WELCOME TO
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

**February 8, 2023**

**WLA Merit Awards** 2023

**Final Call for 2023 WLA Merit Award Nominations**

With #WLA2023 approaching, the WLA Merit Awards are back again! We look forward to hearing about accomplishments in the past year by library professionals from around the state!

The WLA Merit Awards offer the opportunity to recognize and highlight the outstanding work that has been ongoing in Washington libraries. **Today is the final day to submit your nominations.** To nominate an outstanding individual or group for an award, please complete the WLA 2023 Merit Award Nomination Form by **Wednesday, Feb. 8**.

What library achievement did you see in your community or workplace that you'd like to see celebrated? Examples can include, but aren't limited to, outstanding service in the areas of:

- Programming (virtual, educational, community building)
- Outreach to users
- Services
- Access to technology

- Access to collections
- Serving the needs of people who were vulnerable, under-served
- Providing innovative ways to deliver services, materials

Library workers at all levels and in all types of libraries are eligible! Nominees do not need to be WLA members (with the exception of the Emeritus Award and the WALE Award). Additionally, nominators do not have to be WLA members. Award winners will receive a complimentary year of WLA membership!

Winners will be notified by Feb. 27, announced in WLA Wednesday on March 1, and celebrated on April 1 at the WLA 2023 Conference in Wenatchee.

If you have questions or wish to discuss eligibility requirements, please contact the WLA Office.

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**Early Bird Registration Open for #WLA2023**

The deadline for Early Bird registration for WLA2023 in Wenatchee, March 30-April 1 is next Wednesday **- Register by Feb 15 to receive the best price!** Along with registering, be sure to book your stay at the conference hotel prior to March 15!

The annual conference facilitates unique opportunities for innovation and collaboration between Academic, Public, School, and Special libraries across the state. Our Conference Committee has designed this conference for library professionals of all job roles, from all types of libraries, and at all career stages. You'll leave with connections, ideas, and information to put into action.

Registration rates are available for individuals in-person and online. There are also **in-person group discounts** for individuals associated with a single organization:

- 5-10 people: 5% off
- 11-20 people: 10% off
- 21+: 20% off

**Conference Highlights**

- Networking opportunities to facilitate make meaningful, lasting connections, including Dine-Arounds, receptions, the Table Topics Lunch, Divisional unconferences, meetups around shared interests and identities, and an app with an attendee social network.
- 70+ sessions from experts and innovators in Academic, Public, School, and Special libraries across the state.
- Virtual content available to all attendees to watch on demand through June 2023.
- Preconference Workshops to give a deeper dive into the topics of accessibility, community-centered planning, serving Indigenous communities, and more.
- Extracurricular activities to get you out exploring Wenatchee with new friends.
- User-friendly app to help you navigate the conference with ease, build your schedule, find new connections, participate in community discussions, enter challenges to win prizes, and so much more.
- Keynote speaker to be announced soon!
- Closing session featuring a panel on book challenges.
- Four meals included in your registration, plus refreshment breaks and receptions.
- Exhibit Hall packed full of library-related vendors offering giveaways, discounts, and exclusive opportunities to conference attendees.

## Conference Theme

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.

Show off your WLA and library pride at conference on Saturday, April 1! You can order WLA2023 swag through our RedBubble store or wear anything that shows off your passion for libraries! Some other RedBubble options include:

- #K12Librarians4AllWA Logo
- WLA: Association Logo
- WLA: Association Pride Logo
- Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA Logo
- WALE Logo

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

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

The hard deadline for late submissions to Alki: The Washington Library Association Journal is fast approaching! Make sure to send your article to alkieditor@wla.org no later than February 17th. Any submissions received after this date will be set aside for future publication.

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, 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.

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. For inspiration, check out past issues of Alki.

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**Call for Alki Milestones and Art!**

Send us your recent accomplishments, announcements, and art!
The Milestones section focuses on significant moments for libraries and librarians statewide. Write approximately 250 words to recognize new hires, promotions, project completions, remembrances of those who have passed, and even works in progress. Library groups, staff, students, retirees, and friends of Washington libraries are all welcome to submit.
Show off your art! Include no more than 3 photos with alt text description and a short caption.

Art submissions may include:
- book displays
- new or updated spaces (everyone loves a 'before and after')
- artistic expressions of all forms
- posters for upcoming events

Email your submission to Bethany McKinley, Alki Editor, at alkieditor@wla.org by February 24, 2022 to be included in the March Alki issue. Any late submissions will be set aside for future publication.

