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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

December 21, 2022



Wenatchee • Mar 30-Apr 1

### **WLA2023: Announcing the Primary Source Scholarship for Rural & Small Libraries!**

We are pleased to share the Primary Source Scholarship for Rural & Small Libraries, for attendance to the [2023 WLA Conference in Wenatchee](#), March 30-April 1.

Applicants must be current WLA members who work in a **public** small and/or rural library and who demonstrate need. Scholarship funds must be used to attend the in-person [2023 WLA Conference](#).

The definitions of small and rural libraries, according to the Institute of Museum & Library Services are:

- Small libraries have a service population of 25,000 or fewer.
- Rural libraries are located 5 or more miles from the nearest town of 25,000 or more.

The scholarship will provide one recipient full conference registration, attendance at up to two preconference workshops, up to three nights of lodging, and travel reimbursement.

The application will **become available on Wednesday, Jan. 4** at [wla.org/2023-wla-conference](https://wla.org/2023-wla-conference). The deadline to submit the application will follow on **Thursday, Jan. 19**.

Thank you to our scholarship sponsor, Primary Source! This scholarship is made possible by our new conference sponsorship opportunities. If you know of an organization that would like to make a direct impact in the Washington library community, please [share this opportunity with them](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the WLA Office by calling or texting 206-823-1138 or by emailing [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org).



### Save the date for WA Library Legislative Day!

Please save the date, Feb. 9, 2023 for [WA Library Legislative Day](#)! We are excited to share that we will be returning to the legislative session in Olympia this year.

This free, annual event is a great opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state and understand legislative priorities, as well as to meet with state legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them.

In the coming months, you can prep for WA Library Legislative Day with the following actions:

- Learn about the [K12Librarians4AllWA Campaign](#)
- Familiarize yourself with your [district representatives](#)
- Complete a quick [Advocacy Orientation](#)

There will be many opportunities for library advocacy in the months to come — consider becoming involved and helping WLA push our goals over the finish line!

If you have any questions about Legislative Day or [WLA's 2023 agenda](#), please contact the WLA Office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org)!

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### ***Alki* Call for Papers: Accessibility Matters**

The Washington library community wants to hear from you! Share your voice by publishing in [Alki: The Washington Library Association Journal](#). We welcome content from all library workers, students, supporters, volunteers, and trustees. We publish peer-reviewed articles, opinion pieces, creative writing, and art.

This issue is all about putting the 'A' back in equity acronyms. We know that disability is a spectrum and accessibility benefits everyone. We want to know how the big 'A' has played a role in your work and life. We're excited to announce that this will be our first text-based issue of Alki. Submissions could include the following:

- Art, creative writing, opinion pieces, or articles written by disabled members of our community
- Navigations through legal accommodations processes and how copyright got in the way
- Programs, events, and partnerships that have enriched your library's service to the disabled community
- Assessments, audits, and renovations that have made your library's physical (or virtual) space more accessible
- Technical knowledge essential for making library catalogs, websites, software, hardware, and electronic resources more accessible to the print disabled

- Virtual tours and spotlights on local organizations and institutions that center accessibility as their core mission
- Research-driven and persuasive pieces on the importance of accessibility in libraries, schools, museums, archives, and other cultural institutions

*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.

Email your submissions to [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org) by **Feb. 8, 2023**. Submissions should be in a separate, email attachment (.doc, .docx, or Google Doc format) and include the following:

- Title
- Author name(s) and affiliation(s)
- Short, third-person bio and headshot of author(s)
- Text of article and citations using Chicago Manual of Style
- Images in .jpg or .png format with accompanying captions and alt text
- Pull quotes or short selections of your article that you would like highlighted in larger print
- Any specific formatting requests

The *Alki* editorial committee is available to discuss ideas and expectations. Reach out by contacting us at [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org). For inspiration, [check out past issues of \*Alki\*](#).

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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THE WLA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
DEC 26-DEC 30 IN OBSERVANCE OF  
THE HOLIDAYS.

