Welcome to WLA Wednesday

Making Headlines

Announcing the 2016 WLA Maryan E. Reynolds Graduate Scholarship Winner

The Scholarship Committee is happy to announce that the 2016 Maryan E. Reynolds Graduate School Scholarship has been awarded to Sunny Kim. Sunny is a student at the University of Washington Information School and expects to graduate in Spring 2017.

The committee was impressed with Sunny's active involvement in WLA as a member of the CAYAS steering committee and as a conference presenter. Sunny's interests have focused on service to teens and on diversity and equality issues. Sunny expects to pursue a public library career focusing on teens.

Scholarship Committee members are: Kelly Evans, Marci Howells, Priscilla Ice (chair), Erin Krake, Valerie McBeth and Carolynne Myall. WLA awards one or more Reynolds scholarships up to $6000.

Please help us congratulate Sunny on their accomplishments and thank the Scholarship Committee for all of their hard work!

Look Who's Hiring

Conference Communiqué

From 2016 WALE Conference Chair, Brian Hulsey

The City of Mount Vernon is seeking a [Library Director](#). The deadline to apply is December 9.

The King County Library System is looking for a [Driver/Library Technician](#). The deadline to apply is December 11.

The La Conner Library is seeking a [Library Youth Specialist](#). The deadline to apply is December 15.

[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

Alki Now Accepting Submissions for the Spring 2017 Issue

It's time to submit articles for the next issue of *Alki*. The theme for the Spring 2017 issue is *Mistakes Were Made.*

Did you launch project or program that didn't work out as planned, but that still had value? Have you had a long-held assumption dispelled after a "failed" interaction with a patron that led to a new way of doing something? This is a great chance to talk about all those things we'd rather not talk about: programs that bombed, services nobody wanted, information interviews gone horribly (or hilariously) awry… with the understanding that goof-ups can be instructive. If you are a resourceful librarian who turned a "mistake" into an opportunity, then this is the perfect time to share it with your colleagues!

Please send your article idea(s) to alkieditor@wla.org and include:

- Your name and position/library
- Description of the article
- Suggested title
- Estimated length (in pages); each page = 750 words (or fewer with graphics)
- Intent to include graphics (photo, logo, other)
- Contact information

The deadline to submit articles for the Spring issue is February 10, 2017. Please see
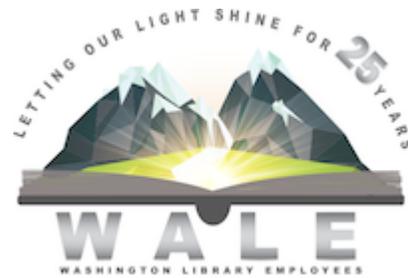
As most of you know, this past October we held the 25th anniversary and final independent WALE Conference in Chelan (WALE will continue to participate in future WLA conferences). As the current WALE Section Chair and 2016 Conference Chair, I want to give a special thank you to the Washington State Library and the WLA Office for all the on-site support, as well as all who presented, provided sponsorship, volunteered their time and attended.

I would also like to highlight the 2016 WALE Conference planning committee, specifically: Carol Ellison, Lisa Vos, Katie Park, Heidi Chittim, Chaz Rollins, and Kate Laughlin. Your personal commitment and energy contributed to the overwhelming success of the conference this year, and I am so very thankful to have had the opportunity to work with each of you on this project.

Finally, I want to stress the importance of giving back to the WA library community. As a volunteer organization, it is vital for us as WLA members to contribute when and where we can. Please consider doing so the next time you see opportunities within sections or the organization as a whole. The experience you garner from this crucial work is immeasurable!

The Learning Curve

Free Learning Opportunities Through WSL

The Washington State Library (WSL) offers access to *Skillsoft* through our partnership with [WebJunction](#). This learning management system provides access to online self-paced courses and instructional videos. There are hundreds of available resources on topics that range from using Microsoft Office and Windows to leadership essentials and to creating budgets.

