



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

December 4, 2019

On this day: In 1964, the first Burger King restaurant is opened in Miami, Florida.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Alki Seeking 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. Editor receives a \$3,000 annual honorarium to be delivered in three equal installments, plus approved expenses. **Apply** by December 17.

WLA Office Hours Extended

The WLA office will now be open 7:00 am–5:00 pm (Pacific Time). We hope these expanded office hours will better accommodate our members' needs.

Center for the Informed Public Launched at the University of Washington



The University of Washington launched the **Center for an Informed Public**, on Tuesday, December 3. Its mission is to marshal the collective resources of a world-class research university, embedded within local communities, to resist strategic misinformation, promote an informed society, and strengthen democratic discourse. The Center will be non-partisan. It will bring diverse voices from across industry, government, nonprofits and other institutions.

Jevin West, Director of the Center for an Informed Public, and Sam Gill, Vice President of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation welcomed the kickoff event followed by a panel discussion between leading experts in law, technology, information science, design, and media literacy from the Washington State University and the University of Washington.

Virtual Conference Keynote Spotlight: From Advocate to Activist

We are failing libraries with our current advocacy model. For libraries to get the funding and support we need, we have to move the conversation from advocating for libraries to creating activists for libraries. From the activists at EveryLibrary, learn to build actionable support from networks of change through community organizing and political action. Explore strategies and tactics used by some of the best community organizers, political action committees, and politicians. Discover the resources and skills that library activists need to increase funding and bolster political and community support.

John Chratska and Patrick "PC" Sweeney from EveryLibrary will deliver this closing keynote at the upcoming **WLA Virtual Conference** on January 15. **Registration** is open now!

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Library Circulation Supervisor**. The position is open until December 20.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library is seeking a **Senior Public Services Librarian**. The position is open until December 12.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Virtual Library Conference: Schedule Announced

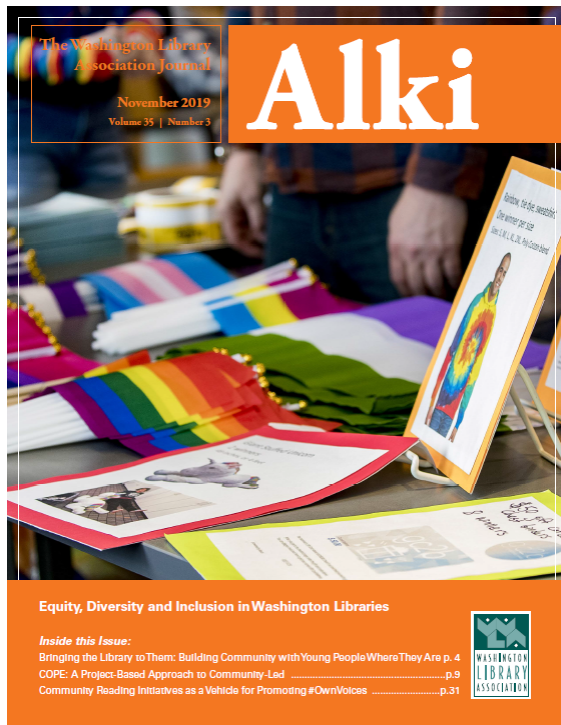
The University of Washington Center for an Informed Public is seeking up to three **Postdoctoral Scholars**. The positions are open until filled.

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

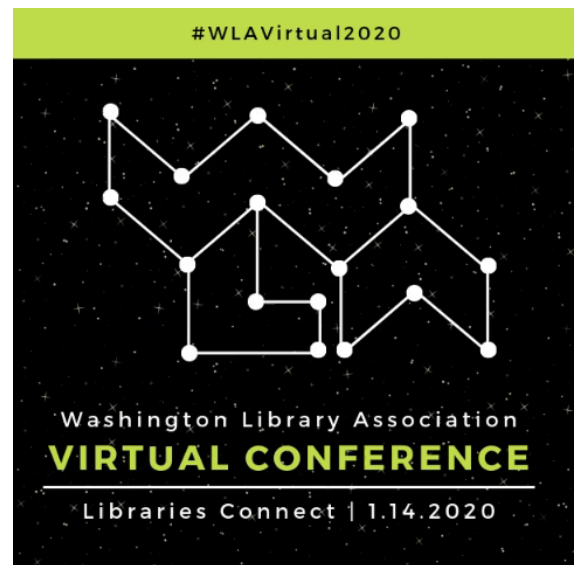
If you have a current posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please **email** us and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

