



WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

January 11, 2023



### Early Bird Registration Open for #WLA2023

[Early Bird registration](#) has launched for the WLA2023 in Wenatchee, March 30-April 1! The annual conference facilitates unique opportunities for innovation and collaboration between Academic, Public, School, and Special libraries across the state. Our Conference Committee has designed this conference for library professionals of all job roles, from all types of libraries, and at all career stages. You'll leave with connections, ideas, and information to put into action.

Registration rates are available for individuals in-person and online. There are also **in-person group discounts** for individuals associated with a single organization:

- 5-10 people: 5% off
- 11-20 people: 10% off
- 21+: 20% off

Early Bird registration is open through **Feb. 15**. Along with registering, be sure to [book your stay](#) at the conference hotel prior to **March 15**!

## Conference Highlights

- Networking opportunities to facilitate make meaningful, lasting connections, including Dine-Arounds, receptions, the Table Topics Lunch, Divisional un conferences, meetups around shared interests and identities, and an app with an attendee social network.
- 70+ sessions from experts and innovators in Academic, Public, School, and Special libraries across the state.
- Virtual content available to all attendees to watch on demand through June 2023.
- Preconference Workshops to give a deeper dive into the topics of accessibility, community-centered planning, serving Indigenous communities, and more.
- Extracurricular activities to get you out exploring Wenatchee with new friends.
- User-friendly app to help you navigate the conference with ease, build your schedule, find new connections, participate in community discussions, enter challenges to win prizes, and so much more.
- Keynote speaker to be announced soon!
- Closing session featuring a panel on book challenges.
- Four meals included in your registration, plus refreshment breaks and receptions.
- Exhibit Hall packed full of library-related vendors offering giveaways, discounts, and exclusive opportunities to conference attendees.

## On Saturday, We Wear WLA!

Show off your WLA and library pride at conference on Saturday, April 1! You can order [WLA2023 swag](#) through our RedBubble store or wear anything that shows off your passion for libraries! Some other RedBubble options include:

- [#K12Librarians4AllWA Logo](#)
- [WLA: Association Llogo](#)
- [WLA: Association Pride Logo](#)
- [Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA Logo](#)
- [WALE Logo](#)

If you choose to order through RedBubble, we recommend placing your order by March 1 to make sure your swag arrives prior to the conference!

## Conference Theme

The 2023 conference theme is *All In, Reach Out*. Our experiences over the past few years have reinforced the importance of connection. We've adapted and learned new ways to connect with each other, to collaborate with community partners, and to meet the changing needs of our patrons and students.

If you have any questions, please contact the WLA Office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) or (206) 823-1138.

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### Register for 2023 WA Library Legislative Day!

[Registration](#) is open for the 2023 WA Library Legislative Day, sponsored by WLA. We are excited to share that we will be returning in-person to Olympia this year!

This year, we are focused on [SB 5102](#), in relation to our grassroots [#K12Librarians4AllWA campaign](#), to ensure ALL students in ALL districts have access to a school library information technology program with a trained, certified teacher-librarian. Issues such intellectual freedom, e-book licensing, and levy passage requirements are also expected to be on this year's agenda.

By attending WA Library Legislative Day, you can expect to:

- Connect with library supporters from all types of libraries around the state.
- Hear from special guests 2023 WLA Board President **Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman**, Washington State Librarian **Sara Jones**, and Washington Secretary of State **Steve Hobbs**.
- Attend sessions and hear testimony from fellow library professionals along with WLA lobbyist **Carolyn Logue**.
- Meet with State legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them.
- Understand how to track and search for bills, give effective testimony, and advocate for libraries, to better support them in years to come!

This free event is a great way to become involved in library advocacy and help WLA push its legislative goals over the finish line!

If you have any questions about Legislative Day or [WLA's 2023 agenda](#), please contact the WLA Office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org)!

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### Call for 2023 WLA Merit Award Nominations

With #WLA2023 approaching, the [WLA Merit Awards](#) are back again! We look forward to hearing about accomplishments in the past year by library professionals from around the state!

The WLA Merit Awards offer the opportunity to recognize and highlight the outstanding work that has been ongoing in Washington libraries. To nominate an outstanding individual or group for an award, please complete the [WLA 2023 Merit Award Nomination Form](#) by Wednesday, Feb. 8.

