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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

July 12, 2023



Save the Date for the Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit!

The [2023 WLA Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit](#) will be held **online** on **Friday, Sept. 8.**

[Registration rates are now available!](#) Due to popular demand, we will be offering state-wide access registration and organizational registration in addition to individual registration.

Organizational rates are determined by quantity of employees from an organization that register. State-wide registration grants access to the live event, recorded sessions, and any speaker materials to **all library-employees in that state.** Pricing tiers are determined by estimated total number of library employees in the area. Don't miss these great opportunities to provide your staff access to valuable professional development at deeply discounted rates!

What is neurodiversity? What does the umbrella-term "neurodivergence" encompass? And how can all library types — academic, public, school, and special libraries — feel confident in their ability to combat ableism, to robustly

serve neurodivergent patrons with care, and to support their neurodivergent staff?

The virtual Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit offers day-long programming around neurodivergence: a broad overview of what neurodivergence is, how to improve library services for your neurodivergent patrons, current research around the experiences of neurodivergent library workers, conversations around special autism libraries, and more.

Whether you are new to the field or deeply versed, we are hoping that a gentle program that offers breaks, time for questions, and different presentation styles will equip you to feel more confident and to serve as an advocate for your neurodivergent patrons and staff. **All sessions will be recorded and made available to all registrants.**

For questions, please email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.



Save the Date for the ACRL-WA & OR Joint Conference!

ACRL-WA & OR will be holding their joint Fall conference **in-person** and **online Friday, Oct. 27 from 8 am - 5 pm**. For the first time ever, the conference will be held at Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA! Early Bird and virtual registration will open September 6. [Registration rates are now available!](#)

The conference theme is **The Work of Libraries**. People, and their labor, are the core of academic libraries. This work can be exciting, monotonous, high stakes, invisible, precarious, invigorating, and exhausting. Like other forms of labor, work in academic libraries has changed dramatically since the advent of the pandemic, and continues to change.

Stay tuned for conference program schedule to be announced soon. Learn more about the [conference here](#).

For questions, please email info@wla.org.



2023 Bylaws Changes Vote by Aug 4

WLA Member? Please Vote on Bylaws Revision!

WLA is now a 501(c)(3) organization. This organizational change will allow for WLA to apply for grants as well as allow donations to be tax deductible. Since these changes require updating the WLA Bylaws, the WLA Board took the opportunity to remove or replace outdated language, make consistency edits, and take out specific content that is subject to more frequent change. That specific content has been moved into WLA's updated policies and procedures (living documents) instead of being housed in our organization's Bylaws (a general operations document).

The WLA Board recently held a unanimous vote to approve all edits to the WLA Bylaws. It is now **required that our members vote on these same changes.**

Please review the changes to the WLA Bylaws and cast your vote by **August 4** to approve or not approve these changes. Please sign in to your member account [here to access the form](#).

Questions? Email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.

Feedback Needed: Capital Grants Success Stories Survey

Have you received a Capital Grant from the state of Washington to fund a library project in the last ten years? WLA is working with our Lobbyist, Carolyn Logue, in the creation of a Capital Grant Success Stories resource to assist Washington libraries in their advocacy efforts to improve Capital Grant Funding for libraries. You can help by filling out [this form](#) and providing photos and information illustrating the success of your project.

Please circulate [this form](#) to any other libraries in Washington who are recipients of Capital Grants.

Questions? Email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.



Alki wants to hear from YOU!

Call for Papers: *Libraries, Disrupted*

Alki's Winter issue submission window is now open!

You voted and we listened! *Alki* thanks everyone who offered ideas and voted in our surveys for the December theme. Due to the significant thematic overlap between the top two choices, we decided to combine them and let the submissions we receive shape the direction of the next issue.

Consider the following ideas while you work on your articles:

- Politics pit *us* against *them*. How do you and your library handle the negativity? What do you do to combat anti-library rhetoric? Tell us about your community.
- Change is inevitable and—good or bad—it disrupts the routine. What disruptions do you encounter in your library?

Creative pieces, art, and photos are always encouraged.

Sign up for your spot today by emailing your name, a working title of your proposed piece, your bio, and a headshot to alkieditor@wla.org.