Haven't tried it yet? Get started here:

1. Click [here to Request an Account](#)
2. Click on the Register link.
3. Complete all fields of the registration form, making sure to select your state

the [Instructions for Contributors](#) for more details. I'm happy to discuss ideas and expectations with you as well. We are also accepting articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

Dorn, Inslee to Adopt Computer Science Standards

OLYMPIA—DECEMBER 6, 2016—State Superintendent Randy Dorn and Gov. Jay Inslee will announce formal adoption of Washington state's first set of computer science standards at Tumwater High School, Thursday, Dec. 8, at 9:30am.

Dorn and Inslee will be joined by members of [code.org](#) and [Washington STEM](#), which were partners in the writing of the standards.

After a brief overview of the standards, participants will be given tours – lead by students – of robotics, 3-D printing and computer science principles classes. The event will end with the signing of the standards.

The celebration occurs during Computer Science Education Week. Its purpose is to raise awareness of the need for computer science. A highlight of the week is Hour of Code, in which students from around the world begin to learn fundamentals of computer programming.

WHEN: Thursday, December 8, 2016, 9:30-10:45am

WHERE: Tumwater High School, 700 Insrael Rd SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

WHO: State Superintendent Randy Dorn, State-Superintendent-elect Chris Reykdal, Governor Jay Inslee, Tumwater School District Superintendent John Bash

RSVP: Nathan Olson, OSPI Communications Manager, 360-725-6015 or nathan.olson@k12.wa.us.

YALSA 2017 Teen Tech Week™ Resources and Summer Learning Grants

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, has everything libraries need to

library as your sponsor.
4. Affirm and submit the registration form. You will receive an email acknowledging your request.
5. Within two business days, your account will be reviewed and when it is an approved, you will receive an email notification.
6. Once approved, you can log in and start learning!

Using SkillPort

- After logging in, you will be on the home page. To find learning opportunities, click on The Library link at the top of the screen to browse the courses, videos, and job aids.
- You can also use the Search function at the top of the page to search all of the available content.
- A course, video or job aid can be launched directly from Search or the Catalog listings, or you can add it to your Learning Plan to come back to later. The Learning Plan allows you to create a personal learning plan of the courses you wish to take.
- Once you begin using the courses, you can print certificates of completion and reports of your learning history in the Learning Transcript section. Here you will see both courses you have launched and are still working on, as well as courses you have completed.

Online LIS Courses Through Central Washington University

Open enrollment at Central Washington University begins December 12th for Winter 2017 courses. Learn more about the [LIS Type B Certificate](#) at CWU. Classes begin January 4th.

LIS110 Research Fundamentals (1)
Designed for students new to research at the college level. Course explores knowledge of information sources, more effective searching technique, and familiarity of services for researchers.

LIS201 Foundations of Library and Information Science (3)
An introductory course covering the history of libraries and use of information in contemporary society. The course will explore the role of libraries in the organization, preservation, and dissemination of information. It will examine types of library

plan great Teen Tech Week activities for March 5 - 11 at www.ala.org/teentechweek. Visit the site for details about a mini-grant opportunity, whose applications are due Jan. 1, 2017. Join YALSA in celebrating the many ways teens can leverage technology to effect positive change in their lives and communities with the "Be the Source of Change" theme!

YALSA is also giving away 20 $1,000 grants to support libraries' summer learning efforts, as well as another 20 $1,000 grants to support hiring teen interns over the summer. Learn more and apply at http://summerreading.ning.com/page/summer-learning-grants. Applications are due by January 1.

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.

and information organizations and career opportunities in the discipline.

LIS314 Technology in Library and Informational Science (3)
This course provides a review of the hardware and software used in libraries. Provides an introduction to technology tools, processes, and web applications that support the delivery of library services.

LIS345 Library Research Methods and Information Literacy (4)
Development of information literacy skills and theory through a discussion of internal and external information sources; knowledge of the organization of print and non-print resources; and creation of bibliographies, reports, and other academic materials.

LIS410 Collection Development (3)
This course covers the basic components of collection development and management. Topics to be explored will include selection, planning, budgeting, and maintenance of library collections.

Questions? Contact elizabeth.brown@cwu.edu.