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**May 17, 2023**

### **Deadline Approaching for WLA 2023 Academic Conference Proposals!**

Proposals for the 2023 ALD/ACRL-WA and ACRL-OR Conference at Lower Columbia College in Longview are due no later than **Monday, May 22**. [Submit your proposal here](#).

Applicants will be notified of their proposal status by Monday, June 12.

#### **2023 ALD/ACRL-WA and ACRL-OR Conference**

Friday, October 27, 2023 | 8am to 5pm

In-person, Lower Columbia College, Longview, WA

#### **Theme: 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.

This conference is an opportunity to explore the different ways in which we engage with our work. How does your library ensure that others understand and value the labor that goes into providing library services and maintaining library collections? How does your institution value and engage all the workers in your library, including student workers? How do you work during a time of social and political anxiety that has direct ramifications for library workers and library patrons? What does it mean to ensure that your libraries are more equitable places in a time of "DEI work"? What strategies do you use to manage your

workload and protect your personal and professional boundaries? What work are you proud of and why?

This conference welcomes proposals that incorporate this theme through case studies and other forms, particularly proposals that are rooted in practical, daily workplace experiences.

The conference is accepting both in person sessions and pre-recorded, asynchronous sessions. Sessions can take the form of:

- Lightning talks (10 minutes)
- Workshops (90 minutes)
- Unconferences (1-3 hours)
- Presentations (45 minutes)

Please direct questions to the WLA office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) or call/text [\(206\) 823-1138](tel:(206)823-1138).

A promotional banner for a library card catalog auction. On the left is a photograph of a light-colored wooden card catalog table with a grid of drawers and black hairpin legs. The right side of the banner has a dark green background with white text. The main title is 'Library Card Catalog Auction' in a large, bold, serif font. Below it, in a smaller font, is 'All proceeds benefit The Washington Library Association, a 501(c)3 non profit'. A white rounded rectangle contains the text 'Bidding Open 5/17 - 5/25/2023' and the URL 'https://loom.ly/xohpNyw'. In the bottom right corner is a small circular logo with a stylized house icon.

### Library Card Catalog Auction Now Open!

You asked about it at conference, now here it is - The [WLA Library Card Catalog Auction](#)! If you weren't in attendance at #WLA2023, never fear. You can bid too! Bidding open until **Thursday, May 25, 8 pm PDT**.

This beautiful midcentury library card catalog is converted to a table 30" high x 33" wide x 17" deep. Height includes 16" steel hairpin legs. Bidding starts at \$200. Catalog originally from the University of Washington campus. All proceeds benefit the Washington Library Association, a 501(c)(3) non profit.

Delivery may be arranged at no charge within Seattle or up to 50 miles from catalog location in North Seattle. If delivery is needed outside of 50 miles, winning bidder will have to make arrangements at their own expense. Legs can be removed for ease of transport.

For more information related to delivery or pick up, or any other questions, email [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) or call/text (206) 823-1138.



## Application open for the 2024 Conference Committee

### 2024 Conference Committee Application Open

Thank you for your interest in WLA's Conference Committee! Whether you're new to WLA or a longtime volunteer, we would love for you to get involved.

Committee Chairs are appointed by the WLA President. Committee members are appointed by the committee Chair. Committee terms are a minimum of one year, except for the Program Co-Coordinator/Conference Co-Chair position.

Committee members should:

- Participate in the meetings and activities of the committee.
- Have an interest in the work of the committee.
- Be a WLA Member

To apply, please complete [this form](#) by **Friday, June 2, 2023**.

If you are appointed to the committee, you will be notified of your appointment by the committee's co-chairs no later than June 14, 2023 for a term starting Monday, July 10. Committee co-chairs may appoint members during term as needed for divisional balance and active participation.

Time commitment: The committee meets once per month and as needed, with email communication in-between. Appointment on the committee will run July 10, 2023–March 3, 2024.

For more information email [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) or call/text (206) 823-1138.

Application open May 1-June 30

**2023-2024**  
**WLA Scholarships**



### WLA Scholarships - Application Open!

The [application](#) for 2023-2024 WLA Scholarships is now available. 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.

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

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

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### **WLA PD Committee 2023-24 Mentoring Cohort Sign-Up**

Are you a librarian who wants to grow your skills and network with other professionals? Do you have valuable experience and insights to share with your peers? If so, you are invited to join our librarian mentoring cohort!

Don't miss this chance to be part of a supportive and inspiring community of librarians! **Please use [this form](#) to let us know you are interested in joining the WLA PD Committee 2023-24 Mentoring Cohort.**

Benefits of Participating:

- Mentees: Develop your skills, learn from the best, and build professional relationships.
- Mentors: Develop future leaders, grow your leadership skills, and contribute to the profession.

Learn more at [wla.org/mentoring](http://wla.org/mentoring). If you have additional questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org).

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**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 goings-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](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, May 30**. 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](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org). For inspiration, check out [past issues of Alki](#).

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### Call for Alki Milestones and Art

Send us your recent accomplishments, announcements, and art before **June 13th!**

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.

Show off your art! Include no more than 3 photos with alt-text description and a short caption.

Art submissions may include:

- book displays
- new or updated spaces (everyone loves a 'before and after')
- artistic expressions of all forms
- posters for upcoming events

Email your submission to Bethany McKinley, Alki Editor, at [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org) by **Tuesday, June 13th** to be included in the July Alki issue. Any late submissions will be set aside for future publication.



