WLA 2023 Theme Announced!

The 2023 Conference Committee is hard at work planning the #WLA2023 conference, Thursday March 30 through Saturday, April 1 at the Wenatchee Convention Center! On behalf of the committee, we're pleased to share that the conference theme for 2023 is **All In, Reach Out!**
Stay tuned next week for the full conference theme and a save-the-date for the launch of WLA's request for proposals (RFP)!

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**WLA is now a 501(c)(3)**

Your charitable donations to the WLA Scholarship Fund are now tax deductible. Visit wla.org/giving to donate today.

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**WLA is Seeking Grant Volunteers!**

The Washington Library Association (WLA) has shifted from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and is now eligible to pursue grants as a public charity.

Do you have grant writing experience to volunteer? We'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org for more information.

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**2023 WLA Elections**

**Nominations Open**

☐ for future WLA leaders

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**Attend an Open House for WLA 2023 Elections!**

Are you seeking leadership experience? Looking to meet new people in the library field? Passionate about advocacy for libraries and library professionals?

Consider running for a Board, Division, or Section leadership position in 2023. You can learn more from current WLA leaders about getting involved by attending an upcoming virtual open house.

Register to attend on one of the following dates:

- **Monday, Aug. 29** | 4-5 p.m. | Register here
- **Wednesday, Sept. 7** | 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Register here

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
Visit [https://www.wla.org/elections](https://www.wla.org/elections) to find available positions, this year’s election timeline, and the nomination form, which is also available below.

The nomination application will remain open through Friday, Sept. 16. If you have any questions, please contact info@wla.org.

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**Gather for WLFFTA Happy Hour Today!**

Join your fellow library advocates for the [WA Library Friends, Foundations, Trustees & Advocates](https://www.wla.org) (WLFFTA) Networking Happy Hour today at 4 p.m. Access the meeting link on the WLA [Meetings & Events calendar](https://www.wla.org/events).

This is an opportunity to meet other library friends, foundation members, trustees, and advocates and learn about the WLA section that is specifically focused on the needs of our library supporters. The purpose of this meeting is to tell you more about the WLFFTA section and how you can meet other library advocates from across the state to learn their stories of success.

Please bring an afternoon beverage, a snack of choice, and some relaxed summer vibes to hear more about WLFFTA and meet some new friends. Please share this meeting opportunity with your Friends, Foundation, & Trustee colleagues and hear about the great resources you’ll find as a member of WLA!

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**Look Who’s Hiring**

Bethel School District is seeking a [Library Media Specialist](https://www.wla.org).

Big Bend Community College is seeking a [Library Consortium Services Manager](https://www.wla.org).

Central Washington University seeks a [Library & Archives Paraprofessional 3](https://www.wla.org).

Centralia College is seeking an [Instruction & Systems Librarian](https://www.wla.org).

City of Grandview is seeking a [Library Director](https://www.wla.org).

KCLS is seeking an [Automated Material Handling Service Specialist](https://www.wla.org), a [Circulation Automation Supervisor](https://www.wla.org), and an [Integrated Library System Administrator](https://www.wla.org).

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager I (West Pasco)](https://www.wla.org).
Neill Public Library is seeking a [Library Division Manager - Adult Services](#).

OCLC is seeking a [Program Manager - Web Junction](#).

Pacific Lutheran University is seeking a [Manager of Access and Building Services - Library](#).

Pierce County Library System is seeking an [Application Services Manager](#).

Seattle University is seeking an [Electronic Services Manager (Law Library)](#) and a [Health Sciences Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate (Lynnwood)](#) and [FT Public Services Assistant I (Oak Harbor)](#).

South Puget Sound Community College is seeking an [Open Education Librarian](#).

UW Center for an Informed Public is seeking an [Education & Engagement Manager](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#).

If your institution has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email [newsletter@wla.org](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) and indicate "Look Who’s Hiring" in the subject line.

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**Conference Bulletin**

**ACRL-OR Accepting Fall Conference Proposals**

On Oct. 27 and 28, ACRL-OR and WLA ALD/ACRL-WA will gather at the [Menucha Retreat and Conference Center](#) for the Joint Fall Conference. Registration is coming soon!

The conference committee is currently [seeking proposals](#) for lightning talks, posters, and skillshares! Skillshares — new this year! — are meant to be short, informal round-table sessions where you share your knowledge on a topic with your colleagues.

The deadline for submissions is Sept. 5. If you have any questions, please contact Tamara Ottum at [tamara.ottum@slo.oregon.gov](mailto:tamara.ottum@slo.oregon.gov) or (971) 375-3543.
Registration Open for 21st Annual NWILL Conference

The 21st Annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference will once again be held virtually (nwill.org).

To minimize Zoom fatigue, the conference days are spread over two weeks:

- Thursday, Sept. 8
- Friday, Sept. 9 (workshop day)
- Wednesday, Sept. 14
- Friday, Sept. 16


Register here! If you have a Whova account, please register using the email address associated with it. Registration is $18 standard, and free for BIPOC attendees and scholarship recipients.

