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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

November 15, 2023



**2024  
WLA  
ELECTIONS**

**VOTE BY  
NOV 17!**

[www.wla.org/elections](http://www.wla.org/elections)

### **Please Vote in the 2024 WLA Elections**

Voting for the [2024 WLA Elections](#) is still open. If you are a current WLA member, please take a few minutes to vote for our 2024 Board, Division, and Section leadership. **Voting will be open through this Friday, Nov. 17.**

- **Step 1:** [Read through](#) the candidate statements.
- **Step 2:** [Vote](#) using our online ballot. To access the voting form, you will need to log in to your WLA account.

All current WLA members may vote for WLA Board positions. Ballots for WLA Divisions and Sections are restricted to current members of those groups.

If you'd like to vote for particular candidates in a Division or Section you don't currently belong to, please complete the [Add a Division or Section Form](#). Additional Division memberships are \$10 each. All Sections are FREE to join.

Winners will be announced November 29 in WLA Wednesday! New leadership terms will begin January 1, 2024.

If you have questions, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

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## Application Open for WLA 2024 Committees

### **2024 WLA Committee Application Closes Today!**

Are you interested in getting more involved with WLA? Whether you're new to WLA or a longtime volunteer, we would love for you to get involved by joining a WLA Committee.

**Today is the final day to apply to serve on a 2024 committee!** [This form](#) collects information about your background, the kind of volunteer work you'd like to do, and the names of groups to which you'd like an appointment.

Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs are appointed by the WLA President. Committee members are appointed by the committee Chair/Co-Chairs. Committee terms are a minimum of one year.

Committee members should:

- Participate in the meetings and activities of the committee
- Have an interest in the work of the committee
- Be a WLA Member

If you are interested in serving on a WLA committee, **please [complete this form](#) by end-of-day today, November 15.**

You will be notified of your committee appointment by the committee chair no later than December 1, 2023 for a term starting January 1, 2024.

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**#WLA2024**

**We All Belong**

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**Sale on New 2024 Conference Logo Available in WLA Store!**

The new [WLA 2024 Conference logo](#) is now available in the [WLA Store](#). To celebrate, save 20% off the entire store today through Nov. 19! If you'd like to show off your WLA pride at #WLA2024, be sure to order by Feb. 16 to receive before conference!

[#WLA2024](#) will be held March 1 - 3, 2024, in Spokane, WA. at the [Spokane Convention Center](#). Our 2024 Conference Theme is *We All Belong*. Registration opens next month. We hope you'll consider joining us in Spokane!



**ALA Chapter Chats:**

**Drop-In Hours with Steven Bailey**

*Third Wednesdays | 1:00-2:00 p.m.*

**Drop-in at the ALA Chapter Chat tomorrow!**

Steven Bailey holds his monthly ALA Councilor "Office Hours" today, November 15, from 1:00-2:00 pm. As WLA's Chapter Councilor to ALA Council, he represents your interests to ALA and invites you to stop by to say hello and ask questions!

To join, [log in](#) to the WLA website to access meeting information on the *Meetings & Events* calendar.

Please feel free to submit questions, comments and feedback regarding all things ALA as well, using the submission form linked below.

## Submit Your Questions

WLA is a Chapter Affiliate Member of the American Library Association (ALA). ALA has affiliate relationships — a longtime partnership — with state library associations (chapters) in all fifty States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and regional library associations in the Mountain Plains, New England, Pacific Northwest, and Southeastern regions.

Chapters promote general library service and librarianship within its geographic area, provide geographic representation to the Council of the American Library Association, and cooperate in the promotion of general and joint enterprises with the American Library Association and other library groups.

If you have any questions, please contact [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org).

### Look Who's Hiring

Asotin County Library is seeking [Youth Services Librarian](#).

City of Puyallup is seeking a [Library Services Manager](#).

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe is seeking a [Tribal Librarian](#).

KCLS is seeking a [Cataloging & Processing Manager](#), a [Librarian & Information Services Manager](#), and a [Youth & Family Services Manager](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking an [Adult Services Librarian](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#) at multiple locations and [Area Manager](#).

NNLM Region 5 is seeking an [Executive Director](#).

North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Youth Services Librarian 1](#).

Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Senior Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant I](#) (Lynnwood) and a [Public Services Assistant I, 15-hour](#) (Sultan).

San Juan Island Library is seeking an [Outreach Coordinator](#).

Seattle Public Library is seeking an [Adult Services Librarian Business, Science and Technology](#), an [Adult Services Librarian Humanities](#), and a [Regional Manager](#).

Tacoma Public Library is hiring an [Executive Assistant & Policy Analyst](#)

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Prison Libraries\)](#), a [Public and Tribal Library Consultant/Manager](#), and a [Statewide Cooperative Projects Librarian](#).

