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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

September 20, 2023



2024 WLA Elections

Nominations now open

Submit an application by October 18

WLA 2024 Elections - October Open Houses

Are you seeking leadership experience? Looking to meet new people in the library field? Passionate about advocacy for libraries and library professionals? You've come to the right place! Whether you're a longtime member or new to the association, WLA invites you to throw your hat into the ring for a leadership position in 2024. There are many opportunities to get involved. **Self-nominations are welcome!**

Nominations are open! Apply before **October 18** to be considered. Learn more on our [elections webpage](#).

Interested in learning more about the expectations and time requirements of being a part of WLA leadership? **We are hosting three Elections Open Houses in the first week of October.** Please stop by and chat with current WLA leadership about their experiences.

1. **Monday, October 2, 1:00-2:00 pm PT.** [Register here.](#)
2. **Wednesday, October 4, 4:00-5:00 pm PT.** [Register here.](#)

3. Friday, October 6, 9:00-10:00 am PT. [Register here](#).

For questions, please email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.

Nomination Form



WLA 2023-2024 Mentoring Program Applications Open Until September 29!

Are you a library worker who wants to grow your skills and network with other professionals? Do you have experience and insights to share with your peers? We invite you to join our mentoring community as a mentor or a mentee! Learn more about the program and fill out a quick application at www.wla.org/mentoring. If you have additional questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.



Thank You for Attending the Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit!

Thank you to everyone who was a part of the [2023 WLA Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit](#) on **Friday, Sept. 8!** All sessions were recorded. Access to the recordings and presenter materials will be sent to all registrants by **this Friday, September 15.**

A Note from Our Board President, Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman:

Thank you for attending the 2023 Washington Library Association Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit. Organizing this event to make it available to library workers across the state of Washington—and beyond!—has been the highlight of my service as your 2023 WLA Board President. I deeply hope you

found the summit engaging, thought-provoking, and that it offered you an opportunity for reflection and growth

You can still register to receive access to the recorded sessions and presenter materials [here](#).

Neurodivergence Summit Registration

For questions, please email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.



ACRL-WA & OR Joint Conference Registration Open!

ACRL-WA & OR will be holding their joint Fall conference **in-person** and **online Friday, Oct. 27 from 8 am - 5 pm** at Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA. [Registration is now open.](#)

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.

Learn more about the [conference here](#) and view the tentative [program schedule here](#).

For questions, please email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.



Alki wants to hear from YOU!

Call for Papers: *Libraries, Disrupted*

Alki's Winter issue submission window is now open! You voted and we listened! *Alki* thanks everyone who offered ideas and voted in our surveys for the December theme.

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, Oct. 17**. 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*](#).

ALA Councilor Office Hours Rescheduled

WLA's ALA Councilor Steven Bailey holds monthly office hours to meet with you about your ALA questions or just say hello! Typically held on third Wednesdays, this month's office hours have been rescheduled to next Wednesday, September 27, 1:00-2:00 pm.

- Save the following [Zoom link](#) — or [log-in](#) to the WLA website to access meeting information on the *Meeting & Events* calendar.

The Washington Library Association (WLA) is a Chapter Affiliate Member of the American Library Association (ALA). ALA has affiliate relationships — a longtime partnership — with state library associations (chapters) in all fifty States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and regional library

associations in the Mountain Plains, New England, Pacific Northwest, and Southeastern regions.

Chapters promote general library service and librarianship within its geographic area, provide geographic representation to the Council of the American Library Association, and cooperate in the promotion of general and joint enterprises with the American Library Association and other library groups.

Look Who's Hiring

Bellingham Public Library is seeking a [Library Events Coordinator](#).

Cornish College of the Arts is seeking a [Technical Services Librarian](#).

FVRLibraries is seeking an [Engagement Manager](#) for Vancouver Community Library.

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#) at multiple locations.

North Olympic Library System is seeking an [Youth Services Librarian 1](#).

San Juan Island Library is seeking an [Outreach Coordinator](#).

Seattle Central College is seeing a [Library Associate \(LAPP2\)](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Librarian - Children's Services](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Prison Libraries\)](#), a [Public and Tribal Library Consultant/Manager](#), and a [Statewide Cooperative Projects Librarian](#).

Washington State University is seeking a [Health Sciences Librarian](#).

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Marketing and Programs Manager](#), a [Community Library Supervisor IV - Yakima Central](#), and a [Community Library Supervisor IV - West Valley](#).

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.

