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WLA WEDNESDAY

January 4, 2023



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**WLA2023: Apply for the Primary Source Scholarship
for Rural & Small Libraries!**

Applications are now open for the Primary Source Scholarship for Rural & Small Libraries, for attendance to the [2023 WLA Conference in Wenatchee](#), March 30-April 1.

Applicants must be current WLA members who work in a **public** small and/or rural library and who demonstrate need. Scholarship funds must be used to attend the in-person [2023 WLA Conference](#).

The definitions of small and rural libraries, according to the Institute of Museum & Library Services are:

- Small libraries have a service population of 25,000 or fewer.
- Rural libraries are located 5 or more miles from the nearest town of 25,000 or more.

The scholarship will provide one recipient full conference registration, attendance at up to two preconference workshops, up to three nights of lodging, and travel reimbursement.

The application is now available at wla.org/2023-wla-conference. The deadline to submit applications is **Thursday, Jan. 19**.

Thank you to our scholarship sponsor, Primary Source! This scholarship is made possible by our new conference sponsorship opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact the WLA Office by calling or texting 206-823-1138 or by emailing info@wla.org.



Register for 2023 WA Library Legislative Day!

[Registration](#) will open **today, Jan. 4, at 12 pm**, for the 2023 WA Library Legislative Day, sponsored by WLA. We are excited to share that we will be returning in-person to Olympia this year!

This year, we are focused on [SB 5102](#), in relation to our grassroots [#K12Librarians4AllWA campaign](#), to ensure ALL students in ALL districts have access to a school library information technology program with a trained, certified teacher-librarian. Issues such intellectual freedom, e-book licensing, and levy passage requirements are also expected to be on this year's agenda.

By attending WA Library Legislative Day, you can expect to:

- Connect with library supporters from all types of libraries around the state.
- Hear from special guests 2023 WLA Board President **Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman**, Washington State Librarian **Sara Jones**, and Washington Secretary of State **Steve Hobbs**.
- Attend sessions and hear testimony from fellow library professionals along with WLA lobbyist **Carolyn Logue**.

- Meet with State legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them.
- Understand how to track and search for bills, give effective testimony, and advocate for libraries, to better support them in years to come!

This free event is a great way to become involved in library advocacy and help WLA push its legislative goals over the finish line!

If you have any questions about Legislative Day or [WLA's 2023 agenda](#), please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org!

Call to Action - K12 School Library Bill (SB 5102)

This message contains important information regarding [Washington State Senate Bill 5102](#). We stand at a crucial moment for school libraries in Washington and need your help.

The Washington State senate will consider [SB 5102](#) regarding K12 school library information technology programs in the coming session, beginning Jan. 9th. We anticipate a House bill to be forthcoming. You can track its sponsors, language, and progress at the link above. **This bill will ensure that every school district in Washington will have a school library program overseen by a certified Teacher-Librarian.**

For immediate action:

Call and email [your state senators](#) and the members of the [Senate Education Committee](#), expressing your support for [SB 5102](#), school library programs, and certified teacher-librarians.

The Washington Library Association School Library Division and Advocacy Committee have created a [website with information](#) you can use, including talking points and research to support our efforts. Share this link with others interested in supporting student success through strong school library programs. The website has links to contact elected officials and a postcard-writing campaign supporting **#K12Librarians4AllWA** that is easily shared as well.

You can find other school-library advocacy ideas at <https://www.wla.org/school-advocacy> and [general library advocacy information here](#).

Representatives of the WLA Legislative Committee, Advocacy Committee, and School Library Division Board thank you for helping us ensure that every student in Washington has access to a school library program and Certified Teacher-Librarian. Together, we will make Washington stronger.

If you have any questions about Legislative Day or [WLA's 2023 agenda](#), please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org!



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. 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, underserved
- 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](#).



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

The Washington library community wants to hear from you! Share your voice by publishing in [Alki: The Washington Library Association Journal](#). 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, creative writing, 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.

Email your submissions to alkieditor@wla.org by **Feb. 8, 2023**. 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*](#).

Look Who's Hiring

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

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is seeking an [Executive Director](#).

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 thirty two [Librarians – Public Services](#).

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

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Okanogan\)](#); a [Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Republic\)](#); and [Bilingual Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Brewster\)](#).

Olympic College is seeking a [Library & Archives Paraprofessional 2 \(Poulsbo Branch\)](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Business & Economics Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Community Engagement Manager](#), a [Librarian - Youth Services](#), and a [Public Services Assistant I, Part Time](#).

