Welcome to

WLA Wednesday

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On this day: in 1793, the Louvre Museum opened in Paris

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Making Headlines

Call for Submissions for the Fall Issue of Alki: The Future of Library Collections

Collections are a core component of a library and central to a library’s mission - is your library prepared for the future? How is your library balancing print collections with growth in digital content? Is self-publishing changing what your library selects? Are you circulating non-traditional items, or do you have plans to do so in the future? Are collaborations with different organizations on the horizon? Are your patrons utilizing collections in new and unexpected ways? Has your materials budget kept pace with changes in circulation? Don’t miss this great opportunity to share your story about the future of library collections with your colleagues throughout the state.

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 November issue is October 14, 2016. Please see the Instructions for Contributors for more details.

If you'd like to discuss your ideas further, don't hesitate to contact editor Frank Brasile at alkieditor@wla.org.

Look Who's Hiring

Conference Communiqué
The Walla Walla County Library District is seeking an Executive Director. The deadline to apply is October 14.

The Toledo Public Library in Oregon is looking for an Assistant Library Director. The position closes on August 24.

The Secretary of State is recruiting for a Library & Archival Professional 4. The position closes on August 17.

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

What you need to know about ESSA

ESSA, the Every Student Succeeds Act, replaced No Child Left Behind (NCLB) on December 10, 2015, as the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). ESSA will be fully operational in school year 2017-18. You can learn more here.

WLA has been consulting with John Chrastka of EveryLibrary.org to ensure that school library and information technology programs are not only included in the work groups but are also brought to the attention of Superintendent Randy Dorn before he submits the Washington draft to US Department of Education this November. The WLA Board will send a letter of resolution later this month. WLA is also planning to host a free AASL ESSA advocacy training on Friday Oct 14th, in conjunction with the 2016 HackWLMA Conference.

September is Food Literacy Month

READERS to EATERS is partnering with the Seattle Public Library for the 2nd annual Food Literacy Month celebration on 9/10, 11am-2pm. We will have a special focus this year on

2016 HackWLMA Conference

Join us at Highline College in Des Moines, WA, this October 14-15 for a robust two days of Preconference workshops and Conference sessions. From Makerspaces and Reading Advocacy to Leadership and Information Resource Management, there is something for everyone! Space is limited to 350, be sure to take advantage of Early Bird Rates now through September 12. Learn more and register here.

2016 WALE Conference

Registration for the 2016 WALE Conference at the beautiful Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan, October 24-26, is open. Take advantage of Early Bird Rates available now through September 19.

Special events this year include a keynote breakfast with the legendary Nancy Pearl; A Night of Romance hosted by the Romance Writers of America's 2016 Librarian of the Year, Robin Bradford; the annual WALE business breakfast with special guest WLA President, Brianna Hoffman; and the popular WALE Chair's reception.

The Learning Curve

5th International Summit of the Book in Limerick, Ireland
food justice, making the connection between food access and book access.

Chef Eduardo Jordan from Salare Restaurant—named among the Best New Chef in America by Food & Wine—is our opening speaker. There will be a moderated panel discussion in the auditorium, followed by a more casual interactions and table conversations in the main “living room” area (3rd floor teen center) involving local food and educational organizations. This will take place from 12:30pm-2pm.

Constitution Day Poster Contest

The ALA Government Documents Round Table (GODORT)'s Government Information for Children (GIC) Committee is co-sponsoring the Constitution Day Poster Design Contest with Constitutionfacts.com.

All K-12 students, including homeschoolers, are invited to design a poster which depicts how they benefit from the freedoms embodied in the Constitution. October 1, 2016 is the last day to enter the contest. A free pocket constitution book from Constitutionfacts.com will be given to the first 100 students who enter. The winners will also receive additional prizes.

The Association of Rural & Small Libraries Annual Conference

August is here and that means it's time to hurry and get your registrations in for the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) annual conference October 27-29th in Fargo, ND. Early bird registration and fees are due no later than September 2nd, so visit arsl.info to get your registration started.

ARSL is a national conference organized by small and rural librarians for professionals who work in small and rural libraries. A list of break-out sessions can be found here.

Full conference rates begin at $243.85, which includes 3 breakfast meals, 2 lunches, the welcome reception, and all author events. This year's keynote speakers line-up can be found here and includes best selling author William Kent Kruger and Betty Gronneberg, founder of uCodeGirl.