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WLA WEDNESDAY

March 8, 2023

WELCOME BREAKFAST

Celebrating Washington's Tribal Libraries



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Now Announcing: WLA2023 Welcome Breakfast - Celebrating Washington's Tribal Libraries

Washington is home to twenty-nine federally recognized tribal nations, twenty-four of which have a library or library services. Well before formal library programs, Indigenous people have been collecting stories and knowledge for generations. Join us for an organic, kitchen-table conversation between panelists doing incredible work in and with Indigenous communities across the state and country.

You'll hear about the University of Washington iSchool's "Centering Washington Tribal Libraries" project, sponsored by a Mellon Foundation Public Knowledge grant, which will bring together our state's tribal libraries to Wenatchee during the conference—the first convening of its kind in our state! Before the

conversation, you'll be treated to a poetry reading from Rena Priest in one of her last official appearances as Washington State Poet Laureate.

Speakers:

Jennifer Himmelreich (Diné), Senior Program Officer, Institute of Museum & Library Services

Mandi Harris (Cherokee Nation), ALA Spectrum Doctoral Fellow, Doctoral Student and Children's Librarian, University of Washington iSchool

Patricia Cutright (Lakota), Dean of Libraries Emeritus, Central Washington University

Rena Priest (Lummi Nation), Washington State Poet Laureate

We're less than 30 days away from WLA2023! There's still time to [register!](#) 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.
- **Author Breakfast** featuring keynote speaker Aiden Thomas!
- **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.

PRECONFERENCE

Give Me an "A!"

An Accessibility Preconference Workshop

Presented by:
Ahniwa Ferrari, Ray Zill, Rhian
Peterman, and Nick Triggs



NEW! Give Me an "A!" An Accessibility Preconference

We're not done bringing you high quality, relevant content to enhance your WLA2023 experience yet! We are excited to highlight a new addition to our lineup of preconference workshops at #WLA2023 — **Give Me an "A!" An Accessibility Preconference.**

Want to take the next steps in improving accessibility in your spaces as well as your online tools and resources? Join us to learn about accessible e-resources, including file formats and Voluntary Product Accessibility Templates (VPATs). Get tips for finding audio-described streaming videos, working with vendors on accessibility remediation, and navigating the various standards, guidelines, and copyright laws. See examples of techniques and guidelines being used for accessible LibGuides and websites, including tips on retrofitting accessibility into your existing guides.

While this Preconference Workshop will be primarily focused on electronic resources in academic libraries and higher education, accessibility best practices are similar in all kinds of libraries, and anyone who is interested in learning more about accessibility is encouraged to attend!

If you have already registered for the WLA2023 conference, please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org or (206) 823-1138 to edit your registration and add on this or other preconference selections.

WASHINGTON SCHOOLS NEED TEACHER LIBRARIANS



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Update on School Library Bill ESSB 5102

Thanks to your continued advocacy work and support, [SB 5102 \(now ESSB 5102\)](#) has passed the Senate floor 28-20! You can review the [Senate bill report here](#).

The next step for ESSB 5102 is a hearing in the House Education Committee. Please contact your [House Education Committee](#) representative and urge them to support ESSB 5102. If you aren't sure who your representative is, use the [District Finder](#).

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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](#).

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

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

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

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 \(Okanogan\)](#).

North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Community Outreach Specialist](#) and an [IT Specialist 2](#).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Manager I](#) and [Library Associates](#).

Spokane County Library District is seeking a [Librarian](#), a [Mobile Services Supervisor](#), and a [Mobile Services Associate](#).

The Oregon Tech Library is seeking a [Technical Services and Systems Librarian](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#), a [Library Associate \(Prison Libraries\)](#), and a [Serials Cataloger](#).

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a [full-time Adult Programming Coordinator](#).

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.

Conference Bulletin



Deadline Extended for 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. The deadline for proposals has been extended to **March 25**, 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 on 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

Invitation to Participate: IMLS National Survey - Public Library Maker Programs for Youth with Disabilities

Are you responsible for developing and delivering makerspace or making programming and services in your library? Makerspaces are flourishing in public libraries, yet little is known about the inclusive programming being provided to library patrons, especially youth with disabilities. Makerspace

programming can address inequities in under-served communities (including youth with disabilities), by providing access to various making technologies, skill acquisition through training, and peer and professional mentoring, each critical to today's youth with disabilities who plan to move into the workforce, but also essential for improving each youth's quality of life.