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a [Librarian II, Cataloging and Processing](#).

Vancouver Community Library is seeking a [Branch Manager 2](#).

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

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Full-Time Regional Programming Coordinator](#)

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.

Conference Bulletin



Registration Rates for #WLA2023 Available!

[Registration rates are now available](#) for the 2023 WLA Conference in Wenatchee, March 30-April 1, 2023!

Registration rates are available for individuals, both in-person and online. There are also in-person registration rates available for groups associated with a single organization.

Early Bird registration will open on Jan 11, 2023. We recommend [booking your stay](#) at the conference hotel in the meantime!

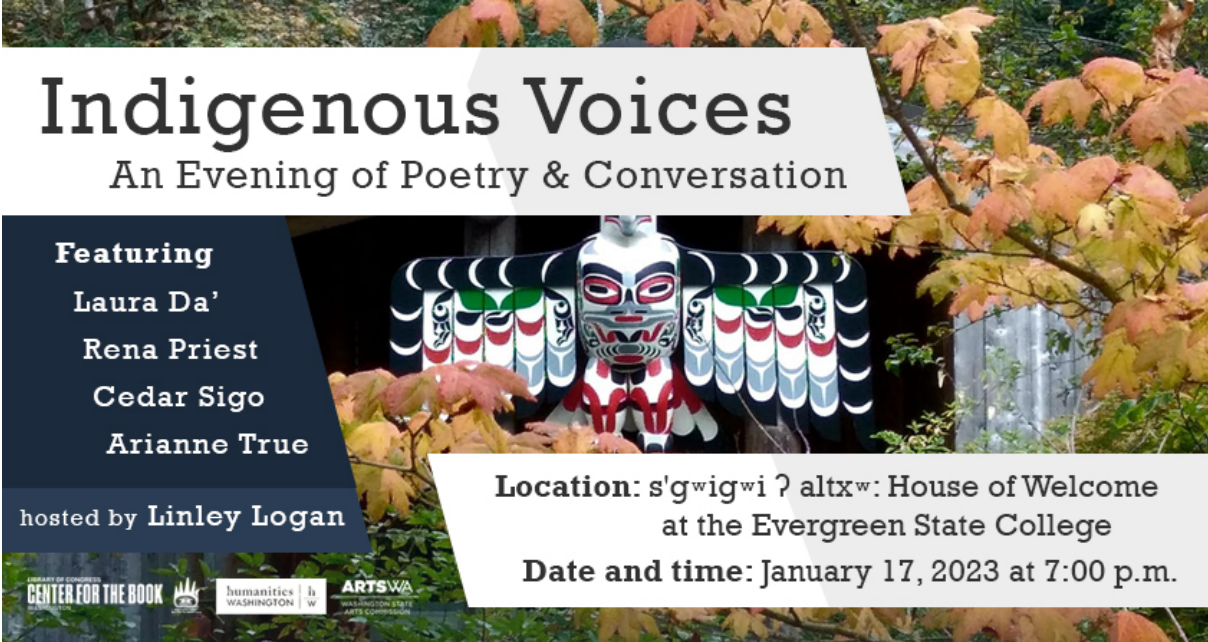
The 2023 conference theme is *All In, Reach Out*. Our experiences over the past few years have reinforced the importance of connection. We've adapted and learned new ways to connect with each other, to collaborate with community partners, and to meet the changing needs of our patrons and students.

Join us at the confluence of the Columbia and Wenatchee Rivers this spring, where we will explore our methods of connection and share the resulting

innovations. By reaching out and breaking down silos, we can be all in for our communities.

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

News & Notes



Indigenous Voices
An Evening of Poetry & Conversation

Featuring
Laura Da'
Rena Priest
Cedar Sigo
Arianne True

hosted by Linley Logan

Location: s'g'wigwi ? altxw: House of Welcome
at the Evergreen State College

Date and time: January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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Indigenous Voices: An Evening of Poetry & Conversations

Indigenous Voices: An Evening of Poetry and Conversation is a presentation of the Washington Center for the Book (Washington State Library), s'g'wi g'wi ? altxw: House of Welcome-Evergreen Longhouse, Humanities Washington, and the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA).

This presentation, held on **Jan. 17** at the Evergreen Longhouse, will be an evening of poetry and conversation with four Indigenous Washington poets. Laura Da' (Eastern Shawnee), Rena Priest (Lummi, current Washington State Poet Laureate), Cedar Sigo (Suquamish), and Arianne True (Choctaw, Chickasaw) will read selections from their work and speak about poetry and the world through an Indigenous lens.