What library achievement did you see in your community or workplace that you'd like to see celebrated? Examples can include, but aren't limited to, outstanding service in the areas of:

- Programming (virtual, educational, community building)
- Outreach to users
- Services
- Access to technology
- Access to collections
- Serving the needs of people who were vulnerable, underserved
- Providing innovative ways to deliver services, materials

Library workers at all levels and in all types of libraries are eligible! Nominees do not need to be WLA members (with the exception of the Emeritus Award and the WALE Award). Additionally, nominators do not have to be WLA members. Award winners will receive a complimentary year of WLA membership!

Winners will be notified by Feb. 27, announced in WLA Wednesday on March 1, and celebrated on April 1 at the [WLA 2023 Conference](#) in Wenatchee.

If you have questions or wish to discuss eligibility requirements, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

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### ***Alki*** Call for Papers: Accessibility Matters

The Washington library community wants to hear from you! Share your voice by publishing in [Alki: The Washington Library Association Journal](#). We welcome

content from all library workers, students, supporters, volunteers, and trustees. We publish peer-reviewed articles, opinion pieces, creative writing, and art.

This issue is all about putting the 'A' back in equity acronyms. We know that disability is a spectrum and accessibility benefits everyone. We want to know how the big 'A' has played a role in your work and life. We're excited to announce that this will be our first text-based issue of *Alki*. Submissions could include the following:

- Art, creative writing, opinion pieces, or articles written by disabled members of our community
- Navigations through legal accommodations processes and how copyright got in the way
- Programs, events, and partnerships that have enriched your library's service to the disabled community
- Assessments, audits, and renovations that have made your library's physical (or virtual) space more accessible
- Technical knowledge essential for making library catalogs, websites, software, hardware, and electronic resources more accessible to the print disabled
- Virtual tours and spotlights on local organizations and institutions that center accessibility as their core mission
- Research-driven and persuasive pieces on the importance of accessibility in libraries, schools, museums, archives, and other cultural institutions

*Alki* is a journal by and for the Washington library community. We accept submissions that may not fit our theme but are still important to our community.

Email your submissions to [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org) by **Feb. 8, 2023**. Find submission guidelines [here](#).

The *Alki* editorial committee is available to discuss ideas and expectations. Reach out by contacting us at [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org). For inspiration, [check out past issues of \*Alki\*](#).

## Look Who's Hiring

Bellevue College is seeking a [Part-Time Librarian](#).

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is seeking an [Executive Director](#).

Central Washington University Library is seeking a [Student Success Librarian, Assistant Professor](#).

Gonzaga University is seeking an [Adjunct Faculty, Foley Library](#).

King County Library System is seeking thirty two [Librarians – Public Services](#).

Kent School District is seeking a [Teacher Librarian / Technology Integration Specialist](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Okanogan\)](#); a [Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Republic\)](#); and [Bilingual Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Brewster\)](#).

Olympic College is seeking a [Library & Archives Paraprofessional 2 \(Poulsbo Branch\)](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Business & Economics Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [PT Public Services Assistant I \(Mukilteo\)](#) and a [Librarian - Adult Services, Library on Wheels \(Marysville\)](#).

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a [Librarian II, Cataloging and Processing](#).

Vancouver Community Library is seeking a [Branch Manager 2](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Serials Cataloger](#).

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Regional Programming Coordinator](#).

Seaside Public Library (OR) is seeking a [Library Director](#).

*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.*

## Conference Bulletin



## WLA2023: Apply for the Primary Source Scholarship for Rural & Small Libraries!

Applications are open for the Primary Source Scholarship for Rural & Small Libraries, for attendance to the [2023 WLA Conference in Wenatchee](#), March 30-April 1.

Applicants must be current WLA members who work in a **public** small and/or rural library and who demonstrate need. Scholarship funds must be used to attend the in-person [2023 WLA Conference](#).

The definitions of small and rural libraries, according to the Institute of Museum & Library Services are:

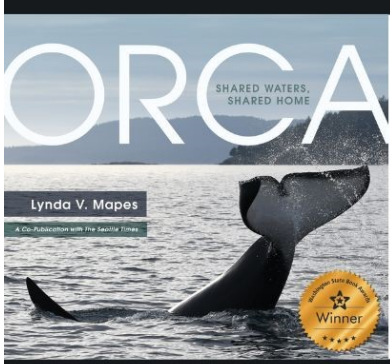
- Small libraries have a service population of 25,000 or fewer.
- Rural libraries are located 5 or more miles from the nearest town of 25,000 or more.

The scholarship will provide one recipient full conference registration, attendance at up to two preconference workshops, up to three nights of lodging, and travel reimbursement.

