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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

March 1, 2023

AUTHOR BREAKFAST WITH

**Aiden  
Thomas**

sponsored by WLA's School Library  
Division & CAYAS Section



**Now Announcing: WLA2023 Author Breakfast  
Keynote Aiden Thomas**

We are excited to announce our guest for the Author Breakfast at #WLA2023! Aiden Thomas (he/they) is a trans, Latinx, New York Times bestselling author of young adult novels such as *The Sunbearer Trials* and *Cemetery Boys*. Sponsored by CAYAS and ScLD, this event will feature an interview with Aiden and announcements about WLA Book Awards.

We're less than 30 days away from WLA2023! There's still time to [register](#)! 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.
- **Author Breakfast** featuring keynote speaker Aiden Thomas.
- **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.

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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### Now Announcing: WLA Merit Award Winners!

The WLA Merit Awards offer the opportunity to recognize and highlight the outstanding work ongoing in Washington libraries. On behalf of the 2023 WLA Awards Committee, we're honored to recognize this year's Merit Awards recipients:

**Honorary Lifetime Membership:** Rep. Drew Hansen

*Nominated by Sara Jones*

**Outstanding Service Award:** Erica Brown

*Nominated by Chazlyn Lovely*

**Outstanding Service Award:** Amelia Martinez, Diana Antaño, and Evie Harman

*Nominated by Erin Suda*

**Outstanding Service Award:** Diana Farnsworth

*Nominated by Patricia Wilson*

**Volunteer Leadership Award:** Jane Higgins

*Nominated by Amelia Shelley*

**Elementary Teacher-Librarian of the Year:** Ben Kort

*Nominated by Sarah Logan*

**Secondary Teacher-Librarian of the Year:** Carolyn Olsen

*Nominated by Haili Crow-Cyr, Claire Taylor, Katherine Benson, Sabrina Soriero, Ethan Fowler, and Bonnie Shelley*

**Secondary Teacher-Librarian of the Year:** Paul Warner

*Nominated by Cynthia Nesbitt, Lisa DeGrenier, Adam Aguilera, Cara Wood, Karen Morningstar, Jenny Clark, Suzanne Mickelson, Aryn Oster, Elizabeth O'Mara, Kelly Griffin, and Jamie Helm*

**School Library Paraprofessional of the Year:** Heather Cooper

*Nominated by Carolyn Olsen, Brooklyn Wilbur, & Christina Gillis*

**School Library Volunteer of the Year:** Rebecca Dmazov and Stacey Ostrin

*Nominated by Sarah Logan*

**CAYAS Award for Visionary Library Services to Youth:** SandraRosa Bryant

*Nominated by Summer Disney*

**CAYAS Award for Visionary Library Services to Youth:** Sara White

*Nominated by Sarah Logan*

Congratulations to this year's recipients, and thank you to all who participated in the nomination process! Winners will be celebrated on Saturday, April 1 at the WLA Conference Awards Lunch in Wenatchee.

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### **NEW! Give Me an "A!" An Accessibility Preconference**

We're not done bringing you high quality, relevant content to enhance your WLA2023 experience yet! We are excited to highlight a new addition to our lineup of preconference workshops at #WLA2023 - **Give Me an "A!" An Accessibility Preconference.**

Want to take the next steps in improving accessibility in your spaces as well as your online tools and resources? Join us to learn about accessible e-resources, including file formats and Voluntary Product Accessibility Templates (VPATs). Get tips for finding audio-described streaming videos, working with vendors on accessibility remediation, and navigating the various standards, guidelines, and copyright laws. See examples of techniques and guidelines being used for accessible LibGuides and websites, including tips on retrofitting accessibility into your existing guides.

While this Preconference Workshop will be primarily focused on electronic resources in academic libraries and higher education, accessibility best practices are similar in all kinds of libraries, and anyone who is interested in learning more about accessibility is encouraged to attend!

If you have already registered for the WLA2023 conference, please contact the WLA Office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) or (206) 823-1138 to edit your registration and add on this or other preconference selections.



### **On Saturday, We Wear WLA!**

Heading to conference? Bust out your library fashion on Saturday, April 1, when we'll be encouraging attendees to showcase their WLA pride! Wear anything that shows off your passion for libraries or order swag through our RedBubble store.