Jan. 17, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Register here: bit.ly/indigenousvoicesevent

New WSL Circulating Kit Open for Reservations: Welcoming Libraries

[The Welcoming Library](#) is a pop-up community conversation on immigration. That conversation is driven by a collection of acclaimed picture books featuring New Arrival and New American families.

Readers of all ages “meet” these families on the page and explore the commonalities of all families with embedded discussion questions and companion programming / education materials. The collection — with its pop-up display unit — packs into a crate and travels between schools, libraries, and community centers in a given region, building an environment of Welcoming and Belonging.

For more information about what the circulating kit includes and how it can be helpful in your library, [visit here](#). Make a reservation for the kit [here](#).

Kits will stay at a library for up to six weeks then they must be sent to the next location. You are welcome to borrow it for between 1-6 weeks!

If you are hoping to send this kit between locations in your district using internal mail and need it for more than six weeks, please email STEAM@sos.wa.gov and we will see if we can accommodate your booking.

New Funding Opportunities for Technology and Collection Development from NNLM Region 5

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New funding opportunities from the [Network of the National Library of Medicine](#) (NNLM) [Region 5](#) are open. A Request for Applications is posted for the following awards:

- [Technology Equity Awards](#), 6 awards available, up to \$5,000 each
- [Collection Equity Awards](#), 7 awards available, up to \$1,500 each

An email stating intent to apply must be sent to nnlm@uw.edu by 5 p.m. PT on Jan. 24, 2023. Applications are due by 5 p.m. PT on Feb. 21, 2023.

More information is available on the [NNLM Region 5 blog](#).

If you have questions, please email Emily Hamstra, Assistant Director, NNLM Region 5, at ehamstra@uw.edu



8th Annual WA State Zine Contest is Open!

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.

Visit the [Washington Center for the Book site](http://www.washingtoncenterforthebook.org/wszc) for contest entry forms, submission guidelines, and downloadable posters. Entries must be postmarked by Feb. 24, 2023.

If you have questions or would like help promoting this contest in your community, email [Sara Peté](mailto:Sara.Pete@washingtoncenterforthebook.org).

The Learning Curve

Teaching Copyright K-12: Ready to go and it's all free

Are you tasked with teaching copyright to K-12 students? Do you lack resources or want to fill in gaps in your knowledge to be more comfortable teaching students? Join the C&C Ambassadors (fellow educators!) as they share their experiences teaching with C&C's positive free resources. Learn how to teach the essentials of copyright, fair use, Creative Commons, and more with C&C's award-winning, free K-12 curriculum.

This webinar will be held Jan. 7, 9 am PT. Please [register here](#) to attend.

Niche Academy: Level Up Your Book Displays

Book displays are more than a simple tool for passive Readers' Advisory. A well-crafted display captures patrons' attention, sparks imagination, and sends subtle (or not-so-subtle) messages about your library's values and institutional culture.

In this presentation, Faithe Miller Lakowicz shares practical approaches for maximizing the impact of book and media displays, including low-cost “hacks” for maximizing visual appeal; highlighting diversity, equity, and inclusion; honing an institutional voice; using displays to create bridges between library departments; and ensuring that displays are accessible and compelling for a variety of patrons.

This webinar, brought to you by Niche Academy, will be held on Jan. 18, 11 a.m. PT. Please [register here](#). If you're interested but not able to attend the live webinar, go ahead and register. Recordings will be sent to all registrants after the fact.

Webjunction: Native Stories, Native Peoples: Opportunities for Library Engagement

The history and current experiences of Indigenous peoples and Tribal Nations are complex, rich and diverse. Libraries can play an important role in counteracting damaging myths and narratives about Native peoples, as well as exploring contemporary struggles and joys.

This webinar will highlight opportunities for libraries to connect their communities to accurate and respectful information, fostering understanding and support of Indigenous peoples past and present. Resources for learning about treaties, Tribal Nations and lands, as well as insights into the experiences of Native communities today will also be shared. With a better understanding of these distinctive histories and cultures, library staff can promote learning and knowledge, support engagement with Native issues and peoples, and better serve all individuals in their community.

Presented by: Naomi Bishop, Health Sciences Librarian, University of Arizona's Phoenix Biomedical Campus, and Akimel O'odham (Pima) from the Gila River Indian Community

This webinar, brought to you by WebJunction, will be held on Feb. 15, 12 p.m. PT. Please [register here](#).

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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