



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

October 30, 2019

On this day: In 1938, H. G. Wells' *The War of the Worlds*, narrated by Orson Welles, was broadcast.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Alki Seeks New Editor



WLA is seeking an Editor for *Alki*! A minimum two-year commitment is requested, and the position will begin by March 2020. The *Alki* Editor is responsible for providing a balanced mixture of relevant and thoughtful articles and features on the interests, responsibilities, and concerns of all library personnel. **Apply** by November 19.

Deadline Extended for Program Proposals: WLA Virtual Conference



Do you work in Marketing & Communications, in Professional Development, or with Emergent Technologies? We are now accepting proposals from experts in the fields for our first-ever **WLA Virtual Conference** on Tuesday, January 14, 2020! There are limited program slots for this all-day conference, and so we are looking for innovators in the fields of Marketing & Communications, Professional Development, and Emergent Technologies to propose topics by **Monday, November 4**. Programs should be relevant to all types of libraries, though special consideration will be given to programs relevant to small and rural libraries. **Submit your proposal here!**

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Highline College is seeking a **Part-Time Faculty Instructor**. The position is open until filled.

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is seeking a **Branch Manager**. The position is open until filled.

Institute for Functional Medicine is seeking a **Medical Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Edmonds Community College is seeking a **Library Director**. The position is open until filled.

King County Library System is seeking a **Children's Services Librarian**. The position is open until October 31.

Kelso Public Library is seeking two **Pages**. The positions are open until filled.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

LibraryCon Live! 2019

Join *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal* for the third annual **LibraryCon Live!** LibraryCon is a day-long celebration of fandom-beloved stories and characters, featuring the creators behind mind-bending speculative fiction, innovative comics, and fan-favorite graphic novels. You'll also learn from librarians and industry insiders on how to plan and host your own Comic Con-style event.

Save the Date: WLA Academic Library Conference

WLA's CLAWS (College Libraries Across Washington State) Section and ALD (Academic Library Division) will come together for the **2020 WLA Academic Library Conference**. This all-day event will be held at on March 20, 2020, at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) lists job openings frequently. You can also browse WLA institutional members' postings [here](#).

If you have a current posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please **email** us and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

NEWS & NOTES

Legislative Day Registration Opens November 6

Join us in Olympia on February 5 for the **WA Library Legislative Day**, sponsored by WLA! This is a great opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state and meet with state legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them. This event is free to attend. Online registration will open November 6.

5th Annual Zine Contest

The Washington Center for the Book presents the **5th Annual Washington State Zine Contest**. Any zine made by a Washington State zinester in 2019 or 2020 will be considered. One winner will be chosen from each of these categories: Grades 4-6, Grades 7-9, Grades 10-12, Adults of all ages. Submissions are due Saturday, February 29, 2020.

From the Archives: Washington's Haunted Libraries



What's lurking in the stacks? From old creaky Carnegie buildings to librarians overstaying their welcome, here are a handful of Washington's reportedly haunted libraries.

Save the Date: 2020 WLA Conference



Save the date for the **2020 WLA Conference!**

When: October 7-10, 2020

Where: Spokane Convention Center

A request for conference proposals will be sent out in early 2020. Stay tuned for more details.

THE LEARNING CURVE

CAYAS Fall Workshop: Diversify Your Services, Refocus Your STEM Lens

Registration is now open for the CAYAS Fall Workshop! Join public and school library professionals for a day of learning! Discover strategies for using Children's & Young Adult Literature to engage readers of all ages with discussions about diversity, equity, and inclusion. Be introduced to new story time practices and new books for youth. Learn about providing STEM programming in a library setting. This workshop is appropriate for anyone serving ages 0 through 18 in libraries. Breakfast and snacks provided. Lunch on your own. Learn more and register [here](#).

Webinar: Working Across Difference: Making Better Connections

While we "know" our co-workers, we often struggle to understand the cultural nuances of dealing with people of different cultural backgrounds, religions, languages, sexual orientations, gender expressions,

- Toppenish Library, Yakima Valley Libraries: There are **stories of paranormal activity** on the second floor, which is kept locked from patrons. A man and women have been seen looking out of the second-story windows.
- Snohomish Library, Sno-Isle Libraries: **Catharine McMurchy**, who worked in the old Carnegie building as a librarian from 1923 to 1939, is said to haunt the library.
- Wilson Library, Western Washington University: Mabel Zoe Wilson, the first librarian at the Normal School (now WWU), is **reported to haunt** the university's library.
- Tacoma Public Library, Wheelock Branch: Maintenance workers **have reported strange disturbances**, and one person saw an apparition of a gray-haired woman believed to be Anna McCormick, the library's founder.
- Centennial Middle School, West Valley School District: Students **have reportedly witnessed** a woman with no legs floating around in the old library.
- Anacortes Museum: The museum, located in the old Carnegie library, has **had reports of** cold spots and disembodied footsteps, as well as the apparition of a former librarian.

#LibrariansofWAState and #LibraryWorkersofWAState

The Washington State Library is encouraging library workers to use #LibrariansofWAState and #LibraryWorkersofWAState hashtags to help tell the ever-changing stories of libraries of Washington State. Fun pictures and short blurbs about staff members of all sorts involved in projects in WA libraries of all types and sizes can be posted to these hashtags on social media.

Puget Sound Council Meeting in Shoreline

Love reading and reviewing new books? Love adding those books to your library for free? Join Puget Sound Council for the Review of Children's and Young Adult Literature! The Council meets every other month in Shoreline to peruse newly published books, share oral reviews of hot titles, chat about what's new in the library world, and eat delicious treats. The next meeting is Saturday, November 2, from 9-11 am at the Shoreline Conference Center -

socioeconomic variety, and more. We may be well intended when we enter or step back from a conversation. We know better, but what we don't know how to do is fix it right? This is part 4 of the webinar series, "**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Nine Conversations that Matter to Health Sciences Librarians with Jessica Pettitt**".

This free webinar will take place Wednesday, November 13 from 9:00 am–10:00 am PT. You can learn more or register [here](#).

Webinar: How to Decipher Your Web Analytics (and Use Them to Your Advantage)

You can market your organization till you're blue in the face, but if you don't know how your efforts are performing, you might find yourself running in circles or spinning your wheels. It's important to stop. Look at the numbers. Learn from them, then pivot if necessary—and that's where metrics and web analytics come in. They can steer you in the right direction if you know how to interpret them, then use them.

This free webinar will take place Thursday, October 31 from 11:00 am–12:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register [here](#).

National Network of Libraries of Medicine Needs Assessment Survey

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) Community Engagement Network has a short **needs assessment survey** to help them organize a Community of Practice for library staff who are providing consumer health information, programs, and services. Your responses are valued and requested by November 8.

2020 Census Equity Fund RFP Now Open

The **Washington Census Equity Fund**, managed by Philanthropy Northwest, is now open. This opportunity focuses on awarding grants to community-based organizations and tribes that are working on the 2020 Census outreach and education in hard-to-count communities. Applications are due on Friday, November 22.

Professional Library - Building H. More info can be found [here](#).

Have news to share? Please send it to the **WLA office** by Monday to be included in that week's digest. Please include "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

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