### Voting Open for WLA Book Awards

Voting is now open for all 2023 WLA Book Awards. Please have votes submitted by **Friday, May 26**. Learn more about the [WLA Book Awards here](#).

[OTTER Award Voting](#)

[Sasquatch Award Voting](#)

[Towner Award Voting](#)

[WCCPBA Voting](#)

If you have any questions about voting, please contact the [WLA Office](#).



**ALA Chapter Chats:**  
**Drop-In Hours with Steven Bailey**  
*Third Wednesdays | 1:00-2:00 p.m.*

**Drop-in at the ALA Chapter Chat today!**

Steven Bailey holds his monthly ALA Councilor "Office Hours" today, April 19, from 1-2 p.m. As WLA's Chapter Councilor to ALA Council, he represents your interests to ALA and invites you to stop by to say hello and ask questions!

Log in to the WLA website to access meeting information on the Meetings & Events calendar.

Please feel free to submit questions, comments and feedback regarding all things ALA as well, using the submission form linked below.

[Submit ALA Questions, Comments, or Feedback](#)



**CAYAS Storytime Share**

Join CAYAS (Children and Young Adult Services) on **Wednesday, May 17**, 2:00 - 3:00 pm to celebrate all things youth services through resource sharing, networking, and troubleshooting to further library programming for children!

Let's talk about summer programs and story times! Come share your program plans and get some new ideas from your colleagues.

Register here: <https://loom.ly/9Na4I5s>

## Look Who's Hiring

Antioch University Seattle School Library Endorsement Program is seeking a [Program Associate](#).

Central Washington University is hiring a [Dean of Libraries](#).

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](#).

The Molalla (OR) Public Library is seeking a [Programming and Outreach Librarian](#) for adults and teens.

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

Neill Public Library (Pullman) is seeking an [Adult Services Technician](#).

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

San Juan Island Library is seeking a [Public Services Associate](#) and [Library Substitutes](#).

Seattle Public Library is seeking a [Data Engineer](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant I \(Oak Harbor\)](#), and a [Page Supervisor \(Lynnwood\)](#).

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

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](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.*



## Washington Medical Librarians Association (WMLA) Annual Conference in Spokane, July 21, 2023

The Washington Medical Librarians Association (WMLA) invites you to join us in-person for our annual conference this summer. We'll gather at Gonzaga University in Spokane on Friday, July 21, 2023 for sun, fun and meeting up with colleagues from around the state. You do not need to be a medical librarian to attend. All are welcome!

Visit the [WMLA website](#) for information about registration, events, lodging, and more. You can conveniently sign up for or renew your WMLA membership and get the discounted conference rate at the same time.

### News & Notes

#### Autism-Ready Libraries Toolkit

University of Washington Information School is pleased to announce the release of their Autism-Ready Libraries Toolkit! Over the past 2.5 years they have developed a toolkit to empower librarians to provide services and inclusive early literacy programs to autistic children and their families. This toolkit was designed hand-in-hand with families with autistic children, as well as youth-serving library workers across 42 states.

Their [toolkit website linked here](#) contains free online training modules and resources for youth-serving librarians and library staff in public libraries who would like to better serve families with autistic children. The Autism-Ready Libraries Toolkit can also be used by anyone with an interest in autism inclusion and inclusive early literacy practices, including school librarians, library managers and administrators, parents and caregivers, community leaders, and teachers.

For questions, contact Milly Romeijn-Stout at [emilyrs@uw.edu](mailto:emilyrs@uw.edu).

### 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: Yakima

Light snacks and hot beverages will be provided.

Cost: NONE!

Registration Links:

[May 20 ESD 105, Yakima](#)

Questions? Contact J. Elizabeth Mills, [millse@oclc.org](mailto:millse@oclc.org)

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### Third Thursdays Trustee Topics: Conversations For and About Libraries

Join Washington State Librarian Sara Jones for this new discussion space. Trustee Topics are for everyone who works in, cares for, and values libraries.

Each month Sara will host a guest and spark a conversation about topics relevant to today's libraries. No power points, just good conversations.

The inaugural session is **May 18 from 4:30 - 5:15 pm** with a welcome from Washington State Secretary of State Steve Hobbs and a conversation with Tom

Fay, Seattle Public Library director about the importance of Board training and how SPL approaches this important mission.

These conversations will be recorded and available to replay to boards, trustees, staff, and at events. The question and answer portions will not be recorded.

[Sign up here](#) to join them for Third Thursday's Trustee Topics!

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### **Unpacking Conspiracy Theories: Ideas for Confronting the Hydra of the Information Age**

Conspiracy theories are nothing new, but the amplifying power of digital technology has turned the dial on conspiracy theories up to eleven. Librarians (and others) who hope to promote information literacy and foster critical thinking skills too often find their voices drowned out by the chatter of conspiracy theories.

Join Donald Barclay to examine the history, components, and appeal of conspiracy theories. Understanding how conspiracy theories work—and why their conclusions are spurious—is essential for teaching students and others to identify and avoid conspiracy theories as well as for reaching out to those caught in the trap of conspiracist ideation.

Topics covered in the webinar include:

- Actual conspiracies versus conspiracy theories
- Falsifiability and circular reasoning
- Conspiracy theories and digital technology
- Types of conspiracy theories
- Characteristics of conspiracy theories
- The appeal of conspiracy theories

This Niche Academy webinar will be held on **June 7 at 11 am PT**. If you're interested but not able to attend the live webinar, go ahead and [register](#). A recording will be sent to all registrants after the fact.

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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.*

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

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