



Welcome to **WLA Wednesday**

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On this day: in 1620, Pilgrims aboard the *Mayflower* sight land at Cape Cod, Massachusetts

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Making Headlines

Save the Date for the 2017 Library Legislative Day!



On March 16, 2017, librarians, trustees and library supporters will gather in Olympia to visit with legislators and share their stories about how libraries support the educational attainment levels of Washingtonians and contribute to the health of local economies.

This is a great opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state and meet with State Legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them.

Online registration will be available on the WLA website once event details are finalized. Every voice is important and we hope you will join us in March to tell your story!

Look Who's Hiring



The Fraser Valley Regional Library is seeking a [Collections Services Librarian](#). The deadline to apply is November 24.

The Whatcom County Library System is looking for a [Technical Services Assistant II](#). The deadline to apply is Monday, November 21.

Conference Communiqué

2016 HackWLMA and WALE Conference Materials Available Online

Couldn't make it to either conference last month? Curious to learn what you missed? While it won't be quite the same as attending, you can still download materials from the workshops and sessions offered at both conferences! [Click here for 2016 HackWLMA Conference materials](#) and [here for 2016 WALE Conference materials](#).

Thank you again to everyone who joined us at these incredible conferences last month!

Seattle Pacific University is looking for an [Access Services Specialist](#). The position is 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.

News & Notes

Apply Now for ALA's Great Stories Club 2017

ALA's Public Programs Office invites libraries to apply for the Great Stories Club, a reading and discussion program for underserved teens featuring books under the theme "Nature vs. Nurture: Origins of Teen Violence and Suicide." The project is supported with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Working with small groups of 6 to 10 teens, grantees will host reading and discussion events for each of three selected book titles. The Great Stories Club titles — selected by humanities scholars in consultation with librarian advisors— are chosen to resonate with reluctant readers struggling with complex issues like incarceration, violence and poverty.

Eligible libraries are located within or working in partnership with organizations that serve at-risk youth, such as alternative high schools, juvenile justice organizations, homeless shelters, foster care agencies, teen parenting programs, residential treatment facilities and other nonprofit and community agencies. Up to 100 grants will be awarded.

Applications will be accepted from Nov. 1 to Dec. 30, 2016. [Click here](#) for guidelines and to apply online.

Librarians Needed to Judge the Washington State Book Awards

The [Washington State Book Awards](#) are administered by the Washington Center for the Book at The Seattle Public Library. We are looking for librarian judges for the 2017 book awards (for books published in 2016).

The Learning Curve

Nominations for the 2017 Distance Learning Librarianship Award

Do you know or could you be the next recipient of the prestigious Routledge Distance Learning Librarianship Conference Sponsorship Award? The Distance Learning Section (DLS) of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) wants to honor you.

This prestigious award sponsored by the Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group honors an ACRL member who has made valuable contributions to the field of distance librarianship. The winner receives:

- \$1,200 to attend the 2017 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL (June 22-27, 2017)
- A commemorative plaque presented at an awards luncheon during ALA Annual.

The applicant should demonstrate achievement in *one or more* of the following areas:

- Support for distance learning librarianship and library services, e.g., service to students and faculty, innovation and/or leadership
- Participate in the creation and/or implementation of distance library programs or services of exemplary quality
- Successful collaboration with faculty in support of information literacy and/or other aspects of library instruction or services for distance students
- Significant research, publication, or presentations in areas of distance learning librarianship

Send in your submission by December 2, 2016. Self-nominations are welcome. For complete information about this award and the application form, [please click here](#). Questions? Contact DLS Awards Co-Chair Committee Chairs [Rebecca Nowicki](#) or [Brandon West](#).

National Strategy for Youth Preparedness

Developed by FEMA, the U.S. Department of Education, and the American Red Cross, the [National Strategy for Youth Preparedness Education](#) presents nine steps partners can take to help build a Nation of prepared youth.

The awards recognize books in eight categories (four adult; four youth) that exemplify the best writing in the state. Adult categories are: Fiction, Poetry, Biography/Memoir, History/General Nonfiction. Youth categories are: Picture book; early readers (ages 6 to 8), middle readers (ages 9 to 12) and young adults (ages 13 to 18). Books are judged on their literary merit, lasting importance and overall quality of the publication.

Books that are nominated by authors or publishers are sent to the judges throughout the year. Judging will require online communication and at least one in-person meeting in Seattle in the summer of 2017. Judges are offered an honorarium of \$250. Plus, all the wonderful books you get to read!

For the youth categories, we are looking specifically for a librarian at a public library. For the adult categories, librarians from public or academic libraries will be considered.

Interested? Email [Linda Johns](mailto:Linda.Johns) and let her know why you'd like to be a judge. (A paragraph or two is all that's needed!). Please include the following information:

1. Your position
2. Your library name/location
3. If you're interested in helping with youth or adult categories
4. The diverse perspective you bring when evaluating books.

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries' Grants for School Libraries

For any library in a school of 85% or more free and reduced lunches, if you are interested in receiving up to \$7,000 for your school library this school year...

How about joining the growing list of over 2,500 school libraries in America who have received monies from the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries since 2002?

Congratulations to Amistad Elementary School (Kennewick/Sandra Lee), Lochburn Middle School (Lakewood/Jamie Moffett), and Mattawa Elementary School (Mattawa/LeeAnne Neary)! All three schools have been awarded grants to extend, update, and diversify the book and print collections in the school libraries.

The steps focus on building partnerships to enhance youth preparedness learning programs; connecting young people with their families, communities, first responders, and other youth; and increasing preparedness at school.

To find out about FEMA's exciting work, as well as that of our partners, please subscribe to the [Children & Disasters Newsletter](#). You can also read [past editions of the Children and Disasters Newsletter in the FEMA Media Library](#)

FREE ProQuest Training Sessions

ProQuest's WA trainer, Jeff Cutler, is offering in-person, free training sessions at several Washington locations. While the sessions are being held at Educational Services Districts, this free training will be general in nature, and appropriate for any library staff interested in the latest enhancements to and features of the various ProQuest products included in the Washington statewide contract. More information is available at proquest.libguides.com/WASDL.

- Wednesday, November 16, 2016 - 2 sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Educational Service District 101, 4202 S. Regal, Spokane, WA 99223-7738. To register, contact Shelly Johnson at sjohnson@esd101.net or 509-789-3800.
- Thursday, November 17, 2016 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Educational Service District 112, 2500 N.E. 65th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98661-6812. To register, contact Katherine Livick at katherine.livick@esd112.org or 360-750-7503.
- Monday, November 28, 2016 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Olympic ESD 114, 105 National Avenue N., Bremerton, WA 98312. To register, contact Sarah Freitas at sarahf@oesd114.org or 360-405-5801.

It may be possible to schedule additional trainings in nearby locations on days preceding or following these scheduled training sessions. Or on the morning or afternoon of the same day, if the time slot is available, and the location is not too far away.

Simply go to the [site](#), look over the information, and confirm you are eligible.

Apply on-line now through December 14, 2016. Be complete in your answers and be sure to have VOICE in your application! The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries' Committee expects to be able to really picture your school library and the specific needs that you have.

Questions? Please contact [Suson Luckman](#).

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.

To schedule a training session at your location, please contact Jeff Cutler at 801-250-0568 or 800-521-0600, ext. 72996 or Jeffrey.Cutler@proquest.com.

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