Welcome to

WLA Wednesday

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On this day: in 1916, Costa Rica signed the Buenos Aires Convention, a copyright treaty

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Making Headlines

Dorn: State to Delay Submission of Federal Education Plan

OLYMPIA — November 29, 2016 — After consultation with Superintendent-elect Chris Reykdal, Deputy Superintendent Gil Mendoza, Gov. Jay Inslee and various stakeholder groups, I am delaying the submission of the Every Student Succeeds Act Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Education.

We will provide at least an additional 60 days for the public to comment, bring new thoughts, engage, or reengage in the process.

The passage of the ESSA was historic and a long time coming. The proposal we put together meets the requirements of the federal law, requires no changes to current statutes and establishes what our state will be held accountable for to the federal government. It does not limit our state, however, and we can choose to have additional accountability elements that we focus on here in Washington.

Superintendent-elect Reykdal and I are already working on a seamless transition, and the plan will ultimately be submitted by Reykdal. He will make determinations on the timeline and final content after additional consultation with the Governor’s office, legislators and key stakeholder groups.

It is critical that our plan reflect the unique interests of Washington state, especially with so much uncertainty at the U.S. Department of Education as the White House transition unfolds.
Look Who's Hiring

The Whatcom County Library System is seeking a System Engineer. The position is open until filled; first application review is December 23.

Eastern Washington University is looking for a STEM Reference and Instruction Librarian. First application review is January 1.

The King County Library System has an opening for a Library Regional Manager. The deadline to apply is December 20.

Seattle Public Schools are seeking two Elementary Librarians. The positions are open until filled.

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) lists job openings every Monday and you can 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

Save the Dates for Learn Local!

The dates have been confirmed for WLA's three one-day conferences in April 2017. These will give WLA members more accessible, affordable options for professional development and networking with your regional colleagues. With multiple concurrent programs to choose from, you can attend one or all three events. Learn Local! will take place at:

- Seattle Public Library on Friday, April 7
- Yakima Valley College on Friday, April 28
- Spokane Public Library on Saturday, April 29

These one-day conferences are in addition to the big 2017 WLA Conference in Tacoma, November 1-4. The request for program proposals for both spring and fall events will be released on December 12. We hope many of you will offer to share your skills and experience with our WA library communities!

News & Notes

Apply Now for the H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant

The deadline is tomorrow! Please consider applying for The H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant or sharing this information with a library that might be interested. This is an annual award consisting of $3,500 and a 24k gold-framed citation given to a library organization whose application demonstrates greatest merit for a program of staff development designed to further the goals and objectives of the library organization.

The Learning Curve

Finding Something to Read NOW Webinar

Offered by the Washington State Library, this free First Tuesday webinar will explore ways to improve the reading experience for your online readers, such as the advantages of using OverDrive’s Wish List instead of placing holds.
The deadline is December 1, 2016. Click here to learn more.

2017 Teen Video Challenge

The Washington State Library and the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) have launched the 2017 Teen Video Challenge, a national video competition for teens to get involved with reading and their public library's summer reading program.

Teens are invited to create a 30 to 90 second video with their unique interpretation of the 2016 teen slogan “Build a Better World”. The idea is to involve teens in summer reading, before and during the summer months, by being part of the process. This is an opportunity for teens to showcase their creativity and have their ideas heard by a national audience. The winning video will be named one of the CSLP 2017 Teen Videos to promote summer reading nationwide.

For full details about the CSLP 2017 Teen Video Challenge and to find out how to enter Washington’s competition, please click here.

$100 will be awarded to the creator of Washington’s winning video and their associated public library will receive prizes worth at least $50 from Upstart. Winners will be announced by CSLP in April 2017.

The deadline for video submissions is Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

Questions? Please contact Nono Burling.

Winter Online Classes from Highline College LIS Program

The Highline College Library & Information Services Program is offering these five credit courses ONLINE this Winter Quarter 2017:

LIBR 122 Public Services “Explore the policies, procedures, and tools used in public services, with a focus on customer service. Students learn about patron privacy issues, collection management, and library safety & security. Communication, customer relations and problem solving will be explored in depth.”

LIBR 150 Reference Services "Development of proficiency in providing face-to-face and remote reference services in a variety of settings. The focus is on the nature and purpose of reference services, library principles governing them, customer service, conducting effective reference interviews, and developing familiarity with a broad array of
reasonable-but-challenging individual word-count goals.

Did you host a Come Write In event? Whether your events were a rousing success or a challenge to improve on in the future, we’d love to hear about them. Share your experiences hosting Come Write In events and take advantage of the collective information-sharing that is one of the best features of Come Write In over in our forum!

The YWP also helps K–12 educators facilitate NaNoWriMo in schools, libraries, and community centers around the world. We provide virtual classroom spaces on our site, as well as student workbooks, Common Core-aligned curricula, and free motivational materials. Watch this video

Many of you have been working with kids and teens as part of your events this month. Learn more about our program and impact and watch this video to learn what your support can do.

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.