WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

May 24, 2023

Library Card Catalog Auction Closes Tomorrow!

Time is almost out to place your bid in the WLA Card Catalog Auction! Bidding closes **Thursday, May 25**, **8 pm PDT**, so don't miss your opportunity.

This beautiful midcentury library card catalog is converted to a table 30" high x 33" wide x 17" deep. Height includes 16" steel hairpin legs. Catalog originally from the University of Washington campus. All proceeds benefit the Washington Library Association, a 501(c)(3) non profit.

Delivery may be arranged at no charge within Seattle or up to 50 miles from catalog location in North Seattle. If delivery is needed outside of 50 miles, winning bidder will have to make arrangements at their own expense. Legs can be removed for ease of transport.

Interested in helping raise money for the WLA Scholarships fund but not interested in bidding for the card catalog? Visit our donation site!

For more information related to delivery or pick up, or any other questions, email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.

New WLA Store!

More size-inclusiveness. Wider selection of products. Better user interface. And tie dye! What more can we say?

The new and improved WLA store is open, and just in time to order WLA Pride merchandise! Take 15% off your order now through **June 1**!

For more information email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.

2024 Conference Committee Application Open

Thank you for your interest in WLA's Conference Committee! Whether you're new to WLA or a longtime volunteer, we would love for you to get involved.

Committee Chairs are appointed by the WLA President. Committee members are appointed by the committee Chair. Committee terms are a minimum of one year, except for the Program Co-Coordinator/Conference Co-Chair position.

Committee members should:
    - Participate in the meetings and activities of the committee.
    - Have an interest in the work of the committee.
    - Be a WLA Member

To apply, please complete this form by **Friday, June 2**.

If you are appointed to the committee, you will be notified of your appointment by the committee's co-chairs no later than June 14 for a term starting Monday,

July 10. Committee co-chairs may appoint members during term as needed for divisional balance and active participation.

Time commitment: The committee meets once per month and as needed, with email communication in-between. Appointment on the committee will run July 10, 2023–March 3, 2024.

For more information email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.

WLA Scholarships - Application Open!

The application for 2023-2024 WLA Scholarships is now available. A preview of the application form is also available on the scholarships page. Applications are due **June 30**.

WLA scholarships are for members to use toward degrees, certificates, or graduate-level studies, as well as conferences, workshops, or educational events! To learn more about requirements, preview the form, and more, visit the WLA Scholarships page.

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

WLA PD Committee 2023-24 Mentoring Cohort Sign-Up

Are you a librarian who wants to grow your skills and network with other professionals? Do you have valuable experience and insights to share with your peers? If so, you are invited to join our librarian mentoring cohort!

Don't miss this chance to be part of a supportive and inspiring community of librarians! **Please use this form to let us know you are interested in joining the WLA PD Committee 2023-24 Mentoring Cohort.**

Benefits of Participating:

- Mentees: Develop your skills, learn from the best, and build professional relationships.

- Mentors: Develop future leaders, grow your leadership skills, and contribute to the profession.

Learn more at wla.org/mentoring. If you have additional questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org.

Call for Papers: WLA All Day

***Alki's* Summer issue submission window is now open!**
Alki Summer issues are dedicated to the WLA community goings-on. The Spring conference is the biggest WLA event of the year but it's not the only event of the year. Here is your chance to showcase your involvement in the Washington library community.

Some topic examples:

- Division, section, or committee activities
- WLA2023
- Statements from scholarship, award, and grant winners past and present
- Unofficial member gatherings or events
- Whatever you have to say about WLA!

Creative pieces, art, and photos are always encouraged.

Sign up for your spot today by emailing your name and a working title of your proposed piece 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, May 30**. Make sure to include the following:

- 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. Please include both captions and alt-text

- Chosen quotes or short selections of your article that you would like highlighted as pull-quotes

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

Call for Alki Milestones and Art

Send us your recent accomplishments, announcements, and art before **June 13!**

The Milestones section is an opportunity to highlight significant moments for libraries and librarians statewide. Write approximately 250 words to recognize new hires, successful events, promotions, project completions, remembrances of those who have passed, works in progress, and anything else you want to showcase. Library groups, staff, students, retirees, and friends of Washington libraries are all welcome to submit.

Show off your art! Include no more than 3 photos with alt-text description and a short caption.

Art submissions may include:

- book displays
- new or updated spaces (everyone loves a 'before and after')
- artistic expressions of all forms
- posters for upcoming events

Email your submission to Bethany McKinley, Alki Editor, at alkieditor@wla.org by **Tuesday, June 13** to be included in the July Alki issue. Any late submissions will be set aside for future publication.

Vote for the December Alki Theme!

Alki has heard your nominations, the Editorial Committee has voted, and we've narrowed it down to the following themes. Now, it's time to vote for the December *Alki* theme! Choose your favorite by June 20 using this form.

1. Back-to-Basics: In a time when we're often asked to do more with less, what does it mean to focus on core library services?
2. War on Libraries: We've all been reading the news and feeling the effects. What do you see in your communities? How do we do our work in an environment that is increasingly anti-library?
3. Disruption: Change is always happening — whether we're ready or not. What opportunities and challenges do our libraries face as a result?