The application is now available at [wla.org/2023-wla-conference](http://wla.org/2023-wla-conference). The deadline to submit applications is **Thursday, Jan. 19**.

Thank you to our scholarship sponsor, Primary Source! This scholarship is made possible by our new conference sponsorship opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact the WLA Office by calling or texting 206-823-1138 or by emailing [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org).

## News & Notes




Washington State Book Award Winner

**Lynda Mapes**

*Orca: Shared Waters, Shared Home*

**Jan. 12, 7 p.m.**

in-person at SPL's Central Branch  
and streaming online via Zoom



### Washington State Book Award Winner: Lynda Mapes

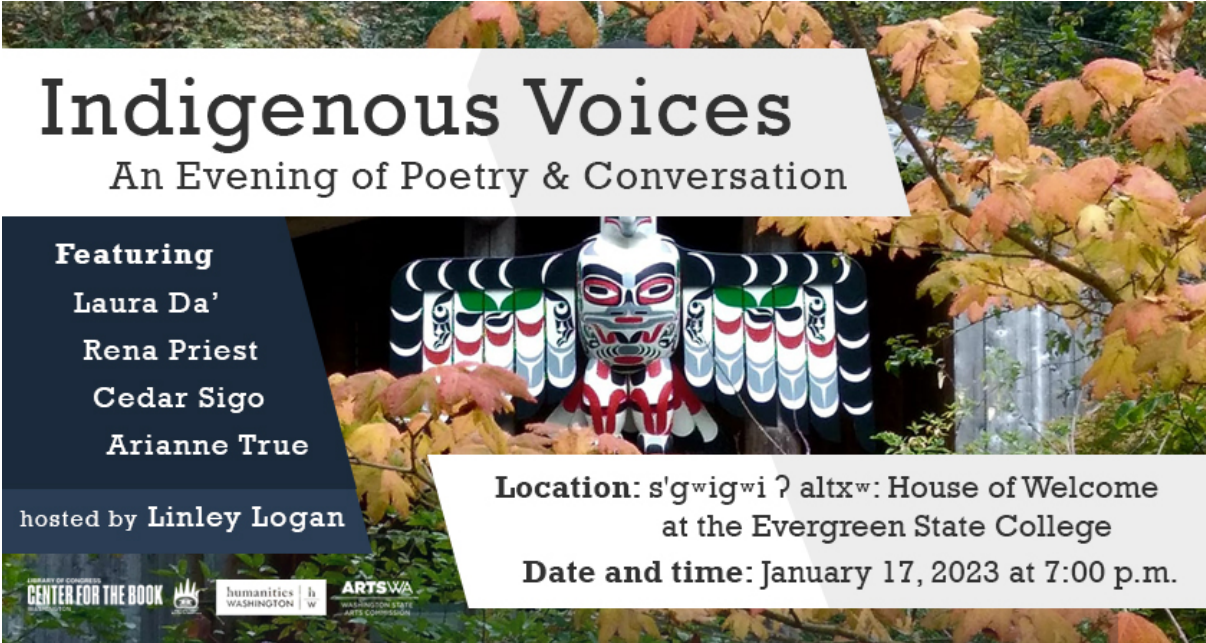
Celebrate with Lynda Mapes, winner of the 2022 Washington State Book Award for General Nonfiction, on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.! This event is presented by the [Washington Center for the Book](#) (an affiliate of The Library of Congress Center



for the Book, administered by Washington State Library) and [The Seattle Public Library](#) (SPL).

In *Orca: Shared Waters, Shared Home*, journalist Lynda V. Mapes explores the natural history of the orca and the unique challenges for the survival of the Southern Resident group that frequents Puget Sound.

Enjoy the celebration either in-person at [SPL's Central Branch](#) or live online via Zoom! Registration isn't required for the in-person event, but please register in advance for the [online stream](#).



**Indigenous Voices**  
An Evening of Poetry & Conversation

**Featuring**  
Laura Da'  
Rena Priest  
Cedar Sigo  
Arianne True

hosted by **Linley Logan**

**Location:** s'g'wigwi ʔ altxʷ: House of Welcome  
at the Evergreen State College

**Date and time:** January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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Indigenous Voices: An Evening of Poetry and Conversation is a presentation of the Washington Center for the Book (Washington State Library), s'g'wi g'wi ʔ altxʷ: House of Welcome-Evergreen Longhouse, Humanities Washington, and the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA).