### **Order today to make sure it arrives in time!**

Some options include:

- [#K12Librarians4AllWA Logo](#)
- [WLA: Association Logo](#)
- [WLA: Association Pride Logo](#)
- [Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA Logo](#)
- [WALE Logo](#)

[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](mailto:info@wla.org) or (206) 823-1138.

# Tell Your Senator to Vote YES on SB5102



#K12Librarians4AllWA

## SB5102 Call to Action

Thanks to your continued advocacy work and support, [SB 5102](#) has made it to the Senate floor!

However, we still need your support. Please contact your senators and urge them to **vote YES on SB 5102**. [Email your Senator here](#). If you aren't sure who your representative is, use the [District Finder](#).

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](#).

Highline College is seeking [Part Time Faculty - Library & Information Services](#).

King County Library System is seeking a [Community Conduct Coordinator](#), three [Librarian and Information Services Managers](#), and a [Copy Cataloging Supervisor](#).

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

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

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Okanogan\)](#).

North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Community Outreach Specialist](#) and an [IT Specialist 2](#).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Manager I](#) and [Library Associates](#).

Spokane County Library District is seeking a [Librarian](#), a [Mobile Services Supervisor](#), and a [Mobile Services Associate](#).

The Oregon Tech Library is seeking a [Technical Services and Systems Librarian](#).

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

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Librarian II – Youth Services](#).

*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



### Call For Papers: WLIC Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities

The Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities (LPD) Standing Committee is calling for proposals for its satellite meeting, Aug. 18-19 at Korenbeurs, Schiedam, prior to the World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) [88th IFLA General Conference & Assembly](#).

Please [review](#) the proposal guidelines. Proposals are due **TODAY, March 1** and should be sent to [lpd-satellite@dedicon.nl](mailto:lpd-satellite@dedicon.nl). They will be evaluated by the satellite program committee group, and successful applicants will be informed by April 1.

The LPD will follow WLIC's theme "Let's work together! Let's library!" with a focus on inclusivity and the integration of public library services for persons with print disabilities.

This IFLA WLIC 2023 satellite is organized by IFLA Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities Section in cooperation with the National Library of the Netherlands (KB).

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### **Register for the NNLM Virtual Symposium on Health Misinformation**

Registration is open for the [NNLM Virtual Symposium](#), taking place April 4-6. [Register today!](#)

The 2023 NNLM Virtual Symposium - Health Misinformation will explore both the research behind health misinformation movements and provide practical and evidence-based solutions to support librarians, health educators, and direct care providers in combating the spread of all types of health misinformation.

Keynote speakers will include Kyla Fullenwider, Senior Advisor at the U.S. Office of the Surgeon General; Jevin West, co-author of [Calling Bullshit: Data Reasoning in a Digital World](#); and Amanda Wilson, Alla Keselman, and Catherine Arnot Smith, editors of the book [Combating Online Health Misinformation: A Professional's Guide to Helping the Public](#).

All sessions will be recorded and available on the symposium platform for up to 30 days and posted on the NNLM YouTube channel. Participants can earn Medical Library Association (MLA) continuing education credits. Learn more at <https://nnlm23.vfairs.com/en/faq-page>.

## **News & Notes**

### **WSL: 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. The 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 closes March 1**.

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](mailto:claire.imamura@sos.wa.gov)

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## **Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$175 Million in Internet for All Grants to 61 Minority-Serving Colleges and Universities**

The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced it has awarded more than \$175 million to 61 colleges and universities as part of the Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program. These new awards cover colleges and universities in 29 states and four territories.

With these grants, all funding from this Internet for All grant program has been awarded to 93 universities, including 43 historically black colleges and universities, 24 Hispanic-serving institutions, 21 minority-serving institutions, and five tribal colleges and universities.

Congratulations to UW Tacoma for being a recipient of this grant! The University of Washington (UWT)'s "Connect Across Tacoma: devices, skills, and service expansion for digital equity" project aims to address digital divides in Tacoma, WA, improving broadband access, adoption, and education for students at the University of Washington Tacoma and patrons in its anchor community. [Learn more](#) about their project.

