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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

November 29, 2023



2024 WLA Elections

**The votes are in!**



*Incoming WLA leaders*

### Announcing the 2024 WLA Election Winners!

The polls have closed for the [2024 WLA Elections](#), and we have a fantastic group of incoming leaders! Thank you to all of the candidates who ran and the WLA members who voted. Let's give a warm WLA welcome to the newly elected 2024 leaders!

#### Incoming Board Leaders

- Vice President/President-Elect: **Rickey Barnett**
- Board Director, Public Library Division: **Carol Ellison**
- Board Director, School Library Division: **Ryan Grant**
- Student Representative to the Board: **Taylor Hazan**

#### Incoming Division Leaders

- [Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA](#)
  - Secretary/Communications: **Daniel Pringle**
  - Communications Manager: **Leah Cover**

- Member-at-Large: **Genoveva Vergara**
- [Public Library Division](#)
  - Secretary/Communications: **Kelleen Thaxton**
- [School Library Division](#)
  - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Mahlon Landis**
  - Secretary/Communications: **Jamie Moffett**
- [Special Library Division](#)
  - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Tien Triggs**
  - Secretary/Communications: **Irene Miller**

### **Appointed Division Leaders**

- [Public Library Division](#)
  - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Stephanie Mahar**
- [Special Library Division](#)
  - Chair: **Shawn Schollmeyer**

### **Incoming Section Leaders**

- [CAYAS](#)
  - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Eleanor Howell-Shryock**
- [IFS](#)
  - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Tracey Thompson**
- [SRRT](#)
  - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Lindsay Tebeck**
- [WALE](#)
  - Secretary/Communications: **Kelleen Thaxton**

New leadership terms will begin January 1, 2024. Thank you, again, to all of the candidates who ran and the WLA members who voted.

Please contact the [WLA Office](#) if you have any questions!



**Coming Soon: WLA Pawsident Nominations!**

Do you have a pet who loves watching you read? Do they try to attend your online library-related meetings? Do they inspect your tote bag after every library trip you make? If so, your pet probably loves libraries! This alone is wonderful, and you should give yourself a pat on the back (or theirs!). Additionally, WLA is holding a “Pawsidential” election fundraiser, and we’d love if you nominated your friend!

You will be able to nominate your pet for a \$10 donation fee starting next Wednesday, Dec. 6. Nominations will close on Jan. 5, and elections will be open through Jan. 31. Donations for nominations and voting will go towards our #SupportWALibraries campaign which funds WLA scholarships, member services, and more.

The pet that raises the most funds will be declared 2024 WLA Pawsident! The winner will be recognized at the 2024 conference, will become an unofficial non-voting member of the WLA Board, and will have their picture available on merchandise in the WLA Store for the next year!



**Alki**  
The Washington Library  
Association Journal

**Seeking New  
Editor!**  
**Apply by Dec 6**

### ***Alki* Journal Seeking Editor-in-Chief**

The Washington Library Association (WLA) is seeking an Editor for the *Alki* Journal, an online publication. A minimum two-year commitment is requested, and the position will begin by January 2024. Editor receives an annual stipend and approved expenses. Editor must have previous library experience and must be a member of WLA. Applications are due December 6, 2023. All applicants will be notified of their status by December 20, 2023.

*Alki* Journal is an official publication of WLA published three times a year on the electronic platform, PubPub. It provides WLA members and the statewide library community in-depth information about library issues and concerns, exposure to library research, and an opportunity for writers to publish articles in a library journal.

The *Alki* Editor is responsible for providing a balanced mixture of relevant and thoughtful articles and features on the interests, responsibilities, and concerns of all library personnel. The journal should be a leader in the field by raising the consciousness of the profession which it serves. *Alki* should be a responsive,

accountable, and inspirational voice reflecting WLA to a diverse library community.

Read about the position responsibilities, desired qualifications, and the values of *Alki* here.

[Apply Here](#)

To apply, complete the [Alki Editor Application](#) and upload your resume/cv. Full position description, responsibilities, desired qualifications, and *Alki*'s values can be found in the application. Questions? Contact [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org).