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking an [Accounting Payroll Specialist](#), a [Community Library Supervisor IV – Yakima Central](#), and a [Community Library Supervisor IV – West Valley](#).

*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.*

## News & Notes



The graphic is a promotional banner for a grant opportunity. On the left, there is a logo for 'LIBRARIES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES' with the tagline 'ACCESSIBLE SMALL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES' and the ALA American Library Association logo below it. The right side of the banner has a dark blue background with white text that reads 'A SPECIAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES'. Below this text is the URL 'ala.org/LTCAccess' and four icons: a magnifying glass, a person with a speech bubble, a brain, and a hand pointing.

### Grant Opportunity for Rural and Small Libraries

*Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Accessible Small and Rural Communities* is an initiative of the [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#) in partnership with the [Association for Rural and Small Libraries \(ARSL\)](#) that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities.

#### Through these grants, ALA strives to:

- Increase the accessibility of library facilities, services, and programs for people with disabilities in small and rural communities.
- Support libraries' community engagement efforts by providing resources to help them to work with impacted populations to guide improvement of library services.

**Deadline for Submission:** Monday, December 11, 2023 by 11:59 pm (CT)

**Award Notification Date:** Friday, February 8, 2024

Learn more about this opportunity and apply [here](#).

For questions, contact the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office staff at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5045, or [publicprograms@ala.org](mailto:publicprograms@ala.org).

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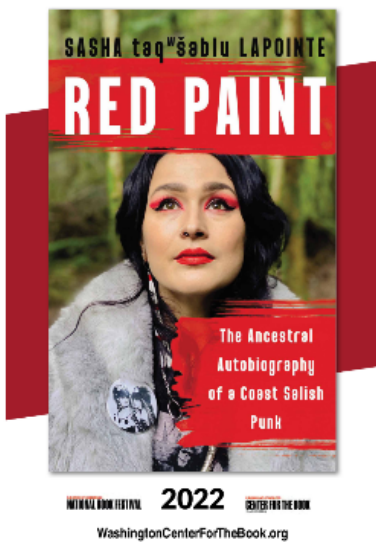
### The 9th Annual Washington State Zine Contest Now Open!

- Participants must be Washington State residents.
- Zines must be created in 2023 or 2024 and be at least 8 pages long.
- Submissions will be read by people of all ages; please only non-offensive content in your zine.
- Make at least 7 copies of your zine. Submit 5 and keep the others for yourself. Sharing and trading is a traditional aspect of zine culture! Entries will not be returned and may be added to a library's collection or used in promotional materials.

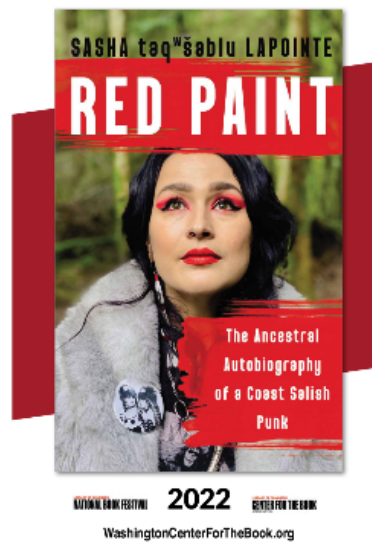
Find more submission guidelines and view the winners of the 8th Annual Washington State Zine Contest [here](#).

For more information email [sara.pete@sos.wa.gov](mailto:sara.pete@sos.wa.gov).

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### Opportunity for Author Visits with Sasha taqʷšəblu LaPointe

[Apply now](#) to host an author visit with Sasha taqʷšəblu LaPointe at your Library or Tribal Center. This opportunity, provided by the Washington Center for the Book, is made possible by the John Cole and Nancy Gwinn Grant from the Library of Congress.

### Coming Soon, Funding for Technology and Outreach from NNLM Region 5

Get ready, the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) [Region 5](#) will open funding opportunities in December 2023. Funded awards improve access to health information, furthering the [mission of the NNLM](#). Pending budget availability, upcoming awards include:

- Technology Improvement Award, to increase access to technology
  - 4 awards, \$5,000 each
- Outreach & Engagement Award, for programming or special projects
  - 1 award, \$25,000

Timeline:

- December 13, 2023: Requests for Applications/ Notice of Funding Opportunities posted to NNLM.gov
- February 14, 2024: Letters of Intent due
- April 2, 2024: Applications due
- June 1, 2024: Funded projects begin
- April 2025: Final reports due for funded projects

Tips:

- NNLM provides a [toolkit, course, and FAQs](#) to support your application.

