WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

August 2, 2023

WLA Special Libraries Division Seeks Committee Members

Are you looking for leadership experience? Hoping to meet new people in the special library field? Passionate about advocacy for libraries and library professionals? The WLA Special Libraries Division (SpLD) is presently seeking members for the following positions on its leadership team: [Vice Chair/Chair-Elect](#) and [Secretary/Communications](#).

Contact SpLD Chair Julie Thompson and the WLA Office at info@wla.org for information on how you can make a difference!

NEURODIVERGENCE & LIBRARIES
SUMMIT
9.08.2023 • Online

Save the Date for the Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit!

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

WLA will offer state-wide, organizational, and individual registration. **State-wide registration is now open.** [Register here](#)!

The virtual Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit will offer 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** at Lower Colombia College in Longview, WA. Early Bird and virtual registration will open Sept. 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.

WLA Member? Please Vote on Bylaws Revision!

If you're a WLA member, don't forget to vote on the bylaws revision by **Aug. 4**!

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 **Aug. 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.

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.

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, Oct. 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](#).

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

Joint Base Lewis-McChord MWR Library System is seeking a [Supervisory Librarian NF-04](#).

Kent School District is seeking a [Teacher, Librarian / Technology Integration Specialist - TL2304](#) and a [Paraeducator, Elementary Library - FW2309](#).

King County Library System is seeking [Librarian & 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 Librarians](#).

Primary Source is seeking an [Administrative Assistant](#).

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

Seattle Central College is seeing a [Library Associate (LAPP2)](#).

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 is seeking a [Cataloging Coordinator](#), a [PT Library Associate (Arlington)](#), and a [FT Library Associate (Mukilteo)](#).

Spokane County Library District is seeking a [Facilities Specialist](#).

Tacoma Public Library is hiring a [Neighborhood Services Manager](#).

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a [Library Assistant and Districtwide Substitute](#).

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

Washington State University is seeking a [Tenure-track Medical Librarian](#).

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

Salem Public Library (OR) is seeking an [Access and Acquisitions Library Supervisor](#).

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

RFP Open for ALA's LibLearnX!

[ALA's LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience](#) is currently seeking proposals for its conference Jan. 19-22, 2024 in Baltimore, MD. **Submissions close Aug. 7**.

LibLearnX (LLX) looks forward to offering conference participants an opportunity to be revitalized through energetic, diverse programs. Find key dates, learn more about program formats, and review [proposal guidelines](#), [evaluation criteria](#), the [submission process tutorial](#), and more at the [LLX site](#).

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, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

[Proposals are 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.

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Secretary of State Honors Walla Walla High Students
for Efforts to Stop Book Bans

Secretary of State Steve Hobbs was in Kennewick on July 25 to meet with election officials and recognize local high school students for their efforts against recent book bans.

Walla Walla High students Ava Kirtley and Arin Iverson are the founding members of the Banned Book Club, which works to keep banned books in schools and protects access to them for students interested in reading the controversial titles. Secretary Hobbs honored them, along with Walla Walla High School library media specialist Kim Casetto, for their efforts. Kirtley, Iverson, and Casetto were interviewed about their experiences as part of a panel on censorship at the 2023 WLA Conference.

"We have to respect the first amendment," Secretary Hobbs said. "It's a freedom and books are part of that." To read the full article and watch the news clip from the event, visit here.

Thank you to Mid-Columbia Libraries for hosting this event!

Survey on Abortion Information in Pubic Libraries

On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization that abortion is no longer protected by federal law. This

repeated Roe v. Wade. The questions in this survey are about the aftermath of that decision and its impact on public libraries in the United States.

To be eligible, participants must be at least 18 years old, work in a public library in a state or territory in the United States, specifically in reference or collection development. All study materials have been approved by the University of Wisconsin Madison's Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Participation is confidential. No identifying information is collected. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. [Access the consent form and survey](#).

SJSU iSchool Student Seeking Interviews about Book Challenges

The Student Advocacy President at the San Jose State University (SJSU) iSchool is looking for current librarians, library professionals, library media specialists, and teacher librarians that are willing and able to talk about book challenges and book bans for an advocacy project for the iSchool.

The interviews will be recorded over Zoom and made into a video about this topic with other interviews and shared on the Library Advocacy page/social media, and potentially over one of the iSchool's Virtual Reality experiences.

If you or anyone you know would be interested, feel free to reach out at lauren.west@sjsu.edu.

**SHLB Thrilled with FCC E-rate Reforms,
Simplifying Application Process for Schools and Libraries**

Washington, D.C. (July 20, 2023) - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved a series of significant reforms to the E-rate program, with the aim of simplifying the application process for Tribal libraries and small and rural schools and libraries nationwide. These changes will mark the most substantial updates to the $2.8 billion E-rate program since 2014 and are expected to increase funding and enhance broadband connectivity for rural America.

In addition to clarifying the E-rate rules for Tribal applicants, the forthcoming Order provides an exemption from the competitive bidding process for libraries seeking less than $3,600 in Category Two support and waives the cost allocation rule for all schools and libraries if at least 90% of an applicant's cost is for eligible E-rate uses. The cost allocation waiver could be particularly important, as SHLB and others [requested](#) a waiver of the cost allocation rule over two years ago. The Commission also adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which proposes even further improvements.

Read the full press release [here](#).

Leader Talk: Managing Learning Technologies in the Age of AI

With the emergence of artificial intelligence in learning, organizations have needed to invest in a variety of technologies to improve training delivery. With so many tools available on the market, learning leaders must ensure they're selecting the right tool to meet the learning needs of their organization. However, learning leaders are not technology experts and managing all these technologies can be challenging.

In this Training Industry Leader Talk, industry experts will share how to leverage the right AI tools for your company's training needs and discuss strategies for managing your organization's technology stack.

This webinar will be held on **Aug. 10 at 8 a.m.** [Register here to attend](#).

Booklist: "Fall Adult Faves"

Summer may be in full swing, but fall is right around the corner, and there's plenty of adult books to add to your TBR list. Join for a free one-hour webinar to hear reps from Hachette Book Group, Macmillan, W. W. Norton & Co., ECW Press and Simon & Schuster tell us all about their upcoming fall adult titles!

Fall Adult Faves is happening **Aug. 8 at 11 a.m.** and will be hosted by Annie Bostrom, Senior Editor for Adult Books at Booklist. Accommodations are offered based on user needs. For transcription or other accessibility requests, please contact webinars@booklistonline.com.

To attend this webinar, [register here](#).

Niche Academy: "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).

Mathuews and Spellman 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. The presenters will offer best practices and lessons learned from their own experience co-chairing a staff-led strategic planning process.

This webinar will be held on **Aug. 9** at 11 a.m. Register here! If you're interested but not able to attend the live webinar, a recording will be sent to all registrants afterward.

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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