FROM OUR OFFICE TO YOURS, HAVE  
A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

## Look Who's Hiring

Bellevue College is seeking a [Part-Time Librarian](#).

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is seeking an [Executive Director](#).

Central Washington University Library is seeking a [Student Success Librarian](#),  
[Assistant Professor](#).

Gonzaga University is seeking an [Adjunct Faculty](#), [Foley Library](#).

King County Library System is seeking thirty two [Librarians – Public Services](#).

Kent School District is seeking a [Teacher Librarian / Technology Integration Specialist](#).

Mount Vernon City Library is hiring a [Public Services Librarian](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Okanogan\)](#); a [Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Republic\)](#); and [Bilingual Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Brewster\)](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Business & Economics Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant I, Part-Time](#), a [Community Engagement Manager](#), and a [Graphic Designer](#)

Vancouver Community Library is seeking a [Branch Manager 2](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Serials Cataloger](#).

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Full-Time Regional Programming Coordinator](#) and a [Full-Time Library Associate Supervisor - Bookmobile](#).

*If your institution has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email [newsletter@wla.org](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.*

## Conference Bulletin



### Registration Rates for #WLA2023 Available!

[Registration rates are now available](#) for the 2023 WLA Conference in Wenatchee, March 30-April 1, 2023!

Registration rates are available for individuals, both in-person and online. There are also in-person registration rates available for groups associated with a single organization.

Early Bird registration will open in January 2023. We recommend [booking your stay](#) at the conference hotel in the meantime!

The 2023 conference theme is *All In, Reach Out*. Our experiences over the past few years have reinforced the importance of connection. We've adapted and learned new ways to connect with each other, to collaborate with community partners, and to meet the changing needs of our patrons and students.

Join us at the confluence of the Columbia and Wenatchee Rivers this spring, where we will explore our methods of connection and share the resulting innovations. By reaching out and breaking down silos, we can be all in for our communities.

If you have any questions, please contact the WLA Office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) or (206) 823-1138.

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### **RUSA BRASS Public Librarian Support Award**

Know a public librarian who has performed outstanding business reference? Interested in traveling to ALA to learn more about business reference, but lacking travel funds to do so?

Apply for the RUSA BRASS Public Librarian Support Award. This annual award sponsored by Morningstar, offers a cash award of \$1,250 in travel funds for a public librarian, who has performed outstanding business reference service, and who requires financial assistance, to attend the ALA Annual Conference.

To nominate a librarian, complete the [Public Librarian Support Award nomination form](#), following the submission instructions therein. Self-nominations are accepted. More information and nomination criteria can be [found here](#).

**Deadline for application is Feb. 17, 2023.**

## **News & Notes**



# **Indigenous Voices**

## **An Evening of Poetry & Conversation**

**Featuring**

Laura Da'

Rena Priest

Cedar Sigo

Arianne True

hosted by Linley Logan

**Location:** s'g'wigwi ? altxw: House of Welcome  
at the Evergreen State College

**Date and time:** January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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## Indigenous Voices: An Evening of Poetry & Conversations

Indigenous Voices: An Evening of Poetry and Conversation is a presentation of the Washington Center for the Book (Washington State Library), s'g'wi g'wi ? altx<sup>w</sup>: House of Welcome-Evergreen Longhouse, Humanities Washington, and the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA).

This presentation, held on **Jan. 17** at the Evergreen Longhouse, will be an evening of poetry and conversation with four Indigenous Washington poets. Laura Da' (Eastern Shawnee), Rena Priest (Lummi, current Washington State Poet Laureate), Cedar Sigo (Suquamish), and Arianne True (Choctaw, Chickasaw) will read selections from their work and speak about poetry and the world through an Indigenous lens.

**Jan. 17, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

Register here: [bit.ly/indigenousvoicesevent](https://bit.ly/indigenousvoicesevent)

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### **Tsione Wolde-Michael to Lead President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities**

Tsione Wolde-Michael, most recently the founding Director of the Smithsonian's Center for Restorative History, has been named Executive Director of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (PCAH).

