



WA LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE WEEK

JAN 24-28, 2022
ONLINE

PREPARING FOR YOUR LIBRARY ADVOCACY



IDENTIFY LIBRARY BILLS

Visit <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/> to search by keywords (e.g. “libraries”) or specific bill numbers. See “Bill History” to see where a bill is in the legislature, who you need to speak with to keep the bill moving forward, and whether any of those individuals are your Representatives.



FIND YOUR REPS

Visit the State District Finder at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder>, which will direct you to the email addresses for your district’s State Representatives and Senators. In the legislature, emails are always `firstname.lastname@leg.wa.gov`.



SCHEDULE VIRTUAL MEETINGS

You can call or email your legislator’s office to set up an appointment during the week of January 24–28. Some Legislative Assistants will set up meetings themselves; others may ask you to send them a link to a virtual meeting. We suggest you use a password-secured link. If you don’t have access to virtual meeting software, you can request that the Legislator set up the meeting.



PREPARE YOUR NARRATIVE

Nothing is more impactful than your narrative. Statistics and data are compelling, be sure to tell your own story! Don't forget to include your ask: What exactly are you asking them to do with the bill? Visit wla.org/wa-library-legislative-week to watch a video with more info and a template for developing your narrative.



ATTEND INTRO & PANELS

Join us for our intro session on Monday, January 24, which will give you an overview of relevant bills, strategies to approach your meetings, and an opportunity to ask our legislative lobbyist questions. Don't miss additional panels throughout the week!

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MORE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION