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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

October 18, 2023



2024 WLA Elections

Nominations now open

Submit an application by October 18

WLA 2024 Elections - Last Day for Nominations

Are you seeking leadership experience? Looking to meet new people in the library field? Passionate about advocacy for libraries and library professionals? You've come to the right place! Whether you're a longtime member or new to the association, WLA invites you to throw your hat into the ring for a leadership position in 2024. There are many opportunities to get involved. **Self-nominations are welcome!**

Nominations are due today, Oct. 18. Learn more on our [elections webpage](#).

For questions, please email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.

[Register Here](#)



Advance Registration for the In-Person Conference Closes Today!

ACRL-WA & OR will be holding their joint Fall conference **in-person** and **online Friday, Oct. 27 from 8 am - 5 pm** at Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA. Advance registration for the in-person conference closes **today, Oct. 18**. Don't miss the last opportunity to register before prices increase for on-site registration! [Register here](#).

The conference theme is **The Work of Libraries**. People, and their labor, are the core of academic libraries. This work can be exciting, monotonous, high stakes, invisible, precarious, invigorating, and exhausting. Like other forms of labor, work in academic libraries has changed dramatically since the advent of the pandemic, and continues to change.

Learn more about the [conference here](#) and view the tentative [program schedule here](#).

For questions, please email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.

[Nomination Form](#)



#WLA2024 Now Accepting Program Proposals!

The #WLA2024 program RFP is now open. On behalf of the conference committee, we invite you to submit a program proposal.

The 2024 conference is March 1 - 3, 2024, in Spokane, WA.

Programs relevant to all kinds of libraries are sought. Additionally:

- Pre/Post-Conference Workshops are either 3 or 4 hours in length, or all day.
- Standard conference sessions are either 45 or 75 minutes in length.
- "WLA After Dark" sessions are 45-minute evening programs that are more fun or provocative than our standard fare.
- Lightning Talks are 10-minute presentations that focus on a concept, project, or how-to.

Due to the number of proposals received, not all will be accepted. In some cases, strong proposals covering similar topics may be asked to combine into one program to provide varying perspectives on the topic and to ensure that we have room on the schedule for diverse offerings. Program Coordinators may suggest alternative presentation opportunities, such as panel discussions, lightning talks, or poster sessions, to allow for as much engagement and collaboration as possible at the conference.

Proposals are due no later than **November 1, 2023**.

Applicants will be notified of their proposal status by **December 1, 2023**.

As you collect your proposal information, you may wish to refer to a preview of all questions here: <https://tinyurl.com/WLA2024ProgramRFP-Preview>. All proposals must be submitted via [this Google Form](#).

Submit Your Proposal



Alki wants to hear from YOU!

Call for *Alki* Cover Photo, Milestones, and Art

Cover Photo: Do you have a photo that you think is perfect for this issue's cover? Send it in to be considered! Please ensure that submissions are in either .jpg or .png format, are high resolution, and align with *Alki's* stated values.

Theme: *Libraries, Disrupted*

Milestones: No success is too small to be celebrated! The Milestones section is an opportunity to highlight significant moments for libraries and librarians statewide. Write approximately 250 words to recognize new hires, successful events, promotions, project completions, remembrances of those who have passed, works in progress, and anything else you want to showcase. Library

groups, staff, students, retirees, and friends of Washington libraries are all welcome to submit.

Art: Show off your art! Include 3 photos with alt-text description and a short caption. Art submissions can be:

- book displays
- new or updated spaces (everyone loves a 'before and after')
- artistic expressions of all forms
- posters for upcoming events
- anything you'd like the library community to see!

Email your submissions and your author info (name, affiliation, short bio, and headshot) to Bethany McKinley at alkieditor@wla.org by **Tuesday, October 31st** to be included in the December *Alki* issue. Any late submissions will be set aside for future publication.

New! WLA Peer-to-Peer Book Challenge Support Group

The new **WLA Peer-to-Peer Book Challenge Support Group** will offer Zoom gatherings for WLA members to share their experiences with book challenges, library challenges, and other issues encountered that relate to intellectual freedom.

