



WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

January 25, 2023



Early Bird Registration Open for #WLA2023

[Early Bird registration](#) has launched for the WLA2023 in Wenatchee, March 30-April 1! The annual conference facilitates unique opportunities for innovation and collaboration between Academic, Public, School, and Special libraries across the state. Our Conference Committee has designed this conference for library professionals of all job roles, from all types of libraries, and at all career stages. You'll leave with connections, ideas, and information to put into action.

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

Early Bird registration is open through **Feb. 15**. Along with registering, be sure to [book your stay](#) at the conference hotel prior to **March 15**!

Conference Highlights

- Networking opportunities to facilitate make meaningful, lasting connections, including Dine-Arounds, receptions, the Table Topics Lunch, Divisional un conferences, 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.
- Keynote speaker 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.

On Saturday, We Wear WLA!

Show off your WLA and library pride at conference on Saturday, April 1! You can order [WLA2023 swag](#) through our RedBubble store or wear anything that shows off your passion for libraries! Some other RedBubble options include:

- [#K12Librarians4AllWA Logo](#)
- [WLA: Association Logo](#)
- [WLA: Association Pride Logo](#)
- [Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA Logo](#)
- [WALE Logo](#)

If you choose to order through RedBubble, we recommend placing your order by March 1 to make sure your swag arrives prior to the conference!

Conference Theme

The 2023 conference theme is *All In, Reach Out*. Our experiences over the past few years have reinforced the importance of connection. We've adapted and learned new ways to connect with each other, to collaborate with community partners, and to meet the changing needs of our patrons and students.

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

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#K12LIBRARIANS4ALLWA

#K12Librarians4AllWA Update!

The ScLD would like to thank everyone who took the time to register as PRO, submit written testimony, and testify live at the committee hearing for SB 5102. If you were unable to watch the committee hearing on Monday, you can access the [recording here](#). You can also [track the status of the bill here](#).

Please continue to contact the members of the Early Learning & K12 Education committee and urge them to move SB 5102 forward. [Find a list of committee members and their phone numbers here](#). You can also [use this form to email legislators](#).

We especially need those who live in the districts of the committee members to reach out. If you live in these districts—**16, 12, 22, 2, 5, 28, 43, 41, or 30**—please take the time to contact your state senator and encourage your local contacts to do the same! The Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee is: Sen. Perry Dozier (16), Sen. Brad Hawkins (12), Sen. Sam Hunt (22), Sen. Jim McCune (2), Sen. Mark Mullet (5), Sen. T'wina Nobles (28), Sen. Jamie Pedersen (43), Sen. Lisa Wellman (41), and Sen. Claire Wilson (30).

Together we can help ensure equity in school library staffing for ALL Washington students!

Sincerely,

Sarah Logan
Teacher Librarian, Dorothy Fox Elementary
WLA Board Vice President/President-Elect



Register for 2023 WA Library Legislative Day!

[Registration](#) is open for the 2023 WA Library Legislative Day, sponsored by WLA. We are excited to share that we will be returning in-person to Olympia this year!

This year, we are focused on [SB 5102](#), in relation to our grassroots [#K12Librarians4AllWA campaign](#), to ensure ALL students in ALL districts have access to a school library information technology program with a trained, certified teacher-librarian. Issues such intellectual freedom, e-book licensing, and levy passage requirements are also expected to be on this year's agenda.

By attending WA Library Legislative Day, you can expect to:

- Connect with library supporters from all types of libraries around the state.
- Hear from special guests 2023 WLA Board President **Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman**, Washington State Librarian **Sara Jones**, and Washington Secretary of State **Steve Hobbs**.
- Attend sessions and hear testimony from fellow library professionals along with WLA lobbyist **Carolyn Logue**.
- Meet with State legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them.
- Understand how to track and search for bills, give effective testimony, and advocate for libraries, to better support them in years to come!

This free event is a great way to become involved in library advocacy and help WLA push its legislative goals over the finish line!

If you have any questions about Legislative Day or [WLA's 2023 agenda](#), please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org!