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**Exhibit at WLA2023 - Deadline Extended!**

Due to popular demand, the deadline to register as an exhibitor at WLA2023 has been extended to **Feb 22**!

Don't miss your chance to engage with WLA attendees as they gather this spring in the heart of Washington State. The conference will bring together library professionals from academic, public, school, and special libraries!

When: March 30-April 1, 2023

Where: Wenatchee, WA.

Visit the conference site to [download our prospectus](#) for information on pricing and opportunities for engagement. The registration deadline to be recognized in the printed program is **Feb 17**.

Thank you for the support that you show our library communities through your participation in our conferences. We hope to see you in Wenatchee!

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

## Look Who's Hiring

Antioch University Seattle is seeking a [Core Faculty and Director of School Library Endorsement Program](#).

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

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 a [Materials Management Supervisor](#), three [Librarian and Information Services Managers](#), and several [Librarians – Public Services](#).

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

Lummi Library at Northwest Indian College is seeking a [Library Tech I](#).

National Forest Service Library in Fort Collins, CO is seeking a [Supervisory Librarian](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian (Okanogan)](#), a [Finance Director](#), and [Bilingual Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS (Brewster)](#).

Seattle Central College is seeking a [Full-time Faculty Tenure-Track Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant I](#), a [Cataloging, Acquisitions, and Interlibrary Loan Manager](#), and a [Library Associate](#).

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

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Regional Programming Coordinator](#).

Seaside Public Library (OR) is seeking a [Library Director](#).

*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



**WLA2023 Conference Preview - Closing Session**

We're excited to highlight the closing session of WLA2023, **The Right to Read: A Conversation on Censorship** scheduled from 4:15 - 5:30 pm on Saturday, April 1. Hear author Shaun David Hutchinson,  Past President of the Freedom to Read Foundation Barbara Stripling, and teacher-librarian Gavin Downing in a conversation about intellectual freedom and censorship.

As libraries across the state and country continue to face book banning efforts, especially those targeting materials and programming with LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC representation, we all need to ask ourselves whether we're prepared for challenges within our own libraries. Hear a conversation between three panelists who have faced these challenges directly: an author who writes books about and for queer youth, a retired librarian and professor with a long career of national leadership and intellectual freedom advocacy, and a teacher librarian who recently made headlines by fighting censorship attempts at his middle school.

[Register for WLA2023 here](#), and learn more and view the full schedule of programs and keynotes on the [conference website](#). If you have any questions, please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org or (206) 823-1138.

## North American Virtual Reference Online Conference (NAVROC) Registration Now Open

COVID-19 and other global changes have affected the way libraries interact with their communities, and the way librarians view themselves. As our environment continues to change, we as library workers must adapt to those changes. Join us and other library professionals from across the continent to discuss the ways that virtual reference can help us navigate and thrive in uncertain times.

The North American Virtual Reference Online Conference will take place over three half days and will be held virtually February 21-23, 2023. This is a free event, open to all, and will take place through zoom. Register here!

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## 'Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities' (LPD) Standing Committee: Call For Papers

The 'Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities' (LPD) Standing Committee will host a pre-conference at the International Federation for Library Associations' and Institutions World Library Information Congress (WLIC). This year's Satellite Conference will take place on Aug 18-19 at Korenbeurs in Schiedam, near Rotterdam.

The meeting language is English. The LPD will use the overall WLIC theme "Let's work together! Let's library!" and focus on inclusivity.The focal point is the integration of library services for persons with print disabilities in the public library.

They are launching an open call for papers, and invite you to share how you are making your library an accessible and inclusive place for all users.

The full call for papers, with guidelines and deadline, can be found here

Proposals should be sent to lpd-satellite@dedicon.nl.

### English Learner Collection Development Mini-Grants

The Washington State Library has a collection development mini-grant pilot program for English language learner materials at community and technical college (CTC) libraries. These grants will fund up to $500 for up to 10 CTC libraries to create or augment collections of books for adult English learners. The application period  closes March 1, 2023. For more information and to apply, visit the English Learner Collection Development Mini-Grant page.

If you have any questions, please email claire.imamura@sos.wa.gov



### 8th Annual Washington State Zine Contest

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. Submissions for the contest are due Feb 24.

Visit the Washington Center for the Book site for contest entry forms, submission guidelines, and downloadable posters.

If you have questions or would like help promoting this contest in your community, email Sara Peté.

**Would you like to offer an online zine workshop for your community?**

Erin Shapland and Zach Wagman are Library and Information Science graduate students at UW with a passion for local publishing and the creative process. Zach and Erin will show your patrons how to create their own zine and — for those who are interested in sharing their creations — how to submit to projects like "Sheltered in Place: COVID-19 Zine Diaries Project."

