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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

June 28, 2023



Save the Date for the Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit!

The [2023 WLA Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit](#) will be held **online** on **Friday, Sept. 8.**

What is neurodiversity? What does the umbrella-term "neurodivergence" encompass? And how can all library types — academic, public, school, and special libraries — feel confident in their ability to combat ableism, to robustly serve neurodivergent patrons with care, and to support their neurodivergent staff?

The virtual Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit offers day-long programming around neurodivergence: a broad overview of what neurodivergence is, how to improve library services for your neurodivergent patrons, current research around the experiences of neurodivergent library workers, conversations around special autism libraries, and more.

Whether you are new to the field or deeply versed, we are hoping that a gentle program that offers breaks, time for questions, and different presentation styles will equip you to feel more confident and to serve as an advocate for your

neurodivergent patrons and staff. **All sessions will be recorded and made available to all registrants.**

Stay tuned for updates about registration and program schedule!

For questions, please email info@wla.org.



Save the Date for the ACRL-WA & OR Joint Conference!

ACRL-WA & OR will be holding their joint Fall conference **in-person** and **online Friday, Oct. 27 from 8 am - 5 pm**. For the first time ever, the conference will be held at Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA!

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.

Stay tuned for updates about registration and conference programming.

For questions, please email info@wla.org.

Application open May 1-June 30

**2023-2024
WLA Scholarships**



WLA Scholarships - Application Closes Friday!

The [application](#) for 2023-2024 WLA Scholarships is now available. A preview of the application form is also available on the [scholarships page](#). **Applications are due this Friday, June 30.**

WLA scholarships are for members to use toward degrees, certificates, or graduate-level studies, as well as conferences, workshops, or educational events! To learn more about requirements, preview the form, and more, visit the [WLA Scholarships page](#).

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

Feedback Needed: Capital Grants Success Stories Survey

Have you received a Capital Grant from the state of Washington to fund a library project in the last ten years? WLA is working with our Lobbyist, Carolyn Logue, in the creation of a Capital Grant Success Stories resource to assist Washington libraries in their advocacy efforts to improve Capital Grant Funding for libraries. You can help by filling out [this form](#) and providing photos and information illustrating the success of your project.

Please circulate [this form](#) to any other libraries in Washington who are recipients of Capital Grants.

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

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 by June 30.**

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. If you have additional questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org.



Alki wants to hear from YOU!

Call for Papers: *Libraries, Disrupted*

Alki's Winter issue submission window opens today!

You voted and we listened! *Alki* thanks everyone who offered ideas and voted in our surveys for the December theme. Due to the significant thematic overlap between the top two choices, we decided to combine them and let the submissions we receive shape the direction of the next issue.

Consider the following ideas while you work on your articles:

- Politics pit *us* against *them*. How do you and your library handle the negativity? What do you do to combat anti-library rhetoric? Tell us about your community.
- Change is inevitable and—good or bad—it disrupts the routine. What disruptions do you encounter in your library?

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.

Do you have an article ready? Email your submissions as a .doc, .docx, or Google Doc to alkieditor@wla.org **before Tuesday, October 17th**. Be sure to include each of the following in your submission:

- Article 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 with both captions *and* alt-text
- Chosen quotes or short selections of your article that you would like highlighted as pull-quotes

For inspiration, [check out past issues of *Alki*](#).

Look Who's Hiring

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

Central Skagit Library is seeking a [Marketing Specialist](#).

City of Anacortes is seeking a [Children's Librarian](#).

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

King County Library System is seeking three [Librarian and Information Services Managers](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Branch Manager for the Bainbridge Island branch](#).

Longview School District is seeking a [HS Library Media Specialist](#).

Mid-Colombia Libraries is seeking a [Librarian \(Collections Development\)](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Library Collection & Technical Services Manager](#) and [Branch Librarian at multiple locations](#).

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

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

Sno-Isle Libraries are seeking a [Library Circulation Supervisor](#), a [Library Associate](#) (Coupeville) and a [Library Associate](#) (Clinton).

Spokane Public Library is seeking a [Youth Services Manager](#).

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a [Librarian II](#).

The Edmonds School District is seeking a [Library Coordinator .6 FTE for the 23-24 School Year](#).

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

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a [Courier, Facilities, and Fleet Supervisor](#).

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

Whitworth University Library is seeking an [Assistant Professor of Library \(Education, STEM, Health Sciences and Instruction\)](#).

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

**Early Bird
Registration Open!
Closes July 18**



Early Bird Registration Open for the 2023 ARSL Conference

[The Association for Rural and Small Libraries \(ARSL\)](#) is hosting their annual conference in Wichita, KS. from Wednesday, Sept. 20 - Friday, Sept. 23. Early Bird registration is open until July 18! Register before that deadline to secure the best available price!

#ARSL2023 is the conference for rural and small libraries. Their conference planners and presenters understand the constraints of shoestring budgets, small spaces, and limited staffing within small and rural libraries, as well as the unique opportunities for innovation and collaboration. The ARSL conference is packed full of information you can take right back to your library—no scaling down required.