Do you have an article ready? Email your submissions as a .doc, .docx, or Google Doc to alkieditor@wla.org **before Tuesday, October 17**. Be sure to include each of the following in your submission:

- Article title
- Author name(s) and affiliation(s)
- Short bio written in third-person, and headshot of author(s)
- Any citations are in Chicago Manual of Style
- Images in .jpg or .png format with both captions *and* alt-text
- Chosen quotes or short selections of your article that you would like highlighted as pull-quotes

For inspiration, [check out past issues of *Alki*](#).

Look Who's Hiring

Central Skagit Library is seeking a [Marketing Specialist](#).

Central Washington University is seeking a [Secretary Senior at Central Washington University Libraries](#).

City of Anacortes is seeking a [Children's Librarian](#).

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

King County Library System is seeking three [Librarian and Information Services Managers](#).

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

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Librarian \(Collections Development\)](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Supervising Librarian I w/ MLIS \(Omak\)](#) and [Branch Librarian \(Multiple Locations\)](#).

San Juan Island Library is seeking [Library Substitutes](#).

Seattle Public Library is seeking a [Data Engineer](#).

Seattle University is seeking an [Operations Specialist, Learning Commons Partners](#) and a [Manager, Student Success Hub Program](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries are seeking a [Library Associate \(Mariner Library\)](#).

Spokane Public Library is seeking a [Youth Services Manager](#).

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a [Librarian II](#).

The Timberland Regional Library is seeking a [Librarian or Public Services Specialist with a primary focus of Youth Services](#) (Tumwater Timberland Library) and a [Librarian/Public Services Specialist - Aberdeen](#).

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a [Courier, Facilities, and Fleet Supervisor](#).

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

Whitworth University Library is seeking an [Assistant Professor of Library \(Education, STEM, Health Sciences and Instruction\)](#).

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

**Early Bird
Registration Open!
Closes July 18**



Early Bird Registration Closing Soon!

[The Association for Rural and Small Libraries \(ARSL\)](#) is hosting their annual conference in Wichita, KS. from Wednesday, Sept. 20 - Friday, Sept. 23. Early Bird registration is **open until July 18!** Register before that deadline to secure the best available price!

#ARSL2023 is the conference for rural and small libraries. Their conference planners and presenters understand the constraints of shoestring budgets, small spaces, and limited staffing within small and rural libraries, as well as the unique opportunities for innovation and collaboration. The ARSL conference is packed full of information you can take right back to your library—no scaling down required.

This year's conference theme is "Unite & Ignite"! ARSL provides an opportunity to unite as a professional community and foster a sense of togetherness across a nation of small but mighty libraries.

Learn more and [register here](#).

RFP Open for School Library In-Service Training Day

The School Library In-Service Training Day is a full day, Clock Hours eligible, virtual training opportunity for individuals in Washington who work in school libraries, put on by the Washington State Library. This year's event will be held

on Zoom on Friday, October 13 from 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. [Proposals are now open](#) for school library professionals to apply to present a session at this training day. If you'd like to see last year's schedule of presenters, you can find it [here](#).

All sessions will be 45 minutes long including Q&A. The School Library In-Service Training Day committee is looking to create a slate of practical sessions on diverse topics for elementary, middle, and high school presented by Washington school library practitioners.

More information:

- Presenters must be available to present their session live on Zoom on Friday, Oct. 13.
- All sessions will be recorded and available for viewing to registered attendees after the live event.
- Session proposals are due by **Sunday, Aug. 19 at 11:59 pm**
- Applicants will be notified no later than **Friday, Sept. 1 at 5:00 pm**

Email sara.white@sos.wa.gov with any additional questions. Feel free to forward this email to anyone you think may be interested!

**National Association for Media Literacy Educators (NAMLE)
Online Conference July 14 - 15**

NAMLE hosts the largest professional development conference dedicated to media literacy education in the U.S.

Join hundreds of educators, practitioners, scholars, and concerned citizens virtually on **July 14-15** to address questions, build community, foster dialogue, and create change so that we all may live in a media literate world.

This year's conference will feature sessions covering a variety of professional development needs, including:

- Foundational content knowledge around core media literacy concepts,
- Expert sessions from experienced teachers on how to teach media literacy,
- Teacher-led modeling and discussion of specific ways students learn and practice media literacy skills, and
- Approaches to assessment.