NEWS & NOTES

November *Alki*: Equity, Diversity, Inclusion



The **November Issue of *Alki*** is now available! Our latest edition of *Alki* focuses on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Libraries. When it comes to libraries, racial equity and social justice need to be front and center. In this issue, we set out to highlight some of the fantastic work that library staff and organizations are engaged in and also ways that we can challenge ourselves to do better and to think bigger. This is certainly not an endpoint, but rather a starting place to share ideas, tools, and perspectives on how to be more inclusive, to share more power, and ultimately create a place of belonging for those that we serve.



Registration is now open for the first-ever **WLA Virtual Conference** on Tuesday, January 14, 2020! This all-day event will bring together library professionals from around Washington and the world to build connections and envision the future of libraries. **Register today!**

By holding this conference online, we're able to lower the barriers of attending and presenting that many face due to limited staffing, funding, or location. Programs are focused three topic tracks: *Emergent Technologies*, *Career & Professional Development*, and *Marketing & Communications*. Read more about our programs [here](#).

WLA Academic Library Conference



wla academic library conference

March 20, 2020 | Ellensburg, WA

deep roots, new growth

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

New Report on the Roles of School Librarians



New York State Library, the Northeast Comprehensive Center/RMC Research Corporation, and the New York State Education Department released *Roles of the School Librarian: Empowering Student Learning and Success* on November 12. The report is a compilation of research studies detailing how the school librarian's contributions are consistently shown to be of positive value to students, teachers, and the wider school community. Its methodology explores the five roles of the school librarian recognized and defined by the American Association of School Libraries: teacher, leader, instructional partner, information specialist, and program administrator, etc.

Legislative Day 2020: Registration Open

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. Make sure your voice gets heard and your library community is represented.

WA Library Legislative Day is free to attend. This year, WLA will be setting up meetings between attendees and legislators. **Online registration is now open!**

\$10,000 Grant Opportunity from ALA & Penguin Random House

For the second year, Penguin Random House is offering a Library Award for Innovation. Penguin Random House will award \$10,000 to a U.S. library that has created a lasting innovative community service program, which will successfully inspire and connect new readers. Four runner ups will receive \$1,000 in Penguin Random House books. Learn more and apply [here](#).

University in Ellensburg.

The conference theme of "Deep Roots, New Growth" seeks to cultivate the fruit of academic library work while staying grounded in an ever-changing library environment. We find ourselves at a crossroads of new and emerging ways of accessing information in academic libraries and continuously challenging the library image on campus, while also staying connected to the bedrock principles of libraries. How do we remain responsive to a changing student population, as well as increasing focus on diversity and inclusion? How can we grow with the culture of our campus patrons and rise to meet the future needs of teaching and learning?

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

Webinar: Writing Boxes: Library Programming that Will Inspire Writing and Support Literacy and Family Engagement

Library staff that serve children understand one of their core missions is to support reading. But what about writing? In this how-to webinar, presenter Lisa Von Drasek will describe Writing Boxes, an "instant" program

Snowshoes & Telescopes from NCRL

The North Central Regional Library has begun offering snowshoes and telescopes for checkout at their 30 locations. "We live in an amazing place where outdoor access and recreation is so abundant," said NCRL STEM Manager Heather Inczauskis. "Unfortunately for some people access is a barrier. Providing resources like this that help people access the outdoors fosters individual growth in keeping with our library mission. It's beneficial for physical and mental health and can aid in reducing stress." Read more about this fantastic resource [here](#).

eBook/eAudiobook User Survey

The Jefferson County Library invites e-readers to participate in an eBook/ eAudiobook User Behavior Survey available online through December 15. This short, ten-question survey is available [here](#).

template that requires very little prep, is easily replicable, inexpensive, works across age groupings, and supports increased literacy and community engagement.

You will learn how easy it is to plan and produce a Writing Box program, including modeling one program and offering suggestions on how to structure a program for children and young adults as well as their caregivers. She will cover selecting developmentally relevant and culturally responsive mentor titles while considering diversity of physical, developmental, and cognitive abilities creating a non-threatening and non-judgmental spaces to write.

This free webinar will take place Thursday, December 5 from 12:00–1:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register [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.