Program description:
Are you curious about zines but don't know where to start? Do you like scrapbooking or collage and want to try something new? Join Zach and Erin for a zine workshop on Zoom where you'll learn a little bit about what zines are and how to put one together!

For more information or to schedule this zine workshop for your community, contact [Erin Shapland](#) and [Zach Wagman](#).

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**School Library In-Service Training Day Committee**

The Washington State Library is looking for school library staff to join as members of the inaugural School Library In-Service Training Day Committee, and applications are currently being accepted.

Members of the 2023 School Library In-Service Training Day Committee will instrumentally contribute to planning and implementing the Washington State Library's virtual 2023 School Library In-Service Training Day on October 13th, 2023. Committee members will be actively involved in the following tasks:

- Identifying training needs of school library staff in Washington
- Researching and contacting presenters
- Conceptualizing and arranging training day logistics
- Coordinating publicity
- Moderating and implementing the training day itself.

To see information about last year's training day, [visit this link](#).

Committee members will be expected to meet monthly between April-October 2023, complete assigned tasks, assist at the virtual training day on October 13th, 2023, and participate in a debrief session after the event.

Selected applicants will receive a total of 24 Clock Hours if all work is completed.

The Washington State Library is seeking 3-5 school library professionals, and will select applicants in order to create a committee made up of a variety of work experiences, geographic locations, grade-levels/demographics served, and other factors. The Washington State Library is hoping the committee will be made up of a variety of certified Teacher-Librarians, para-professionals, people currently seeking a School Library Media endorsement, elementary and secondary staff, library staff in rural, urban, and suburban environments, and more.
Come join us for this fun leadership opportunity! [Apply here](#).

## The Learning Curve

**Black Love Matters: Real Talk on Romance, Being Seen, and Happily Ever Afters**

Brought to you by Jessica P. Pryde and Sno-Isle Libraries, this webinar will be held on Wednesday, Feb 8, 6 - 7 pm. Please register here. This webinar will be recorded.

In this program, Jessica will discuss many of the topics approached in the book regarding the way Black Love is depicted in novels, television shows, and films, including the history of Black romance, social justice and its role in romance novels, the positioning of Black indie romance authors, and more. Bring your questions and comments, and get ready to add to your TBRs!

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**Registration is open for MisinfoDay 2023!**

The University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public, in partnership with Washington State University's Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, is excited to present multiple ways to participate in MisinfoDay this year:

**High school educators: Bring your students to an in-person MisinfoDay event!**
For the first time since the start of the pandemic, MisinfoDay is returning in person on three campuses: WSU Pullman (March 6), WSU Vancouver (March 8), and UW Seattle (March 14).

Visit the MisinfoDay 2023 webpage for more information about the MisinfoDay events at the above locations.

Register here by Wednesday, February 15, for the campus closest to your school. Note: Registration is first come, first served and often fills up before the deadline.

**Middle and high school educators: Have MisinfoDay in your classroom by using our virtual library or running the misinformation escape room.**
We are excited to add new lesson content to our virtual library this year: "Misinformation 101" and "TikTok and Viral Misinformation." See this flier to get a glimpse of the free content already available in our library!

You can also run the Euphorigen Investigation escape room with your students by using the online version of the game or accessing the digital materials to download and print yourself.

Register here by Wednesday, March 1, to receive access to the escape room and the new lesson content as soon as they're released.

Learn more about MisinfoDay here. Please email misinfoday@uw.edu with any questions.

**Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) Project Workshop**

Saturday, March 18: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Kennewick Library –  Register Here
Monday, March 20: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Puyallup Library –  Register Here

Attendees will receive hands-on training on operating solar telescopes and other methods for direct and indirect solar viewing, best practices for developing and facilitating STEM programs, and how to engage with community partners and library-specific digital resource networks. STAR Net facilitators, bringing many years of experience building the STEM capacity of public library staff, will work with each state library to customize the workshop experience based on the needs and interests of public libraries within that state. These workshops will use materials from the circulation kits and highlight best practices in using those materials but the strategies, activities and resources shared during the workshop will be useful to attendees whether they have access to a circulation kit or not.

The goals of these solar science workshops are to help library staff:
1. Build off the excitement of the 2023 and 2024 solar eclipses, and engage their patrons in solar science activities
2. Safely and effectively facilitate direct (e.g. solar telescope and Sunoculars) and indirect methods of safe solar viewing
3. Develop and facilitate exciting and interactive STEM programming at their library

Lunch will be provided by STARNet. Masks are not required, but encouraged.

*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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