



# ***Welcome to WLA Wednesday***

November 30, 2016

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**



**OSPI** | Randy I. Dorn  
State Superintendent

*At least 60 more days to be given for public to comment*

**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.

[Visit OSPI's webpage to read the full text draft and to give input.](#)

## 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.

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## 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.

## 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!

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## 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.

Administered by the American Library Association.

The deadline is December 1, 2016. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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### 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.](#)

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### Share Your NaNoWriMo Come Write In Experiences & Learn More about the Young Writers Program

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. The challenge: draft an entire novel during the month of November.

Participants begin writing November 1 and must finish by 11:59 PM on November 30. The word-count goal for our adult program is 50,000 words, but the Young Writers Program (YWP) allows 17-and-under participants to set

*Finding Something to Read NOW (and More!): OverDrive Tips & Tricks for Assisting Readers*, presented by [Will Stuiivenga](#), Washington State Library, on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 9-10am PST.

Other techniques explained will include:

- power limiting
- searching by genre
- using the "Recommended for You" feature

We will briefly review other patron assistance options, such as resetting downloads and adjusting the holds queue. Library staff will receive tips on the best OverDrive training and promotional materials. Time permitting, we may also discuss publisher eBook pricing practices and how they affect budgets and collections.

First Tuesdays was designed as a continuing-education opportunity for staff of libraries in Washington. The free webinars allow attendees to ask questions and learn about new topics. These special subject presentations are [recorded](#) so others may listen at their convenience. [Instructions and Login for First Tuesdays session](#)

Questions? Please contact Carolyn Petersen, Washington State Library, at [carolyn.petersen@sos.wa.gov](mailto:carolyn.petersen@sos.wa.gov) or 360-570-5560.

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### 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.

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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.

print and electronic resources. Attention is also paid to assisting library users to become proficient in using library resources themselves.

*LIBR 179 Cataloging I & II* "Focused on the cataloging of library collections with an emphasis on information organization, effective interpretation and use of current cataloging rules, subject analysis, use of controlled vocabularies and subject thesauri, application of existing classification systems in the assignment of library call numbers, MARC formats, and creating and maintaining catalog records. Attention is paid to the use of library networks, integrated library systems, sources of electronic catalog copy, transfer and input into local and shared systems, and applying customer service models in performing all cataloging functions.

Registration is open and classes begin January 9, 2017!  
Contact [lisinquiry@highline.edu](mailto:lisinquiry@highline.edu) for more information.

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