have questions or would like help promoting this contest in your community, email [Sara Peté](#).

Would you like to offer an online zine workshop for your community?

UW Library and Information Science graduate students Erin Shapland and Zach Wagman have a passion for local publishing and the creative process. They will show your patrons how to create their own zine and — for those who are interested in sharing their creations — how to submit to projects like "Sheltered in Place: COVID-19 Zine Diaries Project."

For more information or to schedule a zine workshop for your community, contact them directly at eks15105@uw.edu and zbwagman@uw.edu.

WSL School Library In-Service Training Day Committee

The Washington State Library is looking for school library staff to join as members of the inaugural School Library In-Service Training Day Committee, and applications are currently being accepted. [Apply here!](#)

Members of the 2023 School Library In-Service Training Day Committee will instrumentally contribute to planning and implementing the Washington State Library's virtual 2023 School Library In-Service Training Day on Oct. 13, 2023.

Committee members will be actively involved in the following tasks:

- Identifying training needs of school library staff in Washington

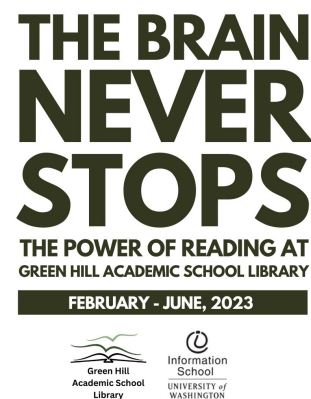
- Researching and contacting presenters
- Conceptualizing and arranging training day logistics
- Coordinating publicity
- Moderating and implementing the training day itself.

To see information about last year's training day, [visit this link](#).

Committee members will be expected to meet monthly between April-October 2023, complete assigned tasks, assist at the virtual training day, and participate in a debrief session after the event. Selected applicants will receive a total of 24 Clock Hours if all work is completed.

The Washington State Library is seeking 3-5 school library professionals, and will select applicants in order to create a committee made up of a variety of work experiences, geographic locations, grade-levels/demographics served, and other factors. The Washington State Library is hoping the committee will be made up of a variety of certified Teacher-Librarians, para-professionals, people currently seeking a School Library Media endorsement, elementary and secondary staff, library staff in rural, urban, and suburban environments, and more.

Come join us for this fun leadership opportunity!



UW Capstone Project Seeks to Provide Support for School Library

As part of their capstone project with the University of Washington iSchool, three WLA members and MLIS students are partnering with the [Green Hill Academic School Library](#) in Chehalis and project sponsor Julie Forbes to inspire support and reach the goal of purchasing 200 new books for the library.

Green Hill is a library located within Washington State's [only fully-fenced maximum/medium security juvenile detention center](#), serving young men aged 17 to 25 years old. A compilation of books requested by residents are included on the library's [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Also part of the capstone project is raising awareness of the vital role that libraries and reading for pleasure play, as well as reading's particular impact on the mental health and development of growing minds in correctional facilities.

Previously, Green Hill served young men between the ages of 15 and 21 years old. Through advocacy, working with elected officials, and bringing awareness to recent research, Green Hill residents helped change state law to allow juvenile offenders to stay in youth detention centers until the age of 25.

The Learning Curve

WebJunction: "Native Stories, Native Peoples: Opportunities for Library Engagement"

Join this webinar "Native Stories, Native Peoples" on Feb. 15 from 12-1 p.m. PT to learn about opportunities for library communities to foster understanding and support of Indigenous peoples, past and present. [Register in advance](#).

Guiding this presentation will be [Naomi Bishop](#), Health Sciences Librarian at University of Arizona's Phoenix Biomedical Campus, and Akimel O'odham (Pima) from the Gila River Indian Community.

Bishop will help attendees cultivate a better understanding of Indigenous histories and cultures, and speak to how library staff can promote learning and knowledge, support engagement with Native issues and peoples, and better serve all individuals in their community. Resources for learning about treaties, Tribal Nations and lands, as well as insights into the experiences of Native communities today will also be shared.

[Learn more](#) about the webinar and find additional resources. If you have any questions, please [contact](#) WebJunction.

Academic Libraries Panel Series: "Working at Different Types of Libraries"

Interested in pursuing academic librarianship? The Academic Libraries Panel Series will help you learn more about the academic library professional landscape from current librarians and administrators! [This month's topic](#) is "Working at Different Types of Libraries" on Feb. 16 from 12:30-1:30 PT. [Register here](#).

The Academic Libraries Panel Series was created by Library Residents hoping to introduce current and prospective Library and Information Science students to

the field of academic librarianship. Each panel tackles a theme related to the profession and offers participants an opportunity to engage with current academic library professionals (faculty, staff, and administrators).

A new series is hosted from January-May with an organizer or group of organizers hosting each panel session.



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.

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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