Welcome to WLA Wednesday

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On this day: In 1933, the game of Monopoly is created.

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Making Headlines

Washington Passes Net Neutrality Legislation

On Monday, Washington became the first state to pass its own net neutrality law, after the FCC repealed Obama-era protections in December.

"Internet service providers otherwise could limit what websites or apps you would be able to use," Governor Jay Inslee said. "They could slow down your use and access unless you use their preferred apps or their chosen services...We are here to say Washingtonians will be protected from throttling, from fast lanes, and they will be protected in preserving an open and accessible internet."

The new rules passed by the FCC will still go into effect April 23, while Washington's law will go into effect June 6. Learn more here.
Look Who's Hiring

Bellingham Public Library is seeking a Library Director. The position closes April 6.

North Central Regional Library is seeking a Collection Development Librarian. The position closes March 15.

Shoreline Community College is seeking a Tenure-Track Librarian. The position is open until filled.

Columbia Basin College is seeking an Adjunct Librarian. The position is open until filled.

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe is seeking a Computer Lab and Library Manager. The position is open until filled.

LibSource, an LAC Group Company, is seeking a Part-Time Library Assistant.

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) lists job openings frequently. You can also browse WLA institutional members' postings here.

If you have a current posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email us and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

Conference Communiqué

Library 2.018 Topic-Specific Mini-Conferences

This coming year the Library 2.018 annual conference events will consist of three topic-specific mini-conferences: "Design Thinking: How Librarians Are Incorporating It Into Their Practice" (March 8), "Blockchain Applied: Impact on the Information Profession" (June 7), and "Libraries and Social Crises" (October).

Everyone is invited to participate in these events, designed to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among information professionals worldwide. Each three-hour event will consist of a series of short keynote speakers plus 10-15 crowd-sourced thirty-minute presentations.

The School of Information at San José State University is the founding conference sponsor. Register as a member of the Library 2.0 network to be kept informed of future events. Recordings from previous years are available under the Archives tab above or to the right, and on the Library 2.0 YouTube channel.

The Learning Curve

Active Shooters and Armed Assailants – Responses and Realistic Tools

Cases of workplace violence involving armed perpetrators in libraries are both rare and catastrophic. Not all subjects have used guns in these attacks; edged weapons are a concern as well. Recent events have heightened the awareness of the need for library employees to follow the national DHS protocol: Run - Hide - Fight. Since all employees are in charge of their own sense of security, they need to know what to do, what
the Washington State Ferries haiku cover contest on Twitter!

WSDOT is looking for a traditional haiku about the Washington State Ferries experience. The winning poem will be featured on the cover of their Summer 2018 Sailing Schedule! Submit your haiku by Friday, March 9. Read the contest rules here.

National Library Week

It's almost time for the 2018 National Library Week, April 8-14! This year's theme is "Libraries Lead.

Celebrations during National Library Week:

- Tuesday, April 10: National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
- Wednesday, April 11: National Bookmobile Day, a day to recognize the contributions of our nation's bookmobiles and the dedicated professionals who make quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities.
- Thursday, April 12: Take Action for Libraries Day

Two Washington Libraries Selected for ALA Pilot Program

The Seattle Public Library and King County Library System have been selected to participate in the pilot phase of the ALA Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT) Great Stories Club. The twenty-five libraries selected from across the country will engage in a thematic reading and discussion program series that will engage underserved teens through literature-based library outreach programs and racial healing work.

The Seattle Public Library will partner not to do, and how to protect themselves and other patrons or students during these life-changing events.

This fast-paced and tool-based webinar from the Texas State Library covers these issues:

- Defining potential workplace events and possible perpetrators.
- A brief history of Active Shooter events, including those at college and municipal libraries, and lessons learned.
- Recognizing pre-attack behavioral warning signs.
- How to address patrons with Concealed Carry permits who bring guns into the library.
- When to use “high-risk customer service skills.”
- The DHS Run - Hide - Fight six-minute video and related responses, drills, and understanding the police response.

Learn more and register here.

Community Engagement Training: Turning Outward to Lead Change

How can small, rural libraries transform their communities? Find out at this full day, experiential workshop for teams of library staff, trustees, and community leaders on the topic of community engagement. Participants will learn how to create community-based libraries by identifying local resources, improving communication with stakeholders and “turning outward,” using tools developed by the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation. Join Amber Williams, from the Spokane County Library District, and Erica Freudenberger, from the Southern Adirondack Library System, to adapt and customize a roadmap to engage your community, build the capacity of your library, and incorporate the tools used by the American Library Association’s Libraries Transforming Communities initiative. Each library is invited to send a team comprised of library staff, trustees and/or community leaders.

- Pierce County Library System Headquarters, Tacoma, April 16, 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Wenatchee Public Library, April 18, 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Ritzville Public Library April 19, 9:00am – 4:00pm
with West Auburn High School. King County Library will partner with Interagency Academy Alternative High School. Programming will take place from May to October 2018.

Apply to Join FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council

Youth across the Nation can help their communities prepare for emergencies. Students in 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, who have already taken part in community service, or are interested in emergency preparedness, should apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Youth Preparedness Council.

Formed in 2012, the Council’s members take part in local and national emergency preparedness projects. Selected to serve a two-year term, members meet with FEMA staff to give their views on emergency preparedness and to share information from FEMA with their communities.

Adults who work with youth or who work in emergency management should share the application with youth who might be interested. Youth must submit a completed application form and provide two letters of recommendation and academic records. Applications are due March 18. To apply, or to see projects current members are working on, visit the Youth Preparedness Council website.

2018 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture: “Refreshments Will Be Served – Our Lives of Reading & Writing”

The 2018 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture, “Refreshments Will Be Served – Our Lives of Reading & Writing” will be given by poet and author Naomi Shihab Nye at 7:00pm on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at the Western Washington University Performing Arts Center. Each year the Association for Library Service to Children, a Division of the American Library Association, selects an individual to prepare and deliver a paper considered to be a significant contribution to the field of children’s literature. Libraries across the country apply to host the lecture and Western Washington University and Whatcom County Library System are thrilled to be selected as the 2018 host site.

The lecture is open to the public, and free of charge, though registration is requested. Register for the lecture here and while you’re waiting, read up on Nye’s work by checking out some of her extraordinary writing for kids, teens, and adults.

LGBTQAI+ Books to Share, Conversations to Have

More LGBTQAI+ books are published each year. How should you select, display, share, and use in your library for children of all ages? Titles and suggestions will lead into online conversations. Bring your questions, ideas, and concerns and together the group will attempt to resolve them.

ALSC is offering this webinar free of charge. During the webinar presentation, due to platform capacity, only the first 100 attendees to log in will be able to access the free webinar. However, all registrants will receive a direct link to the webinar archive post-webinar.

Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office by Monday to be included in that week’s digest. Please include “For WLA Wednesday” in the subject line.