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### **Get to Know Humanities Washington!**

Washington organizations: Come meet (or re-meet) Humanities Washington! They offer a wide range of support to help you host humanities programming in your community, from funding for your humanities projects, to family reading programs and exciting speakers.

Join one of two meet-and-greet opportunities on **March 2** for a brief overview of their programs and to connect with their staff.

- For 12 p.m. Meet and Greet, [register here](#).
- For 7 p.m. Meet and Greet, [register here](#).

The programs will be hosted by Sarah Faulkner, Program Manager, Speakers Bureau and Live Events; Jera Lego, Project Manager, Prime Time Family Reading; and Violeta Martin, Grant and Outreach Manager.

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# THE BRAIN NEVER STOPS

THE POWER OF READING AT  
GREEN HILL ACADEMIC SCHOOL LIBRARY

FEBRUARY - JUNE, 2023



## UW Capstone Project Seeks to Provide Support for School Library

As part of their capstone project with the University of Washington iSchool, three WLA members and MLIS students are partnering with the [Green Hill Academic School Library](#) in Chehalis and project sponsor Julie Forbes to inspire support and reach the goal of purchasing 200 new books for the library.

Green Hill is a library located within Washington State's [only fully-fenced maximum/medium security juvenile detention center](#), serving young men aged 17 to 25 years old. A compilation of books requested by residents are included on the library's [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Also part of the capstone project is raising awareness of the vital role that libraries and reading for pleasure play, as well as reading's particular impact on the mental health and development of growing minds in correctional facilities.

Previously, Green Hill served young men between the ages of 15 and 21 years old. Through advocacy, working with elected officials, and bringing awareness to recent research, Green Hill residents helped change state law to allow juvenile offenders to stay in youth detention centers until the age of 25.

## The Learning Curve

### EveryLibrary Training: Responding to Challenges

This session will provide a landscape of censorship and book bans in Washington and neighboring states along with a discussion of the Five Freedoms of the First Amendment and civil rights protections in the Fourteenth Amendment.

It is important for library leaders to understand their responsibilities within this framework so that they can communicate effectively about these complex issues with their community, among stakeholders, and with the media. Attempts to ban or censor materials come in many shapes and from several

different directions. When they originate with concerned parents or community members, it is always necessary to engage in difficult conversations. But when they become politicized or performative, it is necessary to understand that they may be driven by an agenda. Recognizing the differences and being properly equipped to address them is key.

This in-person training will be held in four locations:

**Moran Prairie Library-Spokane County Library District**

Monday, March 13, 10am - 4pm - [Register Here](#).

**NCW Libraries- Wenatchee Distribution Center**

Tuesday, March 14, 10am - 4pm - [Register Here](#).

**Battle Ground Library - Fort Vancouver Regional Library**

Thursday, March 16, 10am - 4pm - [Register Here](#).

**Silverdale Library - Kitsap Regional Libraries**

Friday, March 17, 10am - 4pm - [Register Here](#).

For more information, please contact Tami Masenhimer at [tami.masenhimer@sos.wa.gov](mailto:tami.masenhimer@sos.wa.gov).

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**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.

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### 2023 Native American Read-In

The [2023 Native American Read-In](#), co-hosted by the University of Washington Information School and Read-a-Rama will take place on **April 16**, from 1-2:30 pm. Come listen to the following speakers:

- [Angeline Bouley](#) (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bear Clan from Sugar Island), YA author
- [Cynthia Leitich Smith](#) (Muscogee Nation), author
- [Tasha Spillett](#) (Inniniwak (Cree) and Trinidadian), author, educator, poet, ceremony woman, and traditional singer
- Mandi Harris (Cherokee), iSchool MLIS alum and iSchool PhD student
- [Tony Duncan](#) (Apache, Arikara, Hidatsa), hoop dancer & musician
- [Violet Duncan](#) (Plains Cree, Taino), hoop dancer & author

Additionally, there will be several other authors, illustrators, and entertainers! UW MLIS alum and current Ph.D. student Mandi Harris will emcee the event, and Dr. Cheryl Metoyer, founder of the iSchool's Native North American Indigenous Knowledge Initiative, will offer an opening reading.

Please come and consider making a donation in support of the event as well. [Register here](#) to attend.

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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.*

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