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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

September 14, 2022



2023 WLA Elections

Nominations Open

for future WLA leaders

Final Call for WLA 2023 Elections Nominations

Are you seeking leadership experience? Looking to meet new people in the library field? Passionate about advocacy for libraries and library professionals?

The elections nomination deadline is coming up on **Friday, Sept. 16**. Visit <https://www.wla.org/elections> to find available positions, this year's election timeline, and the nomination form, which is also available below.

[2023 Nomination Form](#)

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



Attend the WLA Accessibility in Libraries Summit

[Registration](#) is now open for the [2022 WLA Accessibility in Libraries Summit!](#)

This all-day virtual event on Friday, Oct. 21 will bring together library professionals to engage in topics surrounding accessibility. Divisional round tables will take place at the end of the day so that attendees can network and reflect on what they've learned.

The Summit will have a single interdisciplinary track on topics related to accessibility. An official schedule will be posted soon.

Cost to attend the Summit is \$20 for WLA students, \$35 for WLA members, and \$55 for non-members.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org.

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#K12LIBRARIANS4ALLWA

#K12Librarians4AllWA Campaign Launched!

The [WLA Advocacy Committee](#) and [School Library Division](#) have been hard at work laying the groundwork for a 2023 campaign aimed to get all Washington K-12 students access to qualified Teacher-Librarians. **#K12Librarians4AllWA** is

the official hashtag for this WLA-supported campaign. So far, WLA members have created a [website](#) to inform Washington residents about the campaign and how they can help, crafted a letter of support for WLA to send state legislators, and even designed a campaign logo.

We need the support of ALL WLA members to make this campaign a success. Check out the [website](#) to learn more about the current state of school libraries in Washington and why this campaign is important. Share our [graphics](#) on social media (with #K12Librarians4AllWA), and let your friends and families know about this essential campaign. Most important, **write to your state legislators** with your reasons for supporting strong school libraries. **Invite your state legislators, district administrators, and school board members into your school library.** You find out how to contact your legislators on the campaign website along with a [sample letter](#) and [talking points](#).

Today's students encounter more information, and more disinformation, than ever before. Strong school library programs help fight disinformation, increase student achievement, prepare students for college, career, and community, and help close the achievement gap for students experiencing poverty. Current Washington law has a loophole which allows individual school districts to take funds provided for Teacher-Librarians and use them for other things. **Help us close this gap and ensure that Washington's K-12 students have access to the strong school library programs they need.**

2022 WLA Scholarship Winners Announced

On behalf of the WLA Professional Development Committee, we're excited to announce the winners of the WLA Scholarships for 2022-2023!

- Hayley Park – [Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)
- Hillary Marshall – [Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)
- Margo Nguyen – [Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)
- Andrea Redmond – [John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)
- Caitlin Wheeler – [WALE Continuing Education Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)

Thank you to all who applied for this year's round of scholarships! If you have any questions, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

Look Who's Hiring

Big Bend Community College is seeking a [Library Consortium Services Manager](#).

Central Washington University seeks a [Library & Archives Paraprofessional 3](#) and [Archives & Special Collections Technician](#).

Chastek Library at Gonzaga University School of Law is seeking a [Research and Instruction Librarian](#).

City of Grandview is seeking a [Library Director](#).

King County Library System is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

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

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Branch Manager \(Silverdale\)](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Finance Director](#) and a [Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Republic\)](#).

OCLC is seeking a [Program Manager - Web Junction](#).

Seattle University is seeking an [Electronic Services Manager \(Law Library\)](#), a [Health Sciences Librarian](#), and a [Scholarly Communications Officer](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Manager II](#), a [Library Associate, 15-hour](#), and a [Library Circulation Supervisor](#).

South Puget Sound Community College is seeking an [Open Education Librarian](#).

UW Center for an Informed Public is seeking an [Education & Engagement Manager](#).

UW Records Management is seeking a [Compliance Analyst](#).

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

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

Register for the ACRL-OR/WA Joint Fall Conference

[Registration is now open](#) for the the ACRL-OR/WA Joint Fall Conference, which will be an opportunity for *Support and Reconnection!*

You are invited to attend this in-person conference Oct. 27-28 at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett, Ore.

The registration deadline is Oct. 1. Your registration includes three meals, accommodations, programs, and all of the support and reconnection you can get!

If you wish to contribute a program, the call for lightning talks, posters, and skillshares is [still open](#)! Please send any questions to ACRL-OR at acrlor@olaweb.org.

Call for Annual 2023 Education Program Proposals



Time is winding down!

Submit your best ideas by September 16.

Program Submission Site for ALA 2023 Closes Friday

Do you have innovative concepts that changed the game for your library and community? Best practices that have advanced your administrative or management processes? Cool educational programs that have energized your patrons and staff?

[Submit](#) your best ideas to ALA by Sept. 16 for a chance to share them with the library world at the [2023 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition](#), June 22-27, 2023, in Chicago!

