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WLA WEDNESDAY

April 26, 2023

Application open May 1-June 30

2023-2024
WLA Scholarships



WLA Scholarships Open May 1!

The application for 2023-2024 WLA Scholarships becomes available Monday, May 1 at wla.org/wla-scholarships. A preview of the application form is also available on the [scholarships page](#).

WLA scholarships are professional development and/or memorial scholarships, created and funded by families and friends in memory of their loved ones to honor each person's service to libraries.

This year's scholarships include:

[Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship](#): \$1000 - \$3000 to one or more WLA members who is enrolled in an ALA-accredited Masters degree program and has completed at least one semester or quarter.

[Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship](#): \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education

fields.

John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship: \$1000 to a current WLA member of color toward a degree, certificate, or graduate level study in the Library or Education fields.

[Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship](#): \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library paraprofessional and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. Eligible for the WLA 2024 Conference! Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.

[Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship](#): \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library employee and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop or educational event. Eligible for the WLA 2024 Conference! Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.

[WALE Continuing Education Scholarship](#): \$1000 to a WALE member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields. Sponsored by WALE (Washington Library Employees, a section of WLA)

[WALE Library Paraprofessional Scholarship](#): up to \$1000 to a current library paraprofessional and WALE member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. Eligible for the WLA 2024 Conference! Sponsored by WALE (Washington Library Employees, a section of WLA)

To learn more about the scholarship requirements, preview the form, and more, visit the [WLA Scholarships page](#).

Questions? Email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138



Alki wants to hear from YOU!

Call for Papers: WLA All Day

Alki's Summer issue submission window is now open!

Alki Summer issues are dedicated to the WLA community going on. The Spring conference is the biggest WLA event of the year but it's not the only event of the year. Here is your chance to showcase your involvement in the Washington library community.

Some topic examples:

- Division, section, or committee activities
- WLA2023
- Statements from scholarship, award, and grant winners past and present
- Unofficial member gatherings or events
- Whatever you have to say about WLA!

Creative pieces, art, and photos are always encouraged.

Sign up for your spot today by emailing your name and a working title of your proposed piece to alkieditor@wla.org.

Do you have an article ready? Email your submissions as a .doc, .docx, or Google Doc to alkieditor@wla.org **before Tuesday, May 30th**. Make sure to include the following:

- Title
- Author name(s) and affiliation(s)
- Short bio written in third-person, and headshot of author(s)
- Any citations are in Chicago Manual of Style
- Images in .jpg or .png format. Please include both captions and alt-text
- Chosen quotes or short selections of your article that you would like highlighted as pull-quotes

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. We welcome content from all library workers, students, supporters, volunteers, and trustees. We publish peer-reviewed articles, opinion pieces, creative writing, and art. 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](#).

Nominate a Theme for Alki's December Issue!

Alki is written by and for Washington librarians so who better to decide what our December issue should be about than you? What do you want to write or read about? Think about the library issues that matter to you, the issues that get swept under the rug, the issues you've been dying to talk about but can't find a place to open up. We want to hear your voice. Take a look at our [archive](#) for ideas—maybe it's time to revisit a topic. Visit alki.pubpub.org or click the link below to nominate your idea.

[Nominate a theme using this form.](#)

This form will be open until 11:59 pm on May 10. Once the window closes, the *Alki* Editorial Committee will vote on the finalists and a second survey will be released so you can vote on the best of the bunch!

Request a Conference Verification Letter for WLA 2023

Do you need proof of attending the 2023 conference? Please fill out the [letter of attendance form](#) by **Friday, April 28**.

All letters of attendance will be emailed to the requester unless otherwise specified below. No letters will be mailed. Please fill out one form per letter. If you need to verify attendance for a large number of registrants, please email info@wla.org.



LIFE Coffee Hour April 26

Join WLA's Leadership is For Everyone (LIFE) section for our monthly "Coffee Hour" every fourth Wednesday from 3:00 – 4:00 pm on Zoom.

For our April 26th gathering, we will be discussing programs best practices and experiences. With summer coming up quickly we hope this will inspire and energize us to do our best for our communities, be mindful of our underserved communities, and maybe shake the dust off a little bit! As this meeting is an informal "coffee hour", attendees will have the opportunity to share their thoughts, practices, and experiences related to programming.

Login information will also be available on the [WLA membership calendar](#).

WLA Seeking Early Learning Advisory Council Representative

Do you work with children and/or youth? Are you interested in policy development and implementation that directly impacts youth across the state? The Washington Library Association (WLA) is seeking a representative to the [Early Learning Advisory Council \(ELAC\) of Washington State](#).

[Applications](#) are due by **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**.

