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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

September 27, 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 next week!** 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 Friday!

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. **Application closes Friday, September 29.**

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!**

Session and Summit **evaluations close this Friday, September 29** - if you attended the Summit or watched the recordings, please consider providing us with your feedback by then.

All sessions were recorded. Access to the recordings and presenter materials were sent to all registrants **on 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 - Early Bird Rate Ends Today

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. Today is the last day for [Early Bird registration](#).

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



ALA Chapter Chats:

Drop-In Hours with Steven Bailey

Third Wednesdays | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

ALA Councilor Office Hours Today

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 **today, 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.

2023 WLA Scholarship Winners Announced

On behalf of the WLA Professional Development Committee, we're excited to announce the winners of the WLA Scholarships for 2023-2024!

- Lex Van Horn – [Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)
- Caitlin Wheeler – [Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)
- Tien Triggs – [John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship](#) (\$1,000);
[WALE Continuing Education Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)
- Katherine Lewis – [WALE Library Paraprofessional Scholarship](#) (\$1,000)
- Eryn Duffee – [Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship](#) (\$500)
- TuesD Chambers – [Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship](#) (\$500)

Thank you to all who applied for this year's round of scholarships! If you have any questions, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

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](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate, At Large - North District](#).

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

IMLS Nourishing Minds Initiative

Is teen mental health something you are thinking about? Would you like to gain skills in building positive teen well-being? As a part of the [IMLS-funded Nourishing Minds](#) initiative, The Seattle Public Library is seeking six U.S. public libraries to participate in a series of activities over the next year that will give library staff the opportunity to:

- Build strategies for proactively creating services in support of teen mental health
- Move away from a crisis approach to teen mental health
- Attend a series of participatory design training sessions and build skills in support of teen mental health
- Receive coaching from Meridian Library District (ID) and Charles County Public Library (MD) staff
- Facilitate a programming series in support of teen mental health and library space that support teen mental health

Those selected to participate will receive a \$6000 stipend to use in support of learning about and providing services in support of teen mental health.

Onboarding of selected library staff begins in November 2023, learning sessions for selected staff will begin in early 2024, and libraries selected will facilitate their mental health centered programs from February through July 2024.

You can apply to participate in the initiative by filling out and submitting [this form](#). To learn more check out the [FAQ](#) and [register for an information session](#) on [Wednesday, October 4, noon to 1PM Pacific](#)

King County Library System receives \$133,252 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop a Climate Action Plan

ISSAQUAH, WASH. — September 26, 2023 — The [King County Library System](#) (KCLS) received a \$133,252 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to develop a Climate Action Plan over the next two years under the Climate Smart Humanities Organizations program. The [KCLS Foundation](#) will match the amount that NEH awarded by July 2024, for a total of \$266,504 in grant funding.

NEH supports research, education, preservation and public programs in the humanities. The Climate Smart program is one of three new grant programs that NEH created under the agency's [American Tapestry: Weaving Together Past, Present and Future](#) initiative, which leverages the humanities to strengthen our democracy, advance equity for all and address our changing climate. The program enables cultural organizations — such as museums, libraries, archives and humanities centers — to develop strategic Climate Action Plans.

In this round of funding, [NEH awarded \\$41.3 million in grants for 280 humanities projects](#) across the country. KCLS was the only library system in the nation to receive the NEH grant to produce a Climate Action Plan.

“The NEH grant funds will help KCLS do its part to preserve and protect the environment for current and future generations to come,” said KCLS Executive Director Lisa Rosenblum. “We look forward to establishing and implementing our Climate Action Plan to further improve energy efficiency and reduce our carbon footprint.”

The Climate Action Plan will align with federal, tribal, state, and local climate goals and priorities. KCLS will work with technical consultants to assess current greenhouse gas emissions, water and energy usage, and establish a measurable plan to implement conservation strategies.

Latest milestone for project “GLAM” Assists Cultural Heritage Institutions Protect their Valuable Collections from Storms, Climate Change, and Other Risk Factors.

