



Thank you for registering for the 2018 WLA Conference!

In under two weeks, the **2018 WLA Conference** will begin! Our Conference Committee has been working hard to make this event fun and memorable. Be sure to read through this important information so you can make the most of your conference experience.

### **Arriving at the Convention Center**

The Yakima Convention Center is at **10 N 8th St, Yakima, WA 98901**. For directions and parking/transit information, **visit our website**. There is complimentary parking at several nearby hotels and at the north entrance of the Convention Center.

You will need to check in at the Registration Desk outside of ballroom C (**see map**) to pick up your name badge, program, and other registration materials. Your name badge is required to attend all WLA events.

Conference Registration Desk Hours:

Wednesday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday: 7:00 am – 5:30 pm

Friday: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 7:30 am – 12:00 pm

### **Conference Sessions**

All general **conference sessions** are open to any conference attendee and classrooms will fill up on a first-come, first-served basis. We asked you to indicate session choices to help us with room assignments, but all sessions are open to all attendees.

### **Volunteering**

We rely on volunteers to help us make sure the conference runs smoothly, so please consider donating your time and energy to make this year's conference one of our best. To volunteer, visit the **WLA Conference Volunteer spreadsheet**, pick a day (or days), pick a task, and pick a time!

### **Career Lab Sign-Ups**

Sign-ups for the Career Lab are now available! Whether you are seeking a library job, looking for career advice to make the most of your current job, or just need an updated headshot, the Career Lab has something for conference attendees at every stage of their career. **Click here** to sign up for a time slot. Can't commit to a time slot? Remember that the last half hour of each day is reserved

for drop-ins, though we cannot guarantee that you will be able to work with a volunteer during that time.

## **Meals & Dietary Requests**

All dietary restrictions noted during registrations have been shared with the hotel. The hotel will do its best to accommodate the diverse dietary needs of our attendees. Dietary restriction cards will be included in your name badge to help alert service staff. If you have allergies, please be sure to ask banquet staff for assistance.

## **Don't Forget Your Basics!**

We recommend bringing your own notebook and pen for notes. Also bring business cards to exchange with new colleagues and vendors. If you're participating in the Fund the Future 5k Run & Yoga, be sure to bring exercise clothes and a yoga mat. Towels will be provided onsite if you don't have a mat.

## **Sponsors & Exhibitors**

Our **sponsors and exhibitors** are important partners to our libraries. Please be sure to take the time to visit their exhibit booths to learn more about new innovations, products, and services. New this year, be sure to check out Vendor Demos and Exhibitor Bingo!

## **Raffle & Auction**

We will have daily raffles and silent auctions to benefit WLA Scholarships. If you or your library would like to donate any items, you may drop any items off at the Registration Desk when you arrive to set up your booth. Small prizes will be raffled off daily, and larger items will be bid on throughout the conference at the silent auction.

## **Conference Evaluations**

Please be sure to fill out the conference evaluation, which will be available online after the conference. You will receive an email inviting you to participate.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Washington Library Association.

See you in Yakima!

**2018 WLA Conference Committee**

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