The ELAC Representative is:

- Appointed by the WLA President
- A non-voting, advisory position to the WLA Board
- Serves a term of two years; the incumbent may be appointed for one additional year
- A member of WLA

The Legislature created the Department of Early Learning's (DEL) Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) in 2007. The Council plays a pivotal role in the early learning system as an advisory body to DEL on statewide early learning issues that contribute to the ongoing efforts of building a comprehensive system of quality early learning programs and services for Washington's young children and families.

ELAC's membership reflects Washington's regional, racial, and cultural diversity and includes parents, child care providers, health/safety experts and legislators, as well as representatives of Tribal Nations, independent schools, the K-12 and higher education systems, early learning regional coalitions (Regional Advisors), and others interested continuing the creation of a statewide early learning system that helps all children realize their full potential. Read more about ELAC and its work.

ELAC representatives from around the state meet regularly to advise and work with the [Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families](#) to assist in policy development and implementation that assist the department in promoting alignment of private and public sector actions, objectives, and resources, so that partners can collectively ensure that all children succeed in school and life.

ELAC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Members serve two-year terms that expire on June 30th of the second year. ELAC meets at least six times per year; generally from 9 am to 4 pm. ELAC members are expected to attend the majority of meetings and be prepared to actively participate. Participants who volunteer in subcommittees or work groups should expect to meet outside of the regular meeting dates. Membership seats are unpaid positions, although non-governmental members may be eligible for compensation and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred while carrying out ELAC duties.

For more information, please [view our application](#). If you have questions or require assistance, please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org.

Look Who's Hiring

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

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

King County Library System is seeking three [Librarian and Information Services Managers](#) and a [Librarian – Children and Family Justice Center](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Okanogan\)](#), a [Branch Librarian \(Grand Coulee\)](#), and a [Library Collection & Technical Services Manager \(Wenatchee\)](#).

Pacific Lutheran University is seeking a [Dean of the Library](#).

Salem Public Library (Oregon) is seeking a [Community Engagement Senior Librarian](#).

San Juan Island Library is seeking an [Assistant Director / Adult Services Manager](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant I](#) (Snohomish), Public Services Assistant I (Granite Falls), and a [Manager of Community Library Initiatives](#).

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

The Timberland Regional Library is seeking a [Librarian or Public Services Specialist with a primary focus of Youth Services](#) for the Tumwater Timberland Library.

Vancouver Community Library is seeking a [Branch Manager 3](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#) and a [Library Associate \(Prison Libraries\)](#).

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.

NWILL 2023 Virtual Conference - Call for Proposals

[The Northwest Interlibrary Loan](#) & Resource Sharing Conference Planning Committee invites proposals on interlibrary loan and resource sharing from all over North America and the world: pre-recorded lightning rounds (7-10 minutes), live presentations or panels (45 minutes).

Submissions from all types of libraries are encouraged, as are proposals from individuals from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds, identities, and communities. We truly want the conference to be as representative of our profession as possible.

Presenters and co-presenters will receive free registration to the conference. Submit a proposal using the [NWILL Presentation Proposal Submission Form](#) no later than **12 pm, May 1, 2023**. Expect to hear back by June regarding the status of your proposal.

PLA 2024 Call for Proposals Open!

The Public Library Association (PLA) is headed to Columbus, OH, April 3–5, 2024, to host the premier event for public libraries—[PLA Conference](#)! In a profession that is constantly changing and adapting to new challenges, public library workers need the tools and resources to stay a step ahead. That's why PLA offers over 100 top-quality education sessions—curated by public libraries for public libraries—that foster innovation, inclusion, and collaboration.

[Submit a proposal](#) to share your idea for a workshop or program session! Proposals for both in-person and virtual programs are being accepted. The deadline for submitting proposals is **May 1, at 2:59 pm PST**.

Before getting started, please preview the [proposal form](#) and check out the [recommendations for developing a great proposal](#).

News & Notes



Discover Passes? We have that.

Historic Photos? Digital Collections?

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
There's More to the Story.

We have that.

Quick Ideas to Celebrate Your Library during National Library Week!

National Library week is this week, April 23-29!

Need a quick way to celebrate and get the word out in your community? ALA has templates and designs that you can personalize for your library, including [customizable social media designs](#) and a [press release](#). WLA and Washington State Library will take part in the campaign by using these materials. Check out the full suite of [promotional materials here](#).

Need some inspiration for National Library Week posts? The week-long celebration includes these days:

Wednesday, April 26: [National Library Outreach Day](#)

Thursday, April 27: [Take Action for Libraries Day](#)

We hope you will join us in celebrating your collections, staff, and initiatives during National Library Week!

Please feel free to tag us in your posts!