News & Notes

Washington State Library Circulating Kits Now Available

Washington State Library Circulating Kits are officially open for the year! All of them are available to be booked starting next week and through the end of August 2024. There are three categories of kits available for your use.

1. Circulating STEAM Kits (Cool Creations, Ozobot Evo, Seal Skeleton, , Strawbees)
2. STARNet Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (Solar Science Multi-Generational Kit, Solar Science Younger Audience Kit)
3. Welcoming Library Kits

For more information about the kits, what they contain, accompanying documentation, and a link to the booking software, please visit the LibGuide here: <https://washstatelib.libguides.com/steamkits>

If you're ready to book, the link for the booking software is here:

<https://washstatelib.libguides.com/steamkits/requestakit>

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

Workforce Development and Comments on Draft Digital Equity Plan

The Washington State Broadband Office, in partnership with the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA), is hosting a monthly webinar series through December 2023.

[Register now](#) to attend the next Internet for All in Washington webinar:
Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023 from 2 - 3 p.m. on Zoom.

This free webinar will focus discussion on workforce development and [Washington's Draft Digital Equity Plan](#), along with updates on our ongoing Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) work to-date.

Washington's Draft Digital Equity Plan identifies the needs and barriers of getting Washingtonians connected to the internet. The 60-day public comment period is open through **October 31, 2023**.

[Submit your comments online](#) or email feedback to internetforall@commerce.wa.gov.

This feedback will inform the state's final Digital Equity Plan, which will be submitted to the NTIA by Dec. 1, 2023.

WSL YALSA Symposium Grant Application Open

Washington State Library is offering a limited number of grants for public and tribal library staff to attend the 2023 YALSA Young Adult Services Symposium. The Symposium is being held in St. Louis, Missouri on November 10-12, 2023. This will be a competitive grant, and applications will be reviewed and scored against the following demonstrated criteria: financial and professional development need, community/patron impact, and plans for sharing the knowledge gained at the conference. WSL may also use geographic and demographic data in the decision-making process.

For more information and for a [link to the application](#), visit the [grant LibGuide](#). **Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22nd, 2023.** Applicants will be notified no later than Friday, September 29th, 2023. Feel free to pass this information along to anyone working in a Washington State public or tribal library who may be interested in attending!

More information about the YALSA Symposium can be found [here](#).
Conference programs can be found [here](#).

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The Learning Curve

Climate Action Planning (Part 2): Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience

This panel discussion will feature practitioners with deep experience in preparing both their libraries, and their communities, for the impacts of climate change. Our panel will speak to traditional disaster preparedness, business continuity planning, community resilience work, and preparing communities for severe weather events and the increased likelihood of food supply interruptions. While libraries are not first responders, they should be connected with the emergency management community and be positioned as part of both the short-term and long-term “first restorer” network as disruptions amplified by climate change happen with more frequency.

Presented by:

- **Rebekkah Smith Aldrich** (MLS, LEED AP), Executive Director, Mid-Hudson Library System (NY), Co-founder/Current President, Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI), and author
- **Keith Adams**, Executive Director, New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- **Michele Stricker**, Deputy State Librarian, Library Development Bureau, New Jersey State Library

[Learn more](#) about this webinar and [register here](#).

Braille Transcription Training Course

When: Wednesdays, 6-8 pm, starting September 20, 2023 – April 2024

Where: WTBBL, 2021 9th Ave, Seattle WA 98121 (free parking)

Cost: Free

Description: Become a WTBBL volunteer braille transcriber! Volunteer braille transcribers are essential to our braille-production program and ensure braille books are available to our braille-reading patrons, young and old, across Washington State and the country.

Questions: Email wtbbblvolunteer@sos.wa.gov or call 206-615-0400

Additional Information and Registration: tinyurl.com/brailletranscription

Please share this with anyone you think might be interested!

NNLM Presents: Why Comics Work for Risk Communication

When a disaster strikes—whether that’s a hurricane or a coronavirus outbreak—people need to quickly understand the actual risk and what they can do to keep themselves safe. However, helping people to comprehend that information is difficult when the situation is complex and your audience is under stress. The comics medium, with its unique visual and narrative characteristics, can be an effective tool for risk communication. Comics can make the unfamiliar more concrete, adding clarity to information in uncertain situations. Comics also have the potential to humanize difficult asks for public safety by leaning into empathy and emotion.

In this talk, Meredith Li-Vollmer, a risk communication specialist, will discuss how the health department in Seattle and King County, Washington has used comics to convey critical health information for emergency preparedness and response.

This webinar will be held **September 20, 11 am PT**. [Learn more](#) about this webinar and [register here](#).

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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