2023 WLA Merit Awards

Call for 2023 WLA Merit Award Nominations

With #WLA2023 approaching, the [WLA Merit Awards](#) are back again! We look forward to hearing about accomplishments in the past year by library professionals from around the state!

The WLA Merit Awards offer the opportunity to recognize and highlight the outstanding work that has been ongoing in Washington libraries. To nominate an outstanding individual or group for an award, please complete the [WLA 2023 Merit Award Nomination Form](#) by **Wednesday, Feb. 8**.

What library achievement did you see in your community or workplace that you'd like to see celebrated? Examples can include, but aren't limited to, outstanding service in the areas of:

- Programming (virtual, educational, community building)
- Outreach to users
- Services
- Access to technology
- Access to collections
- Serving the needs of people who were vulnerable, underserved
- Providing innovative ways to deliver services, materials

Library workers at all levels and in all types of libraries are eligible! Nominees do not need to be WLA members (with the exception of the Emeritus Award and the WALE Award). Additionally, nominators do not have to be WLA members. Award winners will receive a complimentary year of WLA membership!

Winners will be notified by Feb. 27, announced in WLA Wednesday on March 1, and celebrated on April 1 at the [WLA 2023 Conference](#) in Wenatchee.

If you have questions or wish to discuss eligibility requirements, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

Alki Call for Papers: Accessibility Matters

The Washington library community wants to hear from you! Share your voice by publishing in [Alki: The Washington Library Association Journal](#). We welcome

content from all library workers, students, supporters, volunteers, and trustees. We publish peer-reviewed articles, opinion pieces, creative writing, and art.

This issue is all about putting the 'A' back in equity acronyms. We know that disability is a spectrum and accessibility benefits everyone. We want to know how the big 'A' has played a role in your work and life. We're excited to announce that this will be our first text-based issue of *Alki*. Submissions could include the following:

- Art, creative writing, opinion pieces, or articles written by disabled members of our community
- Navigations through legal accommodations processes and how copyright got in the way
- Programs, events, and partnerships that have enriched your library's service to the disabled community
- Assessments, audits, and renovations that have made your library's physical (or virtual) space more accessible
- Technical knowledge essential for making library catalogs, websites, software, hardware, and electronic resources more accessible to the print disabled
- Virtual tours and spotlights on local organizations and institutions that center accessibility as their core mission
- Research-driven and persuasive pieces on the importance of accessibility in libraries, schools, museums, archives, and other cultural institutions

Alki is a journal by and for the Washington library community. We accept submissions that may not fit our theme but are still important to our community.

Email your submissions to alkieditor@wla.org by **Feb. 8, 2023**. Find submission guidelines [here](#).

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

Look Who's Hiring

Ballard High School is seeking a [Library Assistant](#).

Bellevue College is seeking a [Part-Time Librarian](#).

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is seeking an [Executive Director](#).

Central Washington University Library is seeking a [Student Success Librarian, Assistant Professor](#).

Gonzaga University is seeking an [Adjunct Faculty, Foley Library](#).

King County Library System is seeking a [Health and Social Services Coordinator](#), several [Librarians – Public Services](#), and [Operations Manager - Renton Highlands](#).

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 [Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Republic\)](#); and [Bilingual Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Brewster\)](#).

North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Finance Manager](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Librarian - Adult Services, Library on Wheels \(Marysville\)](#).

Vancouver Community Library is seeking a [Branch Manager 2](#).

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

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

Seaside Public Library (OR) is seeking a [Library Director](#).

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

CLOSING SESSION

The Right to Read: A Conversation on Censorship



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WLA 2023 Conference Event Preview "The Right to Read: A Conversation on Censorship"

As libraries across the state and country continue to face book banning efforts, especially those targeting materials and programming with LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC representation, we all need to ask ourselves whether we're prepared for challenges within our own libraries.

Hear a conversation between three panelists who have faced these challenges directly: an author who writes books about and for queer youth, a retired librarian and professor with a long career of national leadership and intellectual freedom advocacy, and a teacher librarian who recently made headlines by fighting censorship attempts at his middle school.

