WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

August 23, 2023

2024 WLA Elections
Nominations now open

Submit an application by October 18

WLA 2024 Elections - Nominations Open Today!

Are you seeking leadership experience? Looking to meet new people in the library field? Passionate about advocacy for libraries and library professionals? You've come to the right place! Whether you're a longtime member or new to the association, WLA invites you to throw your hat into the ring for a leadership position in 2024. There are many opportunities to get involved. **Self-nominations are welcome!**

Nominations now open! Apply before **October 18** to be considered. Learn more on our elections webpage.

Nomination Form

Registration Open for Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit!

The [2023 WLA Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit](#) will be held online on Friday, Sept. 8. All registration types are now open.

Note*:* The Washington State Library, the State Library of Oregon, and the Idaho Commission for Libraries have all purchased state-wide access, which means ***all library employees in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho can access the summit for free!***

Thank you to the Washington and Oregon State Libraries and the Idaho Commission for Libraries for providing all library employees in your states with access to the summit!

Employees in Washington: request your discount code and registration instruction by [submitting this form](#).
Employees in Oregon and Idaho: please stay tuned for communication and instructions for registration from the State Library of Oregon.

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.

[Neurodivergence Summit Registration](#)

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

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

Cornish College of the Arts is seeking a Technical Services Librarian.

Gonzaga University is seeking a User Services 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.

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a Branch Manager (Bainbridge Island).

NCW Libraries is seeking a Supervising Librarian I w/ MLIS (Omak) and Branch Librarians.

San Juan Island Library is seeking Library Substitutes.

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

Seattle Public Library is seeking an Adult Services Librarian (Business, Science & Technology), and an Adult Services Librarian (Humanities).

Seattle University is seeking an Operations Specialist, Learning Commons Partners and a Manager, Student Success Hub Program.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a PT Library Associate (Clinton, WA) and a Librarian – Teen Services.

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a Library Assistant and Districtwide Substitute.

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

Western Washington University (WWU) Librariesis seeking a [Resource Access Specialist](#).

Whatcom County Libraries is seeking a [Youth Services Librarian - Lynden Library.](#)

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Marketing and Programs Manager](#), a [Community Library Supervisor IV - Yakima Central](#), and a [Community Library Supervisor IV – West Valley](#).

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.

News & Notes

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Theme Survey

Sara White, Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Washington State Rep, will be voting on the slogan for summer 2026 and the general theme for summer 2027. To vote in a way that reflects all of Washington State, she would love to hear your feedback on the themes and slogans! Voting will occur in September, and this poll will be open until September 1st. Washington State is a member of CSLP, and as such you are all member libraries. **If you think there is a chance in the future you may use the CSLP theme, please vote even if you didn't use it this year or in the past.**

They are seeking feedback from ANY AND ALL library staff – whether or not you work with youth. These themes will be used for ALL AGES, so feel free to send this survey to anyone in your library you think may have an opinion. You can access the input survey [HERE](#): https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/themeslogan2526

There are also opportunities to give your feedback at CSLP listening sessions – information on those can be found below:

CSLP 2026 and 2027 Theme Listening Sessions
Thursday, August 24 ~ (10 am PDT)
Friday, September 08 ~ (12 pm PDT)
Register here to receive a reminder

Registration Open for 2023-2024 Youth Services
Critical Conversations Club

The 2023-2024 Youth Services Critical Conversations Club (YS3C) is now open for registration. The **first meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.** Registering at this link will give you access to the entire series. This year's YS3C meetings will be a mixture of discussions, presentations, guest speakers, and brainstorming sessions. Come prepared to participate! See below for a description of our September meeting, and a description of Youth Services Critical Conversations Club as a whole.

Summer Debrief Conversation
Thursday, Sept.7, 2023: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Registration Link: https://washstatelib.libcal.com/event/11131420

We survived Summer 2024! Come together with your colleagues to share successes, challenges, and stories. This is your chance to hear what happened throughout Washington State this summer and share how things went at your library. Please come prepared to participate -- this YS3C session will be a facilitated conversation about how Summer 2024 went. Think about the following questions:

1. What went really well this summer?
2. What didn't go so well? What could have been improved?
3. How did you partner with your community this summer?
4. How did you center equity and inclusivity in your summer services?
5. What do you want to share with or ask of your colleagues?

What is Youth Services Critical Conversations Club (YS3C)?
Click Here for More Information

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iSTAMP Seeking Alumni Mentors

iSTAMP is an opportunity to form meaningful connections between MLIS students and alumni through the values of retention; professional development for all involved; and Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access and Sovereignty (IDEAS). This student-led initiative fosters a holistic approach to personal and professional growth in the Library and Information Science field, focusing on more than just specific career goals.

Are you an MLIS alum with at least two years of work experience post-graduation? Please consider mentoring a current student through the iSchool's iSTAMP (Student-to-Alumni Mentorship program)!

iSTAMP will host a virtual panel of former mentors and mentees to share what the program is like. Join them on

August 18, 5:00 p.m. PT
https://washington.zoom.us/j/91013411935

A recording will be available for those who cannot attend.

Learn more about the iSTAMP program here, and sign up here.

Indiana State Library: Dyslexia and the Public Library

The public library can be a scary place for people with dyslexia. Join them for a quick overview of the science of reading and dyslexia and how to apply best practices to create a welcoming place for all brains, including people with dyslexia.   We will explore ways public libraries can serve as a dyslexia resource center for children and parents and help promote awareness in local communities. Presented by Shaiya Badgley, a literacy guru, and Josiah Colombo-Espinosa, senior dyslexia specialist, from the Indiana Department of Education Literacy Center.

This webinar will be held on Aug. 29 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Register here and a Zoom link will be sent to you.
Can't attend live? Request the recording here.

If you cannot attend the live webinar, request to have the recording sent to you when it is ready (usually within 30 days of the live session) via this form. The webinar will also be posted on the Indiana State Library's Archived Training page.

Braille Transcription Training Course

When: Wednesdays, 6-8 pm, starting September 20, 2023 – April 2024
Where: WTBBL, 2021 9th Ave, Seattle WA 98121 (free parking)
Cost: Free
Description: Become a WTBBL volunteer braille transcriber! Volunteer braille transcribers are essential to our braille-production program and ensure braille books are available to our braille-reading patrons, young and old, across Washington State and the country.
Questions: Email wtbblvolunteer@sos.wa.gov or call 206-615-0400
Additional Information and Registration: tinyurl.com/brailletranscription
Please share this with anyone you think might be interested!

NNLM Region 5 Library Carpentry Virtual Workshop

Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 5 is excited to announce we will be hosting a virtual Library Carpentry Workshop in October of 2023. This workshop will have 25 spots available, and will be held October 17-19, 12:30 - 5:00 pm.

To be considered for enrollment, please register by Monday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m. PT. We will notify you of your enrollment or wait list status by Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 pm.

Library Carpentry focuses on building software and data skills within library and information-related communities. This Library Carpentry workshop is broken into the following lessons: Intro to Data, Unix Shell, Git, and/or OpenRefine. You can learn more about the lessons on their website https://librarycarpentry.org/lessons/

To learn more about this event, check out NNLM R5's blog.

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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