Vote for the 2023 *Alki* Theme!

For questions, please email Bethany McKinley, Alki Editor, at alkieditor@wla.org

Voting Open for WLA Book Awards

Voting is now open for all 2023 WLA Book Awards. Please have votes submitted by **Friday, May 26**. Learn more about the WLA Book Awards here.

OTTER Award Voting

Sasquatch Award Voting

Towner Award Voting

WCCPBA Voting

If you have any questions about voting, please contact the WLA Office.

Look Who's Hiring

Antioch University Seattle School Library Endorsement Program is seeking a Program Associate.

Central Washington University is hiring a [Dean of Libraries](#).

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

King County Library System is seeking three [Librarian and Information Services Managers](#) and a [Librarian – Children and Family Justice Center](#).

The Molalla (OR) Public Library is seeking a [Programming and Outreach Librarian](#) for adults and teens.

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian (Okanogan)](#), a [Branch Librarian (Grand Coulee)](#), and a [Library Collection & Technical Services Manager (Wenatchee)](#).

Neill Public Library (Pullman) is seeking an [Adult Services Technician](#).

Pacific Lutheran University is seeking a [Dean of the Library](#).

San Juan Island Library is seeking a [Public Services Associate](#) and [Library Substitutes](#).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant I (Oak Harbor)](#).

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

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

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

**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

Broadband Infrastructure Investments Promise Access to High-Speed Internet Connections for Nearly 15,000 Washington Households

The Washington State Broadband Office announced over $121 million in grants for 19 broadband construction projects that will deliver reliable, high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved communities across the state.

View the full press release with list of broadband construction projects at the Washington State Department of Commerce website.

Autism-Ready Libraries Toolkit

University of Washington Information School is pleased to announce the release of their Autism-Ready Libraries Toolkit! Over the past 2.5 years they have developed a toolkit to empower librarians to provide services and inclusive early literacy programs to autistic children and their families. This toolkit was designed hand-in-hand with families with autistic children, as well as youth-serving library workers across 42 states.

Their toolkit website linked here contains free online training modules and resources for youth-serving librarians and library staff in public libraries who would like to better serve families with autistic children. The Autism-Ready Libraries Toolkit can also be used by anyone with an interest in autism inclusion and inclusive early literacy practices, including school librarians, library managers and administrators, parents and caregivers, community leaders, and teachers.

For questions, contact Milly Romeijn-Stout at emilyrs@uw.edu.

The Learning Curve

At First You Don't Succeed: Lessons from Two Semesters in the Credit-Bearing Classroom

Teaching in any environment involves a lot of trial and error, especially when developing lessons for the first time. In spring 2021, Grace Therrel taught a for-credit First Year Seminar focused on social media. The experience was trial-by-fire, as she had to navigate developing a full-semester course for the first time, teaching online (and during a pandemic), and tying information literacy concepts to a larger context. She taught a version of the course again, this time in-person, in Fall 2022. In this webinar, participants will hear how Therrel navigated challenges throughout both semesters, using reflection and student feedback to regroup.

This webinar, brought to you by the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, will be held **June 21, 11 am PT**. Register here to attend.

Grace Therrell (she/her) is the Student Success Librarian for Online Pedagogy and Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She works primarily with first-year students and with students in online spaces. Grace is also a PhD student in Adult and Continuing Education at UTK, where she is researching instruction librarians' training, professional development, and teaching identities.

The Fight Against Book Bans: How Do We Move Forward?

Book challenges and bans have been on the rise across the nation since 2020, especially in public and school libraries. Many librarians have faced these challenges with courage and commitment to the principles of intellectual freedom and access to information, while others have yet to deal with this issue.

In this presentation, Shannon Oltmann will refresh attendees' understanding of intellectual freedom, explore the rise in book challenges, consider how to respond to challenges, and draw on the experiences and perspectives of other library professionals.

This Niche Academy webinar will be held on **June 14 at 11 am PT**. Register here to attend.

If you're interested but not able to attend the live webinar, go ahead and register. Recordings will be sent to all registrants after the fact.

Unpacking Conspiracy Theories: Ideas for Confronting the Hydra of the Information Age

Conspiracy theories are nothing new, but the amplifying power of digital technology has turned the dial on conspiracy theories up to eleven. Librarians (and others) who hope to promote information literacy and foster critical

thinking skills too often find their voices drowned out by the chatter of conspiracy theories.

Join Donald Barclay to examine the history, components, and appeal of conspiracy theories. Understanding how conspiracy theories work–and why their conclusions are spurious–is essential for teaching students and others to identify and avoid conspiracy theories as well as for reaching out to those caught in the trap of conspiracist ideation.

Topics covered in the webinar include:

- Actual conspiracies versus conspiracy theories
- Falsifiability and circular reasoning
- Conspiracy theories and digital technology
- Types of conspiracy theories
- Characteristics of conspiracy theories
- The appeal of conspiracy theories

This Niche Academy webinar will be held on **June 7 at 11 am PT**. 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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