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonLibraryAssociation>

<https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonStateLibrary>

Twitter:

@WALIBASSN

@WASStateLib

Instagram:

@WashingtonStateLibrary

[IMAGE: sample WA State Library social media post created using ALA promotional materials]

Washington Digital Heritage Grants open for applications May 15, 2023

Washington Digital Heritage Grants provide up to \$15,000 to libraries for digital projects that promote the creation and sharing of digital content documenting Washington's history. Grants are open to public, academic, tribal, and special libraries for projects running through August 2024. The 2023-2024 grant will be open for applications on May 15, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Anyone interested can submit a Letter of Interest for feedback before submitting an application beginning May 1, 2023.

Learn more about this grant opportunity at <https://washstatelib.libguides.com/2023WDH>, or join us for a webinar at 1 pm, on May 2, 2023. Register for the webinar [here](#).

Washington Digital Heritage Grants are funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Contact wslgrants@sos.wa.gov if you have any questions.



Now Open: Creative Start Project Grant

[The Arts in Education](#) (AIE) team at the [Washington State Arts Commission](#) (ArtsWA) is reaching out to invite new partnerships to [apply for the Creative Start Project Grant](#).

Do you know someone who is affiliated with a school, district, ESD, nonprofit, municipal or tribal agency that currently offers (or wants to offer) arts integrated learning for PreK to 3rd grade classrooms?

[The Creative Start Project Grant](#) supports projects that engage **preschool to 3rd grade** students in **arts integrated learning**. This one-year grant prioritizes the students' creative, academic, and social emotional growth. It supports collaborations between early learning educators, schools, families, arts specialists, teaching artists, and organizations. Proposed projects should increase culturally relevant student learning in and through the arts. Eligible projects must be accessible to the public. **Application window: March 15 – April 27, 2023.**

Schools, districts, ESDs, municipal and tribal agencies can apply. We would love to see more applications coming from the communities you serve.

We provide support for new applicants interested in applying. The AIE team can also tailor a brief virtual presentation for organizations and agencies that you partner with.

Book an appointment with AIE Project Manager [Alexis Sarah via Bookings](#).

The Arts in Education (AIE) team is available via phone and email to answer questions for potential applicants and to provide technical assistance for folks who are actively working on their application. We hope to hear from you!

The Learning Curve



School Librarians Lead Learning and Transformation

WebJunction, a program of OCLC Research, is offering an in-person workshop that highlights research-based practices and approaches for transforming your school library. The workshop will feature topics such as advocacy, compassionate makerspaces, student-centered learning, and more, with hands-on activities and opportunities for community building and peer learning that will enable you to strengthen the work you do to support and inspire students in your school library. This workshop is open for certified teacher librarians and school library paraeducators, and school library support staff.

Clock hours will be provided through the Washington State Library.

Event Logistics:

Saturday, 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Location: Anacortes, Olympia, Spokane

Light snacks and hot beverages will be provided.

Cost: NONE!

Registration Links:

[May 6 \(ESD 113 - Olympia\)](#)

[May 13 \(ESD 101 - Spokane\)](#)

[May 20 ESD 105, Yakima\)](#)

Questions? Contact J. Elizabeth Mills, millse@oclc.org

Distinguished Seminar Series: Sustainability—A Call to Action for the Library Community

Climate change has emerged as a significant challenge and threat to global health. How will the library community respond? Join Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Co-Founder of the Sustainable Libraries Initiative, to explore the challenges and opportunities for libraries in the face of climate change and hear how many in our field are already answering the call for leadership on sustainability. Learn how a mindset that uses the triple bottom line definition of sustainability can change how you see the world around you and shape your future decision-making at home and at work to ensure a more hopeful future. This session will focus on actionable, practical ideas to address climate change that will help you to contribute to a future that considers not only climate change mitigation, but also adaptation and justice.

This OCLC Research webinar will be held May 4, 8 am PT. [Register here.](#)

Adding CareerOneStop to Your Workforce Development Toolkit

Featuring expert staff from the U.S. Department of Labor, this free webinar has been tailored to public library staff needs in coordination with PLA. The session will highlight CareerOneStop resources, including: assessments and tools to support career exploration; local finding tools for training, scholarships, certifications and licensing; targeted resources for specific populations ranging from young adults to veterans to individuals who have been incarcerated; and specific resources for intermediaries (like public libraries!) that include workshop curriculum, customizable PowerPoints, and outreach materials. Webinar registration is free, but participants must create a (free) Workforce GPS account first. [Learn more and sign up here.](#)

Thursday, May 11, 2023, 2 pm PT.

Panelists: Tricia Dahlman & Julie Remington

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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