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

ACRL Distance and Online Learning Section: Request for Presenters

The ACRL Distance and Online Learning Section (DOLS) Conference Program Planning Committee is soliciting speakers for their panel presentation, "Learners of 2030: Preparing for Literacies and Skills of the Future." This program will be a 60-minute interactive panel presentation held at the ALA Conference, June 22 through June 27, 2023 in Chicago, Illinois (exact date and time are pending schedule announcements from ALA). The program description is as follows:

Abstract: All types of libraries are shifting workflows and materials to teach patrons the expertise needed for job skill sets required to be successful in careers that do not yet exist. Join this panel session to hear from a diverse set of librarians on their perspectives, resources, and services related to needed skills, literacies, technologies, and the ways digital and online learning can be leveraged for the future. Engage with colleagues to begin to understand this new landscape and how we can prepare to better serve our patrons in academic, public, and school libraries.

News & Notes

New WSL Circulating Kit Open for Reservations: Welcoming Libraries

[The Welcoming Library](#) is a pop-up community conversation on immigration. That conversation is driven by a collection of acclaimed picture books featuring New Arrival and New American families.

Readers of all ages “meet” these families on the page and explore the commonalities of all families with embedded discussion questions and companion programming / education materials. The collection — with its pop-up display unit — packs into a crate and travels between schools, libraries, and community centers in a given region, building an environment of Welcoming and Belonging.

For more information about what the circulating kit includes and how it can be helpful in your library, [visit here](#). Make a reservation for the kit [here](#).

Kits will stay at a library for up to six weeks then they must be sent to the next location. You are welcome to borrow it for between 1-6 weeks!

If you are hoping to send this kit between locations in your district using internal mail and need it for more than six weeks, please email STEAM@sos.wa.gov.

The Learning Curve

Connecting to Connections Care: Sustainable and Passive Ways to Improve your Collection Environment

As temperatures rise globally, we are seeing a greater push for our organizations to be more sustainable. From city ordinances to the White House 2030 Initiative, we are all challenged to do better, and now is the time to act.

Many cultural institutions use sustainable energy saving strategies to help them lower their energy consumption and reduce their carbon footprint. This webinar will describe some of the energy saving strategies that cultural heritage organizations currently implement to help reduce energy use. These can range from mechanical system shutdowns to lighting adjustments.

Additionally, this webinar will discuss passive strategies that institutions can implement to improve collections environments. The strategies suggested representing some of the ways that spaces can be evaluated and monitored without significant cost or impact on the space.

This webinar will be presented on Jan. 26, 10 a.m. [Learn more](#) and [register here](#).

Niche Academy: Privacy Audits for Public Libraries

Unprecedented threats to the privacy and security of library patrons have emerged in recent years, from book challenges to online data and general AI advances that can prey on our most vulnerable populations. More than ever, it is critical to protect our patrons from the tremendous risks they face when enjoying the resources within our walls.

Join Matt Beckstrom and Brady Lund for this webinar on privacy audits. Matt and Brady will provide a primer on library privacy audits for ensuring the physical and electronic privacy of patrons, including understanding data flows, access, and policy issues. They will further discuss how to train your staff and patrons to be “risk aware” and contribute to the vitality of the library.

This webinar will be held on Feb. 8, 11 a.m. Please [register here](#).

Fast Forward Libraries: Growing a Healthy Library Culture

In 2022, recent library science graduates looking for jobs ranked a positive, healthy workplace culture as being an even more important attribute than salary. If you haven't looked at your organizational culture recently, it may be time for a refresh.

Brought to you by Fast Forward Libraries and presented by Jeannie Dilger, this session will look at what culture is, how to get staff involved in creating or revising your culture statement, and ways to implement your culture throughout the library.

This webinar will take place Feb. 22, 8 a.m. Please [register here](#). This webinar will be recorded and made available for free for 30-days after the session. If you cannot attend, please register to receive the recording link. After 30-days, the recording will be [archived here](#).

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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