BATON ROUGE – Cultural heritage institutions, including galleries, libraries, archives and museums, or GLAMs, are being impacted by climate change. About 56 percent of these institutions reported increased damage to collections due to water or moisture between 2017-2019. Of that damage, about 10 percent was the result of natural disasters. As storm season ramps up in the south, LSU researchers reached a significant milestone in a research project aimed at assisting our nation’s historical/natural/scientific/cultural collections remain safe and intact.

Over the past year, the collaborative [Providing Risk of The Environment’s Changing Climate Threats for Galleries, Libraries, Archives & Museums \(PROTECCT-GLAM\)](#) research team compiled and verified a unique dataset, including the georeferences for the majority of U.S. Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums (GLAMs). The original data sources included the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the National Center for Education Statistics, the Archives RepoData project, and the Department of Defense.

After compiling the source data, the PROTECCT-GLAM project team employed over 35 undergraduate and graduate students to manually verify and update physical location of the GLAMs. The resulting dataset includes nearly 74,000 entries and represents the first known directory of all U.S. GLAM locations. The dataset is freely available for use via the LSU Digital Commons and accessible on the project website: <http://protecct-glam.lsu.edu>. The PROTECCT-GLAM team also provided access to a form for GLAMs to submit feedback and revisions to the dataset which will be updated monthly through 2024 and quarterly thereafter.

[Read the full press release and learn more here.](#)

The Learning Curve

Cultivating Critical & Curious Consumers & Creators: A Workshop Series on Tools for Teaching Media Literacy to Children & Teens

Various Wednesdays starting October 4th: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Register [HERE](#)

More information [HERE](#)

Everyone in our communities lives in a technology and media steeped world. Because of this, Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship are vital content areas that

are being integrated into classrooms all over the country. In Washington, OSPI has a Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship coordinator who works towards giving school staff the resources and skills they need to incorporate these skills into their lessons.

In this professional development series, you will gain essential knowledge of Media Literacy & Digital Literacy practices, hear from experts in the field, learn about specific curriculum and existing tools, become more in tune with what is happening in Washington schools, and connect with other public and school library folks. Let's work together to help create a community of critical thinkers who use technology in ways that are safe, responsible, ethical, and kind.

This series of free Clock Hours eligible workshops is open to all Washington State K-12 educators and any public librarians who work with children and teens. Each session will be held on Zoom, on a Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., during the 2023-2024 school year. (See specific dates and presenters [here](#)).

Each session will include an in-depth presentation from a guest speaker, as well as time to process and interact with job-alike peers in breakout rooms.

The series is co-sponsored by the [Washington State Library](#) and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction [Media Literacy & Digital Citizenship Program](#).

Authors and Advocates on Fighting Book Bans

The last few years have seen an unparalleled attack on the right to read and organized campaigns against certain types of literature and programming in public and school libraries. No one person or organization can face this fight alone, and we all need to take direct action to combat censorship.

Join author John Green (Looking for Alaska, The Fault in Our Stars), writer and illustrator Mike Curato (Flamer), librarian and FReadom Fighters co-founder Becky Calzada, and Banned Books Week Youth Honorary Chair Da'Taeveyon Daniels for a conversation the impact of book bans and the ways in which they have taken action to fight censorship. The program will close with a short Q&A. Presented by the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and Unite Against Book Bans.

This webinar will be held on Oct 4, 2023 10 am PT. [Register here](#).

Six Simple Steps for Evaluation Planning

Do you dread evaluation planning? Join this webinar for a walk through of Six Simple Steps for Evaluation Planning. This webinar will teach you how to develop an evaluation plan that's effective and won't stress you out. We will break down the steps and provide a draft plan you can use to help you feel empowered and ready to get started collecting the evidence you need to demonstrate results. Grab your notebook and join Dr. Ann Price for this free webinar.

This webinar will be held on September 28, 10 am PT. [Register here](#).

Speaker: Ann Price, Community Evaluation Solutions

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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