



Welcome to WLA Wednesday

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On this day: in 1913, Arthur Wynne's "word-cross," the first crossword puzzle, is published in the *New York World*

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Making Headlines

After Rise in Incidents, ALA Office Now Tracking Hate Crimes in Libraries



This is an excerpt from "Libraries Become Unexpected Sites of Hate Crimes" that originally appeared in The New York Times on December 8, 2016. Please read [the full article here](#).

"In addition to the books defaced in Evanston, the American Library Association highlighted these cases from last month:

- A student at the University of New Mexico was studying in the school's library when she was approached by a man who tried to remove her hijab, the BBC reported. She evaded her attacker and was not injured.
- Administrators at Reed College in Portland, Ore., discovered hateful, threatening messages and swastikas on the walls of the college's library, KOIN 6 reported.
- Anti-Semitic graffiti was scrawled on the window of a library branch in Toronto, CBC News reported.

"In the last year, we have had startling increases in the number of hate crimes," Julie Todaro, president of the American Library

Association, said in an interview last week.

“I am stunned that I have seven or eight examples, because we have never had these kinds of crimes before in libraries,” she said. “We are in an increasingly difficult situation, because the communities are as divided as they have ever been.”

The association, which represents public, academic and school libraries and has more than 58,000 members worldwide, previously learned of cases like these anecdotally.

Because of a “sudden increase” in such crimes — three in a couple of weeks after one in a year — the association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom is starting to formally track them, the office’s director, James LaRue, said in an email. He said it was difficult to know whether the uptick was “a blip or a trend.”

“We hope to track the details, locations and frequency, the better to stay on top of it, develop training or webinars, and support our members,” he said.

Any instances of hate crimes, graffiti, etc, should be reported to the [ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom](#), for tracking purposes. Right now they can be sent to the director, [James LaRue](#). In January, online reporting should be available.

Look Who's Hiring



The Pierce County Library System has an opening for a [Network Systems Administrator](#). The deadline to apply is January 5, 2017.

The Art Institute of Seattle is looking for a [Library Director](#). The position is open until filled.

Western Washington University is seeking a [Special Collections Librarian](#). The deadline to apply is March 1, 2017.

[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

From the 2016 HackWLMA Conference Chair, Craig Seasholes



The goal of our conference was to “Hack” WLMA, to remix traditional learning in innovative ways. The conference committee used three key strands of our LIT framework (reading advocacy, info-tech instruction, and information management) and added leadership and makerspace tracks to the mix.

Reading Advocacy sessions were hacked into preconference book award and secondary booktalks workshops; the Top5 book review mashup and SCBWI’s cadre of 30+ authors and illustrators engaged both elementary and secondary librarians.

News & Notes

WLA Now Accepting Program Proposals for ALL 2017 Conferences

Program proposals are now being accepted for *ALL 2017 WLA Conferences*. All proposals from academic, public, school and special library staff, advocates and community partners will be considered. Now is the time to reach out to the dynamic presenters in your communities or share your own skills and experience by leading a Session or Workshop at one or more of our 2017 learning events. [Please visit the WLA website for more details.](#)

- Proposals are due no later than Tuesday, January 31.
- To submit a program proposal, [please use this form](#). To submit multiple proposals, use a new form for each program.

You may direct questions to the WLA office at info@wla.org or (206) 823-1138. We look forward to receiving your proposals!

Apply Now for NEA Big Read Grants

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) [Big Read program](#) is accepting [applications](#) from libraries and non-profit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2017 and June 2018. NEA Big Read is a national program that broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book.

Organizations selected to participate in the program receive a grant, educational and promotional materials, and access to online training resources and opportunities. Approximately 75 organizations from across the country will be selected. Funding ranges from \$5,000 to \$20,000. 13 new titles have been added to the Big Read list this year.

[Click here for more information](#). The application deadline is January 26, 2017.

Call for Public Librarian Survey Participation

Carter Nipper, an academic librarian, invites public librarians to participate in a short, six-

Library Leadership discussions focused on advocacy at both state and national levels; school and public library collaborations; and the Future Ready Libraries Initiative advocacy. Our Makerspace track gave hands-on experience with how libraries are using coding, crafting, and creative hacking to engage students in ideas and information.

Information Management sessions highlighted unleashing the power of library platforms, open educational resources, and learning management systems in ways that help librarians stay ahead of a rapidly changing information landscape. The expertise present in a room full of LIT librarians was tapped in Information Technology sessions that demonstrated ways LIT helps librarians be essential partners for student success through instructional leadership and design.

Conference resources are accessible on the [WLA website](#). Thanks to all who made HackWLMA a success!

The Learning Curve

Teen Summer Reading Webinar

Are you planning creative, fun, and educational programs for your 2017 teen summer library program? This webinar, presented by Michelle Beebower and Nichole Chagnon of the Austin Public Library, will introduce programs and activities in the 2017 Collaborative Summer Library Program Teen manual that will inspire unforgettable summer library programs for teens in your community. Join us on Thursday, January 05, 2017; 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. [Click here to register](#).

The 2017 CAYAS Winter Workshop - Spanish Language Boot Camp for Youth Services Library Professionals

Kick off the year at this fun, interactive workshop designed to give you the confidence and vocabulary to talk to Spanish speaking patrons about why libraries matter to youth. This workshop was developed by a librarian for librarians who have little to no Spanish language skills. You will learn mini-conversations you can use as a starting point for outreach to patrons who may not be aware of the full scope of services your library offers. You will leave with a set resources to help remember what you learned, and tools you can use to continue learning Spanish on

question anonymous survey concerning attitudes and ideas about information literacy. If you would like to help with this research, [please click here](#). The purpose is to develop a presentation proposal for the Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy. If you have any questions, feel free to contact [Carter Nipper](#) directly. The survey will be open until January 15, 2017. Please invite your colleagues to participate, too. This survey is open to all public librarians in the United States. Thank you for your help!

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.

Please note that the WLA office will be closed December 26-30, 2016, in observance of the holidays.

your own. *Presented by Kathy Smargiassi, Children's Librarian and Translator for Sno-Isle Libraries.*

As a result of this event, participants will understand and/or be able to:

- Communicate with Spanish speaking patrons about why libraries matter for kids and teens
- Make Spanish speaking patrons feel more welcome in the library
- Engage patrons in simple conversations in Spanish
- Use youth services-oriented library vocabulary
- Have a set of tools to support continued learning
- Develop language skills and a community of fellow learners!

The workshop will be held 10am-3pm on January 9, 2017, at the Bothell Police Station Community Room. Registration is limited to 24; **don't delay- [sign up today!](#)**

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