



Welcome to **WLA Wednesday**

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On this day: *in 1940, Billboard begins publishing bestseller charts*

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Making Headlines

Book It: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton has one of the most remarkable careers in the history of entertainment, with 46 Grammy nominations (the tenth most of any artist ever) and memberships in more than a dozen Halls of Fame. The 70-year-old icon—who landed at #13 on FORBES' 2016 Country Cash Kings list—has rarely taken a day off work in her 50-year music, TV and film career: the accomplished songwriter says she's written *every day* for almost six decades, penning more than 5,000 songs. With such a profound love of words, it's no surprise she says the moniker she's most proud to answer to might be the one she's least known for: "The Book Lady."

In 1995, Parton launched her [Imagination Library](#), an initiative to help inspire every child in Sevier County, Tennessee, to learn to read. She designed an infrastructure to mail one free, hand-selected book per month to every child, from birth until age five, regardless of the family's income.

The Imagination Library was a quick success, and pre-school teachers in Tennessee cited its impact on young children's love of books. In 2000, Parton expanded the program across the United States, agreeing to help cover the administrative cost of sending books to children in any community that agreed to support the program. Local sponsors such as school systems, United Way and Rotary partner with Parton's foundation to cover the costs of the books and shipping. Now, any child living in a participating area under the age of five can enroll in the program at no cost. [Read the full article here.](#)

[Look Who's Hiring](#)

[Conference Communiqué](#)

**Mark Your Calendars for the
2016 WALE Conference!**



[The City of Waldport](#) in Oregon is seeking a Library Director.

The deadline to apply is August 15.

[The Liberty Lake Municipal Library](#) is currently looking for a Library Associate - Adult Services. The position is open until filled.

[Cengage Learning](#) is searching for a Library Sales Consultant. 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

WSL Accepting Applications for Microsoft Imagine Academy 2016-2017 Grants

Applications are being accepted to fund Microsoft Imagine Academy projects for coding programs and Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification. Eligible libraries may apply for up to \$4,500 per library system for equipment purchased by the State Library, and/or the funds to purchase equipment of the applicant library's choice. Funding for materials, promotional activities, and other activities which support project goals also may be requested.

The first review of applications will begin on Friday, August 2, 2016; applications received after August 2 will be reviewed and awarded on a funds-available basis as they are received.

Grant materials (Guidelines and Application) are available [here](#).

Questions about this opportunity should be directed to Elizabeth laukea, elizabeth.laukea@sos.wa.gov.

Volunteer to Serve on ALA, Council, and Joint Committees for 2017-2018



This afternoon, registration for the 2016 WALE Conference at the beautiful Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan, October 24-26, in Chelan, WA will go live. Stay tuned for an official announcement later today!!

The Learning Curve

WALT Learns Together: Overcoming the Paradox of Anytime + Anywhere = Never

The Washington Library Trainers (WALT), an interest group of the Washington Library Association, is a group of staff training and development professionals working in Washington libraries. The group meets in person quarterly, with in-between meetings held virtually to share best practices, staff training resources, snacks, and laughs. WALT members are drawn to the group by a strong desire to learn continuously and to support each other's growth and professional development. 'WALT Learns Together' was born from the idea that individual members are more likely to focus time and energy learning or exploring if the learning goal was shared by trusted... [Read more](#)

How to Respond to a Security Incident in Your Library

Wednesday, August 17th
11:30 AM Pacific

In this 90-minute workshop, security expert and former police officer Dr. Steve Albrecht will cover the top 10 security, behavior, crime, or emergency-related incidents that occur in libraries. He'll describe the issues and concerns surrounding them and show you how to respond effectively. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Innovative Approaches to Library Instruction: Online to Face-to-Face

CHICAGO — James (Jim) G. Neal, American Library Association (ALA) president-elect, encourages members to volunteer to serve on ALA, Council, and two joint committees for the 2017-2018 term (terms start on July 1, 2017). Serving on a committee provides members with leadership training, networking opportunities, and experience in working on specific association topics.

The online committee volunteer form (<http://www.ala.org/CFApps/volunteer/form.cfm>) opens on Monday, Aug. 1, 2016, and closes on Friday, Nov. 4, 2016. To volunteer, please complete and submit the form electronically (be sure to select "ALA" in the drop-down menu on the main form).

Committee appointments will be finalized at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting, with notifications sent out in early spring, 2017. President-Elect Neal chairs both the Committee on Appointments (responsible for ALA and joint committee appointments) and the Committee on Committees (responsible for Council committee appointments).

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.

[This ALA 4-week eCourse](#) begins **September 12th**

Are you involved in designing and facilitating library learning opportunities? Did you know of the multiple forms of library instruction? How about participating in a workshop that presents a unified framework to help you take an integrated approach to adapting different approaches to your overall learning programs?

The lecture as a learning tool is far from dead. There are numerous other models for facilitating learning that are gaining widespread and well-deserved attention in libraries and other learning organizations. This four-week hands-on eCourse, facilitated by training/learning specialist Paul Signorelli, will take you through a survey of Connected Learning, the Flipped Classroom model, connectivist MOOCs (massive open online courses), and innovations in learning spaces that support various approaches to learning in libraries.

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