- Browse [Previously Funded Awards](#) to get to know the types of projects
- CSLP's Virtual Summer Symposium in Adventure Begins at Your Library**

- Region 5 staff are available to answer questions. Contact Emily Hamstra, Assistant Director ([ehamstra@uw.edu](mailto:ehamstra@uw.edu)).

**Thursday, December 7, 2023**

**8am – 1:30pm PST**

[Registration now Open](#)

The CSLP Summer Symposium is a half-day virtual offering for public library staff to connect, learn, and collaborate as we plan for summer library programming around the 2024 theme of **Adventure Begins at your Library**.

Sessions will include:

- Simplifying Summer: Adventurous Observations from a Seasoned Storyteller
  - Get inspired and organized while streamlining the planning process.
- 2024 Manual Highlights: Adventure Begins at Your Library!
  - Gather ideas to jumpstart planning for summer 2024!
- Once Upon an Adventure: Practical Tips for Gathering Stories to Promote Your Library
  - Learn how a good story becomes good marketing, as well as practical tips to find stories that you can use for advocacy and promotion.
- Taking Adventure Outdoors: Programming and Partnerships facilitated
  - Panel discussion on ideas, resources, and partners that can support outdoor library programming.

Learn more and register at: <https://www.cslpreads.org/summer-symposium/>  
Not able to attend? [Sign up to receive a notice when recordings are posted](#)

## The Learning Curve

### **ARSL TRAIN: 13 Months of Advocacy for Small and Rural Libraries**

Thursday, November 16·11:00am – 12:00pm

**Free for ARSL Members *and* nonmembers!**

Interested in advocacy but don't think you have the time? We are all busy and our days are full. But taking a little time each month to get some advocacy into your everyday can help you build your connections, focus your work, and communicate with your best supporters.

Learn more about what you can do with a few minutes each month, or maybe more time if you can set it aside, for big impact with "Intro to 13 Months of



Advocacy". Consider these research-based activities, and real-world experiences, as a great starting place for you to think about your community, your connections, your supporters, and your work.

[Registration](#) is required to attend.

Facilitated by:

**Amy Stone**, Library Director at Bridgton Public Library  
& ARSL Advocacy Committee

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### **Games and Education Industry Collider**

[Games and Education Industry Collider](#) is happening on **November 15th, 6-10pm**, at the Pacific Science Center. Seattle EdTech Meetup, Seattle Indies, Pacific Science Center, and sponsor Foundry10 are partnering on an event designed to **bring educators and game industry professionals from all around the greater Seattle area together for a night of networking, knowledge sharing, and of course, games!**

Immerse yourself in a dynamic environment where innovative minds come together to discuss the potential of games in education. From gamified learning platforms to educational game development, this event will showcase inspiring projects and thought-provoking discussions.

Discover how games can revolutionize the way we learn, engage, and educate. Interact with experts, educators, and game enthusiasts who share a passion for leveraging games as powerful educational tools.

Food and drinks will be provided at no cost. [Reserve your spot for this free event here.](#)

Panelists include:

- Angelica Clark, Digital Learning Coach, Kent School District
  - Dan Finkel, Founder, mathforlove.com
  - Erika Herrera, Founder, BrainStrainGamez.com
  - Andrew Christensen, Computer Science Teacher, Tesla STEM High School
  - Travis Willingham, Senior Researcher, foundry10
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### **Living Our Values Out Loud: Programs that Walk the Talk**

**Dates:** November 28, 2023

**Time:** 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Registration Required to attend.** If you can't attend, recordings will be sent to all registrants.

From zero-waste events to upcycling to refreshments, how we choose to carry out our work in libraries says a lot about our values. We can't just pay lip service to sustainability—we need to practice what we're talking about! This webinar, brought to you by the Sustainable Libraries Initiative, will be an inspiring discussion with a panel of practitioners who have found ways to design, implement, and evaluate library programs using frameworks that better represent their libraries' values, such as the triple bottom line definition of sustainability and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Presented by:

- **Rebekkah Smith Aldrich** (MLS, LEED AP), Executive Director, Mid-Hudson Library System (NY), Co-founder/Current President, Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI), and author
- **Mandi Goodsett**, Performing Arts & Humanities Librarian / OER & Copyright Advisor, Cleveland State University (OH), ALA Sustainability Roundtable Coordinator, and co-author, "Sustainable Event Planning for Libraries and Library Organizations" in *Libraries & Sustainability: Programs and Practices for Community Impact*
- **Evan Meszaros**, Research & Engagement Librarian, Case Western Reserve University (OH), ALA Sustainability Round Table and ACRL Science & Technology Section, and co-author, "Sustainable Event Planning for Libraries and Library Organizations" in *Libraries & Sustainability: Programs and Practices for Community Impact*
- **Hazel Onsrud**, Adult Services Librarian, Curtis Memorial Library (ME)

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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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