This presentation, held on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Evergreen Longhouse, will be an evening of poetry and conversation with four Indigenous Washington poets. Laura Da' (Eastern Shawnee), Rena Priest (Lummi, current Washington State Poet Laureate), Cedar Sigo (Suquamish), and Arianne True (Choctaw, Chickasaw) will read selections from their work and speak about poetry and the world through an Indigenous lens.

Register here: [bit.ly/indigenousvoicesevent](https://bit.ly/indigenousvoicesevent)

**New WSL Circulating Kit Open for Reservations: Welcoming Libraries**



[The Welcoming Library](#) is a pop-up community conversation on immigration. That conversation is driven by a collection of acclaimed picture books featuring New Arrival and New American families.

Readers of all ages “meet” these families on the page and explore the commonalities of all families with embedded discussion questions and companion programming / education materials. The collection — with its pop-up display unit — packs into a crate and travels between schools, libraries, and community centers in a given region, building an environment of Welcoming and Belonging.

For more information about what the circulating kit includes and how it can be helpful in your library, [visit here](#). Make a reservation for the kit [here](#).

Kits will stay at a library for up to six weeks then they must be sent to the next location. You are welcome to borrow it for between 1-6 weeks!

If you are hoping to send this kit between locations in your district using internal mail and need it for more than six weeks, please email [STEAM@sos.wa.gov](mailto:STEAM@sos.wa.gov).

## The Learning Curve

### WSL: Public Library Trustee Training

Washington State Library (WSL) will host two free trainings for public library trustees online on Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. [Register in advance](#).

Each training will last between 60-90 minutes depending on the questions asked during the training.

Topics covered will include:

- Governance structure
- What is a trustee’s most important role & why?
- Roles of a board
- Difference in roles between the Board and the Library director
- Open Meetings Act
- Dealing with the Media

For those who can’t make the in person online meetings, resources will be posted to Niche Academy after Jan. 18.

Individualized, in-person board trainings can also be requested from Carolyn Petersen ([carolyn.petersen@sos.wa.gov](mailto:carolyn.petersen@sos.wa.gov)) and Sara Jones ([sara.jones@sos.wa.gov](mailto:sara.jones@sos.wa.gov)).

**Please note:** Registration information will be forthcoming this month or next for a four-day-long workshop for library leaders, commissioned by WSL and offered by EveryLibrary's John Chrastka!

The in-person workshop, "Engaging the Five Freedoms: Policy and Communications in Disrupted Times," will provide a landscape of censorship and book bans in Washington and neighboring state along with a deep discussion of the Five Freedoms of the First Amendment and civil rights protections in the Fourteenth Amendment. Please stay tuned for more information.

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### **Niche Academy: Level Up Your Book Displays**

Book displays are more than a simple tool for passive Readers' Advisory. A well-crafted display captures patrons' attention, sparks imagination, and sends subtle (or not-so-subtle) messages about your library's values and institutional culture.

In this presentation, Faithe Miller Lakowicz shares practical approaches for maximizing the impact of book and media displays, including low-cost "hacks" for maximizing visual appeal; highlighting diversity, equity, and inclusion; honing an institutional voice; using displays to create bridges between library departments; and ensuring that displays are accessible and compelling for a variety of patrons.

This webinar, brought to you by Niche Academy, will be held on Jan. 18, 11 a.m. PT. Please [register here](#). If you're interested but not able to attend the live webinar, go ahead and register. Recordings will be sent to all registrants after the fact.

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### **Webjunction: Native Stories, Native Peoples: Opportunities for Library Engagement**

The history and current experiences of Indigenous peoples and Tribal Nations are complex, rich and diverse. Libraries can play an important role in counteracting damaging myths and narratives about Native peoples, as well as exploring contemporary struggles and joys.

This webinar will highlight opportunities for libraries to connect their communities to accurate and respectful information, fostering understanding and support of Indigenous peoples past and present. Resources for learning about treaties, Tribal Nations and lands, as well as insights into the experiences of Native communities today will also be shared. With a better understanding of these distinctive histories and cultures, library staff can promote learning

and knowledge, support engagement with Native issues and peoples, and better serve all individuals in their community.

Presented by: Naomi Bishop, Health Sciences Librarian, University of Arizona's Phoenix Biomedical Campus, and Akimel O'odham (Pima) from the Gila River Indian Community

This webinar, brought to you by WebJunction, will be held on Feb. 15, 12 p.m. PT. Please [register here](#).

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*Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at [newsletter@wla.org](mailto: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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