Under a new Executive Order issued by President Biden, PCAH has been established to engage the nation's artists, humanities scholars, and cultural heritage practitioners on ways to promote excellence in the arts, the humanities, and museum and library services and demonstrate their relevance to the country's health, economy, equity, and civic life.

To learn more, see full press release [linked here](#).

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### **New Funding Opportunities for Technology and Collection Development from NNLM Region 5**

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New funding opportunities from the [Network of the National Library of Medicine](#) (NNLM) [Region 5](#) are open. A Request for Applications is posted for the following awards:

- [Technology Equity Awards](#), 6 awards available, up to \$5,000 each
- [Collection Equity Awards](#), 7 awards available, up to \$1,500 each



An email stating intent to apply must be sent to [nnlm@uw.edu](mailto:nnlm@uw.edu) by 5 p.m. PT on Jan. 24, 2023. Applications are due by 5 p.m. PT on Feb. 21, 2023.

More information is available on the [NNLM Region 5 blog](#).

If you have questions, please email Emily Hamstra, Assistant Director, NNLM Region 5, at [ehamstra@uw.edu](mailto:ehamstra@uw.edu)



### **8th Annual WA State Zine Contest is Open!**

The Washington State Zine Contest, open to all ages, is a Washington Center for the Book, The Seattle Public Library, and Timberland Regional Library partnership.

Visit the [Washington Center for the Book site](#) for contest entry forms, submission guidelines, and downloadable posters. Entries must be postmarked by Feb. 24, 2023.

If you have questions or would like help promoting this contest in your community, email [Sara Peté](#).

## **The Learning Curve**

### **Niche Academy: UX Research Methods for Libraries**

Join Mark Aaron Polger as he introduces selected user research methods utilized in User Experience (UX) design. No matter what kind of library you're in, Mark will discuss various qualitative and quantitative research techniques and activities to help participants better understand library users.

UX research methods combine techniques used in marketing and ethnographic research. UX includes examples such as usability testing, A/B

testing, card sorting methods, survey research, eye tracking research, diary studies, customer journey mapping, focus groups, and user interviews.

This Niche Academy webinar will be held on Jan. 11, 11 a.m. PT. [Please register here](#). 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.

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### **Niche Academy: Level Up Your Book Displays**

Book displays are more than a simple tool for passive Readers' Advisory. A well-crafted display captures patrons' attention, sparks imagination, and sends subtle (or not-so-subtle) messages about your library's values and institutional culture.

In this presentation, Faithe Miller Lakowicz shares practical approaches for maximizing the impact of book and media displays, including low-cost "hacks" for maximizing visual appeal; highlighting diversity, equity, and inclusion; honing an institutional voice; using displays to create bridges between library departments; and ensuring that displays are accessible and compelling for a variety of patrons.

This webinar, brought to you by Niche Academy, will be held on Jan. 18, 11 a.m. PT. Please [register here](#). 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.

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### **Webjunction: Native Stories, Native Peoples: Opportunities for Library Engagement**

The history and current experiences of Indigenous peoples and Tribal Nations are complex, rich and diverse. Libraries can play an important role in counteracting damaging myths and narratives about Native peoples, as well as exploring contemporary struggles and joys.

This webinar will highlight opportunities for libraries to connect their communities to accurate and respectful information, fostering understanding and support of Indigenous peoples past and present. Resources for learning about treaties, Tribal Nations and lands, as well as insights into the experiences of Native communities today will also be shared. With a better understanding of these distinctive histories and cultures, library staff can promote learning and knowledge, support engagement with Native issues and peoples, and better serve all individuals in their community.

Presented by: Naomi Bishop, Health Sciences Librarian, University of Arizona's Phoenix Biomedical Campus, and Akimel O'odham (Pima) from the Gila River

## Indian Community

This webinar, brought to you by WebJunction, will be held on Feb. 15, 12 p.m. PT. Please [register here](#).

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*Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at [newsletter@wla.org](mailto: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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