To actively work towards dismantling systems of racism, NWILL offers the option of free registration to anyone who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or a person of color (BIPOC). Register using the discount code: bipoc2022.

If an administrator or office manager plans to pay registration fees on behalf of an attendee, please contact David Moody (moody@chapman.edu) and Leanna Pagano (lpagano@callutheran.edu).

News & Notes

**Washington State Library receives $149,668 grant**

[Washington State Library (WSL) has been awarded a $149,668 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).](https://www.washingtonstatelib.org/news/news-releases/2023/07/washington-state-library-receives-149668-grant)
The grant will fund a pilot program by WSL's Institutional Library Services (ILS) and the State Department of Corrections (DOC) to develop strategies and tools aimed at reducing disparities among library services at state and territorial prisons across the country. The pilot will bring stakeholders together to identify current policies, best practices, performance standards, and outcomes of prison library programs, and develop adaptable models for providing and improving services.

ILS and DOC surveyed 35 states through the Correctional Leaders Association. The responses came from state departments of corrections, and this data was used to determine the level of library services provided in each respondent state's department of corrections facilities. Some prison libraries provide quality services similar to a public library, while some states have no library services at their prisons.

The IMLS grant builds upon the $1.168 million in recent state funding, spearheaded by State Rep. Drew Hansen, that will allow WSL to expand library services for people who are incarcerated in adult correctional facilities. Services include educational programs, library materials, reference collections, books, and magazines. WSL will hire additional library support personnel for each of the nine state institutional library branches.

Funding Opportunity:
NNLM All of Us Program Center Community Awards

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) All of Us Program Center (NAPC) is excited to announce its Community Award grants for libraries and community organizations!

The Community Awards provide funding for NNLM members to design and implement programming to increase community skills in health literacy, digital literacy and/or public understanding of clinical research, build community partnerships, and promote All of Us and NNLM resources.
Application materials, in-depth application instructions, and other resources can be found at [https://bit.ly/NAPCawards](https://bit.ly/NAPCawards). Up to five awards will be available, and the maximum award amount is $30,000. The application deadline is Aug. 26.

Questions about the award can be sent to LIB-NAPCengage@uiowa.edu.

**The Learning Curve**

**SCHOOL LIBRARY IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAY**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2022: 8:30 A.M.-3:15 P.M. PT**

**FREE! CLOCK HOURS ELIGIBLE! VIRTUAL!**

**QUESTIONS: WSLTRAINING@SOS.WA.GOV**

**REGISTER AT: HTTPS://BIT.LY/3QVS5KE**

**Register for WSL's School Library In-Service Training Day**

The Washington State Library (WSL) is proud to present its first ever School Library In-Service Training Day, presented virtually on Friday, Oct. 14 from 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

With a keynote by Jennifer LaGarde, sessions presented by Meghan Ashburn, Cicely Lewis, Shannon McClintock Miller, and Julia E. Torres, and panels featuring Washington school library colleagues Elizabeth Roberts, TuesD Chambers, and Gavin Downing, there will be something for everyone!

This professional development opportunity is free, Clock Hours eligible, virtual, and recorded. The live event will take place on Zoom on the statewide teacher in-service day, and the recordings will be available afterwards for anyone who is unable to attend live.

[Registration is now open](https://WSLTraining@SOS.WA.GOV), and you can view the master schedule and further instructions on WSL’s Niche Academy page. Full program descriptions with learning objectives will be available soon to those who register. All questions can be directed to WSLTraining@SOS.WA.GOV.

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ACRL Choice: "From the Great Resignation to the Great Reset: Libraries Preparing Academics for What’s Next in the Job Market"

This free ACRL Choice webinar on Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. PT will feature discussion on preparing the next generation of workers for the job market and supporting students and faculty during transformational times. Attendees of the webinar will also learn more about O'Reilly for Higher Education as a tool for helping students expand their skill sets and prepare for technical certifications. [Register here.]

Speakers include Hans Baierl (Moraine Park Technical College), Adrian Graham (Austin Community College), and David Rachlin (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University). The webinar is sponsored by ProQuest, Part of Clarivate.

All Choice webinars offer Zoom’s auto-generated AI captioning. If you have any questions, please contact scofer@ala-choice.org.

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Fast Forward Libraries: "Strategic Sprints: Results Focused Planning in Bite-Sized Chunks"

Does strategic planning sound like a daunting task that your library can't ever seem to fit in? Then this free webinar at 10 a.m. PT on Aug. 31 is for you! [Register here.]

Join Amanda Standerfer with Fast Forward Libraries to learn how your library can be strategic in smaller, more manageable ways by using a strategic sprints framework. Similar to scenario planning, strategic sprints can be a powerful situational tool to help your library work towards goals in meaningful ways.

This webinar will be recorded, so please register even if you can't attend live. You will receive a link to the recording the day after the webinar.

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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