Drs. June Abbas and Yong Ju Jung from the School of Library & Information Studies at the University of Oklahoma are conducting a national survey (funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services) investigating the current state of programming, design, and accessibility of United States' public library makerspaces' programs for youth with disabilities. They invite you to [take their survey here](#). The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. They plan to present the results of the survey at a future ALA or PLA conference and to share their findings widely on social media and their project website.

If you have any questions about participating in the survey, please contact jmabbas@ou.edu.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$175 Million in Internet for All Grants to 61 Minority-Serving Colleges and Universities

The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced it has awarded more than \$175 million to 61 colleges and universities as part of the Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program. These new awards cover colleges and universities in 29 states and four territories.

With these grants, all funding from this Internet for All grant program has been awarded to 93 universities, including 43 historically black colleges and universities, 24 Hispanic-serving institutions, 21 minority-serving institutions, and five tribal colleges and universities.

Congratulations to UW Tacoma for being a recipient of this grant! The University of Washington (UWT)'s "Connect Across Tacoma: devices, skills, and service expansion for digital equity" project aims to address digital divides in Tacoma, WA, improving broadband access, adoption, and education for students at the University of Washington Tacoma and patrons in its anchor community. [Learn more](#) about their project.

THE BRAIN NEVER STOPS

THE POWER OF READING AT
GREEN HILL ACADEMIC SCHOOL LIBRARY

FEBRUARY - JUNE, 2023



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

EveryLibrary Training: Responding to Challenges

This session will provide a landscape of censorship and book bans in Washington and neighboring states along with a discussion of the Five Freedoms of the First Amendment and civil rights protections in the Fourteenth Amendment.

It is important for library leaders to understand their responsibilities within this framework so that they can communicate effectively about these complex issues with their community, among stakeholders, and with the media. Attempts to ban or censor materials come in many shapes and from several

different directions. When they originate with concerned parents or community members, it is always necessary to engage in difficult conversations. But when they become politicized or performative, it is necessary to understand that they may be driven by an agenda. Recognizing the differences and being properly equipped to address them is key.

This in-person training will be held in four locations:

Moran Prairie Library-Spokane County Library District

Monday, March 13, 10am - 4pm - [Register Here](#).

NCW Libraries- Wenatchee Distribution Center

Tuesday, March 14, 10am - 4pm - [Register Here](#).

Battle Ground Library - Fort Vancouver Regional Library

Thursday, March 16, 10am - 4pm - [Register Here](#).

Silverdale Library - Kitsap Regional Libraries

Friday, March 17, 10am - 4pm - [Register Here](#).

For more information, please contact Tami Masenhimer at tami.masenhimer@sos.wa.gov.

**Michigan State University presents
Automated Accessibility Testing: Advantages and Pitfalls**

This webinar will provide an opportunity to share how accessibility was foundational to the development of the Michigan State University (MSU) Libraries' new website, which launched in late 2022. The MSU team is committed to creating an accessible, inclusive, and responsive web presence for the MSU Libraries. They will share their design processes and tools used to develop an accessible and sustainable website.

The MSU team will discuss the process of automating accessibility testing using Cypress.io, an open source end-to-end testing framework used in conjunction with cypress-axe to automate the accessibility checks. This webinar will elaborate on the usage of such tools, similar open-source software, and their incorporation into their development process. They will share their experience in setting up these tools in addition to their usage and their pitfalls in working towards making the MSU Libraries' new website accessible to a wide range of audiences.

This webinar will be held on March 13 at 2 pm PST. [Please register here](#).

2023 Native American Read-In

The [2023 Native American Read-In](#), co-hosted by the University of Washington Information School and Read-a-Rama will take place on **April 16**, from 1-2:30 pm. Come listen to the following speakers:

- [Angeline Boulley](#) (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bear Clan from Sugar Island), YA author
- [Cynthia Leitich Smith](#) (Muscogee Nation), author
- [Tasha Spillett](#) (Inniniwak (Cree) and Trinidadian), author, educator, poet, ceremony woman, and traditional singer
- Mandi Harris (Cherokee), iSchool MLIS alum and iSchool PhD student
- [Tony Duncan](#) (Apache, Arikara, Hidatsa), hoop dancer & musician
- [Violet Duncan](#) (Plains Cree, Taino), hoop dancer & author

Additionally, there will be several other authors, illustrators, and entertainers! UW MLIS alum and current Ph.D. student Mandi Harris will emcee the event, and Dr. Cheryl Metoyer, founder of the iSchool's Native North American Indigenous Knowledge Initiative, will offer an opening reading.

Please come and consider making a donation in support of the event as well. [Register here](#) to attend.

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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