Program decisions will be announced Dec. 2022. [View](#) the program timeline and proposal guidelines. If you have any questions, please use the [ALA 2023 Contact Form](#).

News & Notes

Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Ambassadors Pilot Program

The OSPI Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Program is now accepting Requests to Participate from Washington State K-12 teachers and teacher-librarians who want to join the Ambassadors Pilot Program cohort for the 2022-23 school year.

Participants will develop their Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship instruction and leadership skills through a series of synchronous virtual sessions with guest presenters, synchronous PLC sessions, and asynchronous activities that help them reflect on their learning and make plans for implementation. Free clock hours and other benefits will be available.

[Requests to participate](#) are due by 4 p.m. on Sept. 30. Decisions about the cohort will be made by Oct. 10.

For more information, please read this [handout](#), watch this informational session [recording](#), or contact Lesley James, OSPI Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Program Supervisor at lesley.james@k12.wa.us.

ALA Nominating Committee Seeking Candidates

Are you interested in serving the American Library Association on Council or as ALA President? The ALA Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to self-nominate for the 2023 ALA elections!

If you've considered running for ALA President or one of the 33 open ALA Councilor-at-large positions, please reach out anyone on the [ALA Nominating Committee](#).

Interested candidates will need to complete their bio form by Sept 30:
<https://officers.directnominations.net/>

A webinar recording is available of current and past ALA leaders speaking about their experiences serving ALA in these roles. The links to the recording, slides, and transcript are available at
<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/alaelection>.

The Learning Curve



UW iSchool: Intellectual Freedom Advocacy:

A Panel on Today's Chaotic Conversations

In celebration of Banned Books Week 2022 and in effort to highlight the ongoing and evolving nature of the intellectual freedom dialog taking place in public spaces across the country, the UW Information School is hosting a panel discussion on intellectual freedom with information experts, Sept. 21 from 5-6:30 p.m. PT.

During the panel, the nature of this transformation as well as its personal, professional, cultural and societal impacts will be explored, including those firsthand experiences of the panelists within the chaotic nature of the debate. Guests are welcome to stay following the panel for open breakout sessions to discuss their experiences.

The event is free and open to all. Check out the agenda and [register](#). Registration will close on Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. PT.

RUSA: "Ensuring Accessibility in Discovery"

Is your library interested in making your resources accessible to all patrons? Join the [Reference & User Services Association](#) (RUSA) for a 90-minute webinar on Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. PT for an informative discussion of the benefits of Equally Effective Alternate Access Plans (EEAAPs). [Register here](#).

The pandemic helped to emphasize how important online access to resources are to users who have no other way of obtaining library materials. However, material must be accessible for all users, including those with disabilities. EEAAPs are an effective means of ensuring that there are alternative procedures in place that will enable library users with physical and visual disabilities to access materials.

Registration fees for the webinar are \$71.10 (ALA Members); \$79 (Non-Members); \$46.61 (RUSA Division Members); and \$37.21 (Students). Those seeking continuing education credit will receive a certificate upon completion.

Rainbow Connections: "Celebrating LGBTQ+ Kids and Allies in Your Community and Beyond"

Is your library looking to start an LGBTQ+ youth program? Join the Public Library Association on Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. PT for a free webinar to learn how the Abington Township Public Library in Pennsylvania launched their successful program in the fall of 2021. [Register here](#) to attend.

Rainbow Connections is a virtual program, led by a team that includes a children's librarian and a community parent, that convenes LGBTQ+ children,

allies, and their families from across the country. Learn how to start your own library group to help support and affirm LGBTQ+ kids and their families as well as educate and build community with allies.

If you have questions, please contact plawebinars@ala.org or 800-545-2433 ext. 5PLA (5752).



Debbie LeeKeenan Early Childhood Workshops

ANTI-BIAS EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH: 1:00-2:30 P.M.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE:

PROVOKING COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH: 1:00-2:30 P.M.



WSL: Debbie LeeKeenan Early Childhood Workshops

The Washington State Library (WSL) will be hosting a two-part series of free online workshops with [Debbie LeeKeenan](#), a lecturer, consultant, and author currently residing in Seattle.

The first session in this series will provide a framework for anti-bias education. The second session will provide strategies on using children's literature to provide mirrors and windows to the world and as an opportunity to engage children in courageous conversations about potentially challenging topics.

Anti-Bias Education

Wednesday, Oct. 5: 1-2:30 p.m.

[Register here](#)

Children's Literature: Provoking Courageous Conversations

Wednesday, Oct. 19: 1-2:30 p.m.

[Register here](#)

Attendees are welcome to register for one or both of the sessions. There will be opportunities to apply the ideas in breakout rooms. It is recommended participants view her film [Reflecting on Anti-bias in Action: The Early Years](#) in advance of the sessions.

Workshops will be recorded and posted on the WSL Youth Services Niche Academy Page. Please contact Sara White at sara.white@sos.wa.gov if you have any questions!

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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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