The WLA [Member Services Committee](#) and [Intellectual Freedom Section](#) saw a need for these meetings, and the Member Services Committee will minimally facilitate them. The meetings are a member benefit, so there is no cost to attend. Upcoming meetings will be held at the following dates and times:

- Saturday, October 21 | 2-3 pm
- Monday, November 13 | 7-8 pm
- Saturday, November 18 | 2-3 pm

This group is not professionally facilitated or meant to replace professional resources. It is intended for peer-to-peer support only. This group will not be about legislative or activist work. The Member Services Committee is piloting this group for a limited time to gauge need and interest.

[Registration](#) to attend meetings is required. You must be logged into your WLA account to register. Attendees will receive Zoom access information the day before each meeting they sign up to attend. Attendees will be asked to read and agree to the [WLA Code of Conduct](#) as well as Support Group [Ground Rules](#) during registration.

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

PLD Quarterly Check-In on November 7

Calling all public library staff! Join the Public Library Division for our final Quarterly Check-In on **Tuesday, November 7th, 9 am**. Check-ins are a casual opportunity to meet other people working in public libraries, share idea, and discuss resources.

Please find the meeting link using the WLA Members Calendar to access this check-in!

For questions, please email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.

Submit Your Questions to WLA's ALA Councilor!

WLA's ALA Councilor Steven Bailey invites you to submit questions, comments and/or feedback regarding all things ALA! Steven serves as your Chapter Councilor to ALA Council, and represents your interests to ALA.

[Submit Your Questions](#)

Steven also has ALA Councilor "Office Hours" every third Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m.

- Save the following [Zoom link](#) — or [log-in](#) to the WLA website to access meeting information on the *Meeting & Events* calendar.

The Washington Library Association (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.

[Look Who's Hiring](#)

Bellingham Public Library is seeking a [Library Events Coordinator](#).

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

Cornish College of the Arts is seeking a [Technical Services Librarian](#).

FVR Libraries is seeking an [Engagement Manager](#) for Vancouver Community Library.

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

KCLS is seeking a [Youth and Family Services Manager](#).

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

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

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](#).

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 and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.

News & Notes

WLA Member Survey Request

WLA member Hanna Roseen, who will be presenting at PLA in the spring about challenging fatphobia in libraries, is curious what other folks' experiences have been in making their library more inclusive of fat people. She is open to hearing from people of all sizes and people working at any kind of library!

[The survey](#) should take just a few minutes to complete. The results may be used to summarize if/how libraries are inclusive of fat people, and to give examples of how to be more inclusive.

For questions, please contact [Hanna Roseen](#).

Complete the Survey



Announcing the Towner Award Nominees

The [Towner Book Award](#) is sponsored by Washington Library Association School Library Division (WLA) and focused on nonfiction picture books written for second through sixth grade students.

During the 2023-2024 school year, Washington State librarians and teachers will introduce and promote the nominated titles shown above. In the spring, all Washington State students in public and independent schools, from second through sixth grades, are invited to vote for their favorite book if they have listened to or read a minimum of two titles. Teachers and librarians may also vote for their favorite book with instructional value.

Read the [full press release here](#) and learn more about the nominees [here](#).

Congratulations to the 2023 Washington State Book Award Winners!

The Washington Center for the Book (an affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book administered by Washington State Library) has selected winners in seven categories for the [2023 Washington State Book Awards](#) (WSBA) for outstanding books published by Washington authors in 2022.

Read the full [award announcement here](#).

Building Equity Based Summers (BEBS) Application Open

The Washington State Library is now accepting applications for the second cohort of Building Equity Based Summers (BEBS)! Applications are due by the end of the day on **Friday, October 27th**. More information can be [found here](#) and the application can be [found here](#).

BEBS will empower library staff to weave equity into their summer library programs. The goal of this project is to build library staff skills and confidence, which will equip library staff to create summer programs and services that are equitable and that promote equity across the communities served by their library.

BEBS will build on the work of the California Library Association and the California State Library in developing a shared language of equity and a set of tools and resources for library staff to build community-centered, equitable summer programs and services.

The Washington State Library is looking for five public libraries to participate in the second cohort of this three-year initiative, the first part of which consists of this virtual professional development opportunity. Each participating library will be represented by a team of at least two people, typically the coordinator of the summer library program and a manager or administrator. Larger teams are permissible, including frontline staff – email sara.white@sos.wa.gov after applying if you would like more than three people on your team. Teams may also include library staff members and a community partner.