***Alki* wants to hear from YOU!**

### **Call for Papers: *The Library is a Growing Organism***

#### ***Alki*'s Spring issue submission window is open!**

Almost all librarians are familiar with the Five Rules of Library Science: Books are for use, every book its reader, every reader their book, save the reader time, and *The Library is a Growing Organism*. Let's start the year off talking about that last rule. Our libraries grow and change over time, whether due to changing patron bases, new technologies, or new needs in our communities. *Alki* wants to know all the ways in which your library is alive. Refer to the following ideas and questions as you write your article:

- How has your library grown or evolved?
- How have you grown your patron base? Tell us stories!
- How has working in a library helped you develop as a professional and as a person?
- How do you nourish, sustain, and tend to your organization as the cultures around and within it change?
- If you work in an institutional library, tell us how your library has provided fertile ground for personal growth in your patrons?

Creative pieces, art, and photos are always encouraged.

**Sign up for your spot today** by emailing your name, a working title of your proposed piece, your bio, and a headshot to [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org).

Do you have an article ready? Email your submissions as a .doc, .docx, or Google Doc to [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org) **before Tuesday, February 6th**. For inspiration, [check out past issues of Alki](#). Before submitting a piece, please visit [alki.pubpub.org/guidelines](http://alki.pubpub.org/guidelines) for **Look Who's Hiring** requirements.

Asotin County Library is seeking [Youth Services Librarian](#).

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

KCLS is seeking a [Librarian & Information Services Manager – Cedar](#), [Public Services Assistant – Olympic Region](#), and a [Public Services Assistant – Newport Way](#).

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

NNLM Region 5 is seeking an [Executive Director](#).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is hiring for [multiple positions](#).

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](#).

Tacoma Public Library is seeking an [Executive Assistant & Policy Analyst](#).

UW Tacoma Library is seeking a [Science and Engineering Librarian](#).

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](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) and indicate "Look Who's*

## News & Notes



ALA American Library Association

## A SPECIAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES

[ala.org/LTCAccess](https://ala.org/LTCAccess)



### Grant Opportunity for Rural and Small Libraries

*Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Accessible Small and Rural Communities* is an initiative of the [American Library Association \(ALA\)](https://ala.org) in partnership with the [Association for Rural and Small Libraries \(ARSL\)](https://arsl.org) that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities.

#### Through these grants, ALA strives to:

- Increase the accessibility of library facilities, services, and programs for people with disabilities in small and rural communities.
- Support libraries' community engagement efforts by providing resources to help them to work with impacted populations to guide improvement of library services.

**Deadline for Submission:** Monday, December 11, 2023 by 11:59 pm (CT)

**Award Notification Date:** Friday, February 8, 2024

Learn more about this opportunity and apply [here](#).

For questions, contact the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office staff at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5045, or [publicprograms@ala.org](mailto:publicprograms@ala.org).

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# THE 9TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON STATE ZINE CONTEST



## The 9th Annual Washington State Zine Contest Now Open!

- Participants must be Washington State residents.
- Zines must be created in 2023 or 2024 and be at least 8 pages long.
- Submissions will be read by people of all ages; please only non-offensive content in your zine.
- Make at least 7 copies of your zine. Submit 5 and keep the others for yourself. Sharing and trading is a traditional aspect of zine culture! Entries will not be returned and may be added to a library's collection or used in promotional materials.

### Conference Bulletin

Find more submission guidelines and view the winners of the 8th Annual Washington State Zine Contest [here](#).

### CSLP's Virtual Summer Symposium Adventure Begins at Your Library

For more information email [sara.pete@sos.wa.gov](mailto:sara.pete@sos.wa.gov).

**Thursday, December 7, 2023**

**8am – 1:30pm PST**

[Registration now Open](#)

The CSLP Summer Symposium is a half-day virtual offering for public library staff to connect, learn, and collaborate as we plan for summer library programming around the 2024 theme of **Adventure Begins at your Library**.

Sessions will include:

- Simplifying Summer: Adventurous Observations from a Seasoned Storyteller
  - Get inspired and organized while streamlining the planning process.
- 2024 Manual Highlights: Adventure Begins at Your Library!
  - Gather ideas to jumpstart planning for summer 2024!

- Once Upon an Adventure: Practical Tips for Gathering Stories to Promote Your Library
  - Learn how a good story becomes good marketing, as well as practical tips to find stories that you can use for advocacy and promotion.
- Taking Adventure Outdoors: Programming and Partnerships facilitated
  - Panel discussion on ideas, resources, and partners that can support outdoor library programming.

Learn more and register at: <https://www.csipreads.org/summer-symposium/>  
Not able to attend? [Sign up to receive a notice when recordings are posted](#)

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### **Scholarships Available to Attend Rare Books & Manuscripts Conference**

The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2024 RBMS Conference, Momentum, to be held in Costa Mesa, California, and online, from June 25-28, 2024. **The deadline to apply is December 15, 2023**, and applicants will be notified in early March 2024.

