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Save the Date for the Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit!

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

[Registration rates are now available!](#) Due to popular demand, we will be offering state-wide access registration and organizational registration in addition to individual registration.

Organizational rates are determined by quantity of employees registered. State-wide registration grants access to the live event, recorded sessions, and any speaker materials to **all library-employees in that state.** Pricing tiers are determined by estimated total number of library employees in the area. Don't miss these great opportunities to provide your staff access to valuable professional development at deeply discounted rates!

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.**

For questions, please email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.

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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! Early Bird and virtual registration will open September 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.

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.



Alki wants to hear from YOU!

Call for Papers: *Libraries, Disrupted*

Alki's Winter issue submission window opens today!

You voted and we listened! *Alki* thanks everyone who offered ideas and voted in our surveys for the December theme. Due to the significant thematic overlap between the top two choices, we decided to combine them and let the submissions we receive shape the direction of the next issue.

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, October 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](#).

Central Washington University is seeking a [Secretary Senior at Central Washington University Libraries](#).

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 [Branch Librarian at multiple locations](#).

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

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 are seeking a Public Services Assistant I and a Library Associate.

Spokane Public Library is seeking a [Youth Services Manager](#).

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.

Conference Bulletin



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](#).

National Association for Media Literacy Educators (NAMLE) Online Conference July 14 - 15

NAMLE hosts the largest professional development conference dedicated to media literacy education in the U.S.

Join hundreds of educators, practitioners, scholars, and concerned citizens virtually on July 14-15 to address questions, build community, foster dialogue, and create change so that we all may live in a media literate world.

This year's conference will feature sessions covering a variety of professional development needs, including:

- Foundational content knowledge around core media literacy concepts,
- Expert sessions from experienced teachers on how to teach media literacy,
- Teacher-led modeling and discussion of specific ways students learn and practice media literacy skills, and
- Approaches to assessment.

Registration includes access to all live sessions and keynotes, the 2023 NAMLE Awards event, and all recordings for 90 days! 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.

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.

Join members of ACRL's New Roles and Changing Landscapes Committee and invited panelists for this discussion of strategies and assessment techniques for making your library welcoming to all users. The panel will address four main questions:

- What does it mean to be welcoming? How do you apply this to academic libraries?
- What are some ways that your library has created a welcoming space for people of diverse backgrounds as related to accessibility, library users with disabilities, cultural backgrounds, language, first generation students, safety, events, policies, working with other academic departments, etc.?
- What are some ways you have measured progress or success in making your library a welcoming space?
- What tips or suggestions do you have for academic libraries and library workers to help make their library a welcoming space for people of diverse backgrounds?

This ACRL webinar will be held July 11 at 11 am PT. [Register here](#).

Presenters include Dr. Shavonn Matsuda, Head Librarian, University of Hawai'i Maui College; Kristin Meyer, Associate Dean of Collections, Digital Strategy, and Strategic Organizational Development, Grand Valley State University; Denise Leyton, Strategic Projects Coordinator in Library Environments, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI); and moderator Sarah Dornback, Instruction Librarian, University of Texas at Dallas.

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, 12:00 – 1:00pm PT**. [Register here](#).

Power, Control, and Fear: Eight Historical Tenets of Censorship

Censorship is an act of control, driven by a combustible mix of power, privilege, and fear. Large pro-censorship movements historically occur in response to social changes that alarms a privileged population, dictating access to information for the entire community according to the personal beliefs of the privileged group.

This webinar will explore eight historical tenets of censorship that shed light on the current censorship movement, which are useful to libraries seeking ways to understand and to navigate the latest threat of book bans. While this new movement has added seemingly unthinkable dimensions, like laws that threaten to imprison libraries for simply doing their jobs, much of what is occurring now is also deeply rooted in past attempts to thwart social change.

About the speakers: Dr. Paul T. Jaeger (University of Maryland), Allison Jennings-Roche (Towson University), Dr. Natalie Green Taylor (University of South Florida), and Dr. Ursula Gorham (University of Maryland).

This EveryLibrary webinar will be held on July 11, 3:00 - 4:00 pm. [RSVP 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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