Conference Bulletin

AkLA and PNLA Joint Conference Planning Committee Seeking Feedback

The Alaska Library Association (AkLA) and the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) are hosting a joint conference to be held **August 1-4, 2024 in Juneau, AK**.

The Conference Planning Committee has started meeting and is evaluating ways to make the conference the best it can be.

Please consider filling out the [AkLA / PNLA Joint Conference 2024 Interest Form](#). Your feedback will help to shape the conference:

Form responses will be accepted until **November 3, 2023**.

For questions, please reach out to [Duncan Lotoski](#), Pacific Northwest Library Association, Second VP.

The Learning Curve

Fatness and libraries: Amplifying the Voices of Fat Librarians in DEIA work, An NNLM Region 6 Spotlight Speaker

As both popular and scholarly discussions of weight discrimination, fat representation, and anti-fatness gain momentum, library and information professionals must be prepared to participate in and lead conversations about fatness and our work. This presentation will report on findings from nearly twenty hours of interviews with public-facing librarians, including those from public, school, academic, and special libraries, who shared their wide-ranging experiences navigating the profession in fat bodies. In reflecting on the experiences of these librarians, participants will be asked to consider the extent to which the diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) efforts currently underway at their own institutions, as well as in the profession more broadly, incorporate fat voices and meaningfully address anti-fatness.

Guest Speaker: Meg Galasso is the Information Services Librarian & Archivist at Indiana University Kokomo. In this role, she works with members of the campus community to ask and pursue answers to new and interesting questions. Her current research examines the intersection of fatness and librarianship. Galasso has previously presented at ER&L and ACRL conferences, as well as published in *Reference Services Review*.

This webinar will be held on Oct. 19, 3:00 pm PDT. [Register here](#).

New HumWA Speakers are Here!

[Humanities Washington](#) is excited to introduce the new Speakers Bureau roster for 2024-2025! These 40 speakers will travel the state beginning next year, presenting free talks on everything from the history of Northwest rock n' roll to Black activism in Washington State to our iconic oysters. Washington Libraries may be particularly interested in the following presentations:

- Tara Campbell's [Future Tense: The Thrill of Speculative Fiction](#)
- Josh Tuininga's [Sequential: The Storytelling Power of Comic Books](#)
- Avery Dame-Griff's [Love and Modems: How the Early Internet Helped LGBT Communities](#)

- Josephine Ensign's [Homelessness and the Meaning of Home](#)

See the entire roster of 2024-2025 speakers

here: <https://www.humanities.org/programs/upcoming-speakers/>. Washington libraries can host up to **10 speakers a year** in-person or online, with funding available to cover speaking and travel fees. To bring one of these speakers to your library, please reach out to Sarah Faulkner at sarah@humanities.org to begin the booking process!

New to Speakers Bureau? You can learn more about hosting a speaker here: <https://www.humanities.org/programs/host-a-speaker/>. Please reach out to Sarah Faulkner at sarah@humanities.org with any questions you have!

Building Community Relationships for Better Library Services

Many libraries are increasingly focused on planning library services collaboratively with their communities. Connected Learning, Participatory Design, and Community Led-Libraries are becoming standard practice, but to successfully embark on that work, the first (and ongoing!) thing library staff need to do is build robust and meaningful connections within their communities. In this session, we will explore strategies for finding community partners and building relationships with them with the goal of truly working in collaboration with people they serve. We will discuss strategies for small rural libraries up through large urban systems. You'll hear from library staff who have successfully started doing this work in their own communities with partners who serve all ages. You'll also learn about the importance of this work and why it needs to be supported by administrators and supervisors.

Presented by:

- **Sara White**, Youth Services Consultant at the Washington State Library
- **Stephanie Zero**, Operations Manager at Crossroads Library, King County Library System (WA)
- **Elissa Burnley**, Associate Director of Strategic Planning and Evaluation at Mid-Columbia Libraries (WA)
- **Rachel Beckman**, Teen Services Librarian at Sno-Isle Libraries (WA)

[This WebJunction webinar](#) will be held on **Oct. 24, 12:00 - 1:00 pm PT**. [Register here](#) to attend.

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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