Full and partial scholarships to the RBMS conference will be awarded. Full scholarships include a waiver of the conference registration fee (a \$195 – \$360 value depending on registration type) plus a travel stipend (\$750). Partial scholarships provide complimentary registration (a \$195 – \$360 value depending on registration type) and may or may not include a travel stipend depending on applicant need/location (\$400). The majority of scholarships will be awarded to support those who have not previously attended RBMS; a limited number of scholarships are available to individuals who have previously attended RBMS.

Find full scholarship description and [application here](#).

## **The Learning Curve**

### **Free Workshop Series from OSPI: Tools for Aligning Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Instruction to School & District Goals**

This series of six interrelated Zoom sessions is open to all Washington State K-12 educators interested in integrating Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship (ML&DC) instruction into school or district curriculum. Administrators, curriculum developers, and other decision-makers are encouraged to attend, ideally with at least one “buddy” who can be part of a team of brainstormers and implementers.



The series will feature nationally-recognized educators and leaders in the field, as well as breakout rooms with colleagues from across the state. Special focus will be on implementing ML&DC beyond a single lesson or classroom, and on aligning to existing standards, instruction, and inclusive practices.

This interrelated series will be held on the following Thursdays **from 5:00 - 6:30 pm, PT:**

Dec. 7, 2023

Jan. 11 2024

Feb. 8, 2024

Mar. 7, 2024

Mar. 28, 2024

May 2, 2024

Learn more and register for the series [here](#).

For questions, please contact **Lesley James** at [lesley.james@k12.wa.us](mailto:lesley.james@k12.wa.us).

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### **Webjunction: Tools for Reimagining School Readiness**

**Dates:** December 5, 2023

**Time:** 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Libraries play a vital role in preparing young children for school by providing interactive and playful programs in which children can develop social, emotional, math, science, and executive function skills and practices. Research has shown these skills to be important for later academic and lifelong success. [Register here to attend](#).

The [Reimagining School Readiness Toolkit](#) provides free, online, research-based resources, created specifically for library staff. These resources make it easy for you to enhance what you are already doing, with eye-catching tips, planning tools, program surveys, activity ideas, family conversation starters, social media posts, and more.

This webinar will introduce library staff to the background and components of the Toolkit, along with testimonials from practitioners about how they are reimagining school readiness in their own libraries. You'll leave with ideas and strategies for supporting your families and communities.

The Toolkit was developed by the [Bay Area Discovery Museum](#) in collaboration with the [California State Library](#).

Presented by:

- **Michelle D. Weissman Randall, PhD**, Head of Research and Evaluation, [Bay Area Discovery Museum](#)
- **Julia Shaheen**, Literacy Manager, [Stark Library](#) (OH)
- **Kate Greene Smith**, Youth Services & Special Projects Coordinator, [Tennessee State Library & Archives](#)

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# Read-a-Rama



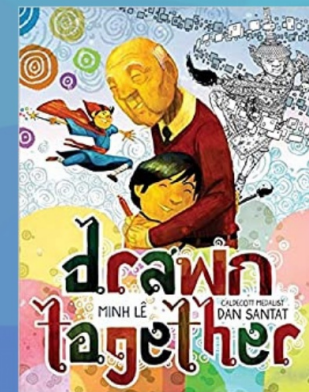
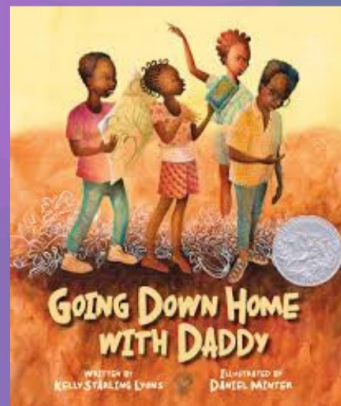
## “WILD ABOUT BOOKS” WORKSHOP (ONLINE)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 10-12 PACIFIC**

**READY TO INSTILL A LOVE OF READING IN CHILDREN?**

**JOIN US FOR GREAT BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS,  
HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES,  
AND TIPS ON GROWING PASSIONATE READERS**

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**MAKING THE U.S. MORE LITERATE,  
ONE CHILD AND ONE BOOK AT A TIME**

*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.*

*It's a great time to become a member of the Washington Library Association. [Join](#) or [Renew](#) your membership today!*



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