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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

June 21, 2023



Save the Date for the Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit!

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

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.**

Stay tuned for updates about registration and program schedule!

For questions, please email info@wla.org.



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!

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 updates about registration and conference programming.

For questions, please email info@wla.org.

Application open May 1-June 30

**2023-2024
WLA Scholarships**



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.

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.

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 by June 30.**

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.



ALA Chapter Chats:
Drop-In Hours with Steven Bailey
Third Wednesdays | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Drop-in at the ALA Chapter Chat today!

Steven Bailey holds his monthly ALA Councilor "Office Hours" today, June 21 from 1-2 p.m. As WLA's Chapter Councilor to ALA Council, he represents your interests to ALA and invites you to stop by to say hello and ask questions!

Use this [Zoom Link](#) to join or [log in](#) to the WLA website to access meeting information on the *Meetings & Events* calendar.

Please feel free to submit questions, comments and feedback regarding all things ALA as well, using the submission form linked below.

[Submit Your Questions](#)

WLA is a Chapter Affiliate Member of the American Library Association (ALA). ALA has affiliate relationships — a longtime partnership — with state library associations (chapters) in all fifty States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and regional library associations in the Mountain Plains, New England, Pacific Northwest, and Southeastern regions.

Chapters promote general library service and librarianship within its geographic area, provide geographic representation to the Council of the American Library Association, and cooperate in the promotion of general and joint enterprises with the American Library Association and other library groups.

If you have any questions, please contact info@wla.org.

Look Who's Hiring

Antioch University Seattle School Library Endorsement Program is seeking a [Program Associate](#).

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 for the Bainbridge Island branch](#).

Longview School District is seeking a [HS Library Media Specialist](#).

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

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Supervising Librarian III](#), a [Collection & Technical Services Manager](#), and [multiple other openings](#).

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

Seattle Central College is seeking a [Library Reference Assistant](#).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries are seeking a [Learning & Development Specialist](#) and a [Library Associate](#).

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

The Edmonds School District is seeking a [Library Coordinator .6 FTE for the 23-24 School Year](#).

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.

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



Early Bird Registration Open for the 2023 ARSL Conference

[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](#).

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.

WLA Membership Benefit Spotlight: Using the WLA E-Lists

Did you know? WLA membership grants you access to WLA e-lists! We have a moderated all-member e-list and e-lists for each division and section.

WLA's E-Lists enable professional discussion between WLA members across the state.

Possible content includes:

- WLA business and activities
- Professional networking
- Announcements of grants, resources, conferences, workshops, publications, position openings, and other news relevant to libraries
- Resource sharing
- Civil, professional discourse

To learn more about the WLA e-lists visit wla.org/e-list-and-newsletter.

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

Last Day to Apply for Washington Digital Heritage Grants is June 30

The 2023-2024 Washington Digital Heritage Grants will close for applications on **Friday June 30 at 11:59 pm**. Washington Digital Heritage Grants provide up to \$15,000 to libraries for digital projects that promote the creation and sharing of digital content documenting Washington's history. Grants are open to public, academic, tribal, and special libraries for projects running through August 2024. Learn more about this grant opportunity at <https://washstatelib.libguides.com/2023WDH>.

Contact wslgrants@sos.wa.gov if you have any questions. Washington Digital Heritage Grants are funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

2023 School Library Training Day Feedback Survey

The Washington State Library's School Library Training Day Committee is currently in the process of planning their next full day professional development opportunity tailored to the needs of folks who are working in school libraries. In order to design this day to meet the needs of those who might benefit, they have

created a survey to gauge training needs and interest! Please find the [survey here](#).

All data collected will be kept private and only used in aggregate. If you feel comfortable leaving your contact information at the end, they will only use it for the stated purposes.

Please help by sharing [the link to this survey](#) with other folks who work in school libraries!

For questions, email WSLtrainings@sos.wa.gov.

The Learning Curve

Reproductive Health and the Reference Desk: How libraries can provide information in a post-Roe country

It has been over a year since the U.S. Supreme Court repealed Roe v. Wade. Abortion is now illegal in a significant portion of the country. What does this mean for information access? This NNLM Region 6 Spotlight Speaker Series webinar will discuss reproductive health as an information access concern, introduce the Reproductive Justice framework, and offer ideas for how libraries can provide create environments that are supportive of sexual and reproductive health information.

Barbara Alvarez is a PhD student in Information Science at University of Wisconsin–Madison with a focus on reproductive health. Barbara is the author of *The Library's Guide to Sexual and Reproductive Health Information* with ALA Editions. She is a 2022 Library Journal Mover & Shaker and a 2011 Spectrum Scholar.

The webinar will be held on July 18 from 9-10 am PT. [Register here to attend](#). The recording will be available on the [NNLM YouTube channel](#) 1-2 weeks following the live webinar.

Lifting Voices Webinar: Indigenous Stories Are for Everyone: The Importance of Picture Books for Indigenous Resurgence Schedule

Don't miss this opportunity to join an all-star panel of Indigenous/Native American authors and illustrators as they discuss the power of bringing their culture into the hands and minds of young children through picture books.

Moderated by Michael Hutchinson (Swampy Cree), author of the Mighty Muskrats series, the panel features Alfreda Beartrack-Algeo (Lakota), author

and illustrator of "The Cottonwood Sings," Andrea Fritz (Coast Salish), author and illustrator of the Coast Salish Tales series, and Peggy Janicki (Dakelh), author of "The Secret Pocket."

This free webinar is brought to you by Mackin and will be held on Thursday, July 6, 12:00pm – 1:00pm PT. [Register here](#).

Internet for All in Washington June Webinar

The Washington State Broadband Office (SBO), in partnership with the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA), is hosting a monthly webinar series through December 2023. They will provide updates for the state's current planning process to access federal resources that will bring high-speed broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities. These webinars will give you and your community a space to:

- Hear updates on the state's plan to bring accessible and affordable internet access to all in Washington.
- Ask questions and engage with them to continue to share the challenges your community is facing.

This free webinar will explore their ongoing efforts to ensure all communities can access and use affordable and reliable internet, along with the skills necessary to participate in the digital world.

This webinar will be held on June 28, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. No registration needed.

Link: <https://wastatecommerce.zoom.us/j/86956647548?pwd=T0svcCswbFJCTWFTTmhQZ2FYbEFWQT09>

Passcode: 563311

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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