Registration includes access to all live sessions and keynotes, the 2023 NAMLE Awards event, and all recordings for 90 days! Learn more and [register here](#).

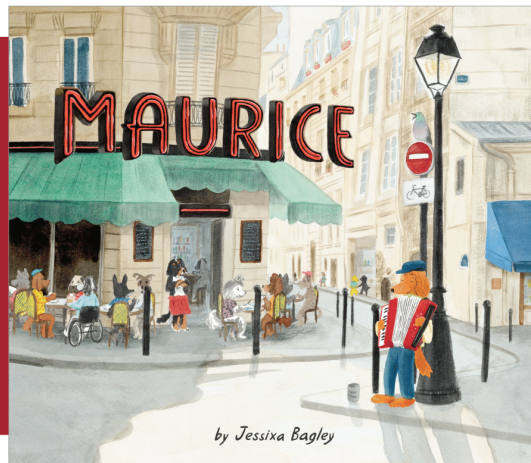
Washington Medical Librarians Association (WMLA) Annual Conference in Spokane, July 21

The Washington Medical Librarians Association (WMLA) invites you to join them in-person for their annual conference this summer. They'll gather at Gonzaga University in Spokane on **Friday, July 21** for sun, fun, and meeting up with colleagues from around the state. You do not need to be a medical librarian to attend. All are welcome!

Visit the [WMLA website](#) for information about registration, events, lodging, and more. You can conveniently sign up for or renew your WMLA membership and get the discounted conference rate at the same time.

News & Notes

Great Reads *from* Great Places: Washington State 2023



Maurice by Jessixa Bagley



We Hereby Refuse by Frank Abe and Tamiko F. Nimura

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[Jessixa Bagley's *Maurice*](#) and [We Hereby Refuse: Japanese American Resistance to Wartime Incarceration](#) by [Frank Abe](#), [Tamiko Nimura](#), [Ross Ishikawa](#), and [Matt Sasaki](#) are representing Washington State at the [2023 National Book Festival!](#)

Find out more and download printable copies of the 2023 National Book Festival materials for yourself and to share with community members [here](#).

Upcoming UW Media Literacy Institute

Support your students to develop media literacy skills, like critical thinking and responsible media consumption and production. This course aims to address the pressing need for students to develop media literacy skills, including critical thinking, discernment, and sharing abilities.

Media literacy is not just an essential subject, but also an engaging approach to support teaching in all disciplines. The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) both have issued position papers on the importance of media literacy to each of their disciplines.

Through the Media Literacy Institute, participants will gain the skills to effectively utilize the Center for Media Literacy's evidence-based frameworks and pedagogy to create engaging media literacy lessons that empower students.

The Institute sponsored by ConnectEd will be held online **July 31 - Aug 4**. Participants will be able to receive 16 clock hours. The registration fee for this course is \$200.

Learn more about the Institute and [register here](#).

Designing for Diversity in Your Library's Communications

Being intentional and inclusive in the design of your library's communications, in both physical and digital library spaces, can support and enrich your library's accessibility, diversity, and equity. The graphics, language, or format selected for communications provide an opportunity to create more welcoming spaces which reflect and represent your community's diversity, including—but not limited to—race, gender, or neurodiversity. Explore the importance of inclusion and representation in design and take a fresh look at how your library's signage, marketing materials, and online communication can contribute to a sense of belonging for all.

Presented by: Mollie Peuler, eLearning Librarian, Appalachian State University (NC)

This WebJunction webinar will be held **July 13, 12:00 pm**. [Register here to attend](#).

Staff-Led Strategic Planning – A Roadmap to Success

In this webinar, Katy B. Mathuews, PhD and Ryan A. Spellman, MLIS present an actionable plan for any type of library to navigate a staff-led strategic planning process, based on their book, [*Creating a Staff-Led Strategic Plan: A Practical Guide to Libraries*](#) (Libraries Unlimited).

Katy and Ryan will provide a basic roadmap to organize, create, and implement a strategic plan. Topics will include how to structure your work, steps to create the plan, and considerations for assessment. Along the journey, the presenters will offer best practices and lessons learned from their own experience co-chairing a staff-led strategic planning process.

This Niche Academy webinar will be held on **Aug. 9** at 11:00 am. [Register here](#) - If you're interested but not able to attend the live webinar, go ahead and register. A recording will be sent to all registrants after the fact.

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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