This year's conference theme is "Unite & Ignite"! ARSL provides an opportunity to unite as a professional community and foster a sense of togetherness across a nation of small but mighty libraries.

Learn more and [register here](#).

National Association for Media Literacy Educators (NAMLE) Online Conference July 14 - 15

NAMLE hosts the largest professional development conference dedicated to media literacy education in the U.S.

Join hundreds of educators, practitioners, scholars, and concerned citizens virtually on July 14-15 to address questions, build community, foster dialogue, and create change so that we all may live in a media literate world.

This year's conference will feature sessions covering a variety of professional development needs, including:

- Foundational content knowledge around core media literacy concepts,
- Expert sessions from experienced teachers on how to teach media literacy,
- Teacher-led modeling and discussion of specific ways students learn and practice media literacy skills, and
- Approaches to assessment.

Registration includes access to all live sessions and keynotes, the 2023 NAMLE Awards event, and all recordings for 90 days! Learn more and [register here](#).

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

The Washington Medical Librarians Association (WMLA) invites you to join them in-person for their annual conference this summer. They'll gather at Gonzaga University in Spokane on Friday, July 21 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

WLA Membership Benefit Spotlight: Using the WLA E-Lists

Did you know? WLA membership grants you access to WLA e-lists! We have a moderated all-member e-list and e-lists for each division and section.

WLA's e-lists enable professional discussion between WLA members across the state.

Possible content includes:

- WLA business and activities
- Professional networking

- Announcements of grants, resources, conferences, workshops, publications, position openings, and other news relevant to libraries
- Resource sharing
- Civil, professional discourse

To learn more about the WLA e-lists visit wla.org/e-list-and-newsletter.

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

Last Day to Apply for Washington Digital Heritage Grants June 30

The 2023-2024 Washington Digital Heritage Grants will close for applications on **Friday June 30 at 11:59 pm**. 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. Learn more about this grant opportunity at <https://washstatelib.libguides.com/2023WDH>.

Contact wslgrants@sos.wa.gov if you have any questions. Washington Digital Heritage Grants are funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

2023 School Library Training Day Feedback Survey

The Washington State Library's School Library Training Day Committee is currently in the process of planning their next full day professional development opportunity tailored to the needs of folks who are working in school libraries. In order to design this day to meet the needs of those who might benefit, they have created a survey to gauge training needs and interest! Please find the [survey here](#).

All data collected will be kept private and only used in aggregate. If you feel comfortable leaving your contact information at the end, they will only use it for the stated purposes.

Please help by sharing [the link to this survey](#) with other folks who work in school libraries!

For questions, email WSLtrainings@sos.wa.gov.

Upcoming UW Media Literacy Institute

Support your students to develop media literacy skills, like critical thinking and responsible media consumption and production. This course aims to address the pressing need for students to develop media literacy skills, including critical thinking, discernment, and sharing abilities.

Media literacy is not just an essential subject, but also an engaging approach to support teaching in all disciplines. The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) both have issued position papers on the importance of media literacy to each of their disciplines.

Through the Media Literacy Institute, participants will gain the skills to effectively utilize the Center for Media Literacy's evidence-based frameworks and pedagogy to create engaging media literacy lessons that empower students.

The Institute sponsored by ConnectEd will be held online **July 31 - Aug 4**. Participants will be able to receive 16 clock hours. The registration fee for this course is \$200.

Learn more about the Institute [and register here](#).

Lifting Voices Webinar: Indigenous Stories Are for Everyone: The Importance of Picture Books for Indigenous Resurgence Schedule

Don't miss this opportunity to join an all-star panel of Indigenous/Native American authors and illustrators as they discuss the power of bringing their culture into the hands and minds of young children through picture books.

Moderated by Michael Hutchinson (Swampy Cree), author of the Mighty Muskrats series, the panel features Alfreda Beartrack-Algeo (Lakota), author and illustrator of "The Cottonwood Sings," Andrea Fritz (Coast Salish), author and illustrator of the Coast Salish Tales series, and Peggy Janicki (Dakelh), author of "The Secret Pocket."

This free webinar is brought to you by Mackin and will be held on **Thursday, July 6, 12:00 – 1:00pm PT**. [Register here](#).

Internet for All in Washington June Webinar

The Washington State Broadband Office (SBO), in partnership with the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA), is hosting a monthly webinar series through December 2023. They will provide updates for the state's current planning process to access federal resources that will bring

high-speed broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved communities. These webinars will give you and your community a space to:

- Hear updates on the state's plan to bring accessible and affordable internet access to all in Washington.
- Ask questions and engage with them to continue to share the challenges your community is facing.

This free webinar will explore their ongoing efforts to ensure all communities can access and use affordable and reliable internet, along with the skills necessary to participate in the digital world.

This webinar will be held on **June 28, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**. No registration needed.

Link: [https://wastatecommerce.zoom.us/j/86956647548?](https://wastatecommerce.zoom.us/j/86956647548?pwd=T0svcCswbFJCTWFTTmhQZ2FYbEFWQT09)

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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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