



Welcome to *WLA Wednesday*

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On this day: in 1982, the first giant squid was captured alive in Norway

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Making Headlines

Rebuilding School & Classroom Libraries in Louisiana



This is Glen Oaks Park Elementary, where first grade teacher Aimee Manzella Lastner lost the classroom library she's built over the past four years. Her school is set up at a dry temporary location now and would appreciate donations of new and like-new books for grades K-2.

Author Kate Messner writes, "If you're like me, you've been watching the news out of Louisiana and wanting to do more to help. When whole communities are flooded, families who have lost everything are uprooted, and that can be especially tough on kids. As a result of flood-damaged schools, many students have also been displaced from their classrooms for now, and teachers & librarians have lost books and supplies. Let's make sure those kids have beautiful books in their school and classroom libraries when they return.

For Flooded Schools & Libraries: Here are two resources that have been brought to my attention that may be helpful to you. Check out [Beyond Words](#), the ALA's relief fund with Dollar General and [The Lisa Libraries](#), which donates books to organizations that work with kids in poor & under-served areas.

For People Who Want to Help: Not all schools are ready to accept book donations right now, so [donating money to this disaster relief fund set up by the Association Education Professionals of Louisiana](#) is one great way to help.

"Some schools that lost classroom libraries *are* ready to receive donations of new and like-new books to replace classroom libraries now. Please follow the guidelines carefully so we don't inadvertently create more work for people who are already buried in it.

(Excerpt taken from Ann Messner's blog; to learn more about how you can help, [read the full article here.](#))

Look Who's Hiring



[PEMCO Insurance](#) is seeking a Systems Architect. The position is open until filled.

[The Whatcom County Library System](#) is looking for a Public Services Assistant. The deadline to apply is September 6.

[The Community Colleges of Spokane](#) are searching for a Library & Archives Paraprofessional 2 - Library Technician. Hurry! The deadline to apply is September 1 by 4pm PST.

[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

WLA's Reorganization Goes Live This Week!

You may have noticed that WLA's website has been gradually transitioning to reflect the internal reorganization that WLA members voted to approve in April, 2016. We now have four [Divisions that reflect distinct library types: Academic, Public, School, and Special Libraries](#). WLA established Divisions to more clearly demonstrate our representation of and commitment to all of Washington's libraries, library employees and advocates. This will also make it easier for members within a

Conference Communiqué

A Night of Romance at the 2016 WALE Conference



Join us for a celebration of WALE's 25th Anniversary with "A Night of Romance!" Hosted by the Romance Writers of America's 2016 Librarian of the Year, Robin Bradford, enjoy an evening of good food, fun entertainment and romance! In a salon style, Robin will interview famous romance writers Cherry Adair, Susan Mallery and Lauren Dane. With questions taken from the audience in advance, you can expect some surprising answers, colorful stories, lots of laughs and maybe a little blushing. Festive formal wear encouraged, and bonus points for wearing red and silver.

Take advantage of [Early Bird Rates by September 12](#) - all special events are included in registration!

OSPI Candidates Forum at the 2016 HackWLMA Conference



particular Division to communicate with other statewide divisional members.

As part of the restructure, our former Interest Groups are now known as [Sections of WLA](#), and may be joined by members of any WLA Division. All of your favorite IGs are still there, with one notable change. In late 2014, members of the Washington Library Media Association, at the time its own, separate Association, voted to become an Interest Group of WLA. Then, as part of the WLA reorganization vote earlier this year, WLMA was “promoted” to become the [School Libraries Division](#), one of WLA’s four pillars of service and representation to the WA library community. If you are a current member of the WLMA Interest Group, you will automatically have your membership rolled over into the School Library Division. No action is necessary on your part until it’s time to renew your WLA membership.

What does WLA’s reorganization mean to your membership status?

Beginning September 1, when you join WLA or renew your membership, you will be asked to select a WLA Division at no extra charge. If you wish to join additional WLA Divisions, those may be added for a nominal fee of \$5 each. Section memberships continue to be \$5 each, as well. The WLA Finance Committee will be assessing WLA’s overall pricing structure in the coming months in order to make recommendations on what changes are necessary to better reflect and support our new organizational structure.

Deadline for 2016 WALE Conference Scholarship is September 2nd

There is still time to apply for the WALE 2016 Conference Scholarship! Take advantage of this amazing opportunity to attend. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Accepting Applications for Microsoft Imagine Academy 2016-2017 Grants

Applications are still being accepted to fund Microsoft Imagine Academy projects for coding programs and Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification. Organizations that are Microsoft Imagine Academy program members under State Library funding may apply for up to \$4,500 per library system for equipment purchased by the State Library,

Candidates for Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal and Erin Jones will be joining us for a Question and Answer forum after our Keynote Dinner with John Schu at 7:45pm. This free event will be the culminating activity of our two day conference, and the candidates will answer a variety of questions submitted by WLMA members and from the Washington State PTA. Come hear their thoughts on school and library funding, providing equity for all students and increasing parent involvement.

[Learn more and register for the conference here.](#)

The Learning Curve

Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association 2016 Conference

The [Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association \(PNC/MLA\) 2016 conference](#), October 17-18, 2016 in Portland, Oregon, features a keynote panel on the changes in Oregon and Washington around medical and recreational marijuana. If you have wondered what the individual and collective impact of these changing laws and health care practices will be, now is your chance to find out!

“Getting To Know Mary Jane: The Perils and Promise of Marijuana Policy and Practice” features Sunil Kumar Aggarwal, M.D., Ph.D., a physician-scientist specializing in life-threatening illness and chronic pain, and affiliated faculty at MultiCare Institute of Research and Innovation; Candice Beathard, Ph.D., M.A., a policy research analyst (specializing in drug policy) at Washington State University; and Nicole Corbin, LPC, Adult Behavioral Health Services Manager for the Oregon Health Authority.

In addition to this keynote panel will be a variety of paper presentations, a poster reception, lightning talks, and other discussions related to health and health care issues impacting the Pacific Northwest. Continuing education sessions and a beer tour of Portland are scheduled for Sunday, October 16.

If you are a health sciences or hospital librarian, or a public, special, academic, or other librarian interested in learning more about health information issues, this conference is not to be missed!

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.

Grants are accepted continuously and will be reviewed every 2 weeks and awarded as long as funding is available. Grant materials (Guidelines and Application) are available [here](#).

Questions about this opportunity should be directed to [Elizabeth Laukea](#).

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.

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](#).

Due to the national holiday, please submit your news to info@wla.org by 4pm Friday, September 2, for inclusion in next week's digest. Thank you and Happy Labor Day!

Early bird registration rate for this conference ends September 16. More information available at <http://pnc-mla.cloverpad.org/program-at-a-glance>.

Language Access: it's a Family Matter

The Washington State Coalition for Language Access (WASCLA) Summit is Washington's only two-day conference devoted to language access across all settings: Medical, Legal, Education, Social Services, and more. Our theme this year, "Language Access: It's a Family Matter," will examine critical issues for parents/guardians, children and youth, service providers, and communities. Communication gaps directly impact immigrant and refugee families across the state and in all sectors, including healthcare, education, human services, legal, law enforcement, and emergency services. The Summit offers an array of timely presentations and workshops plus networking opportunities. Together we'll identify challenges, discuss ways to create solutions, and share best practices.

The Summit will be held October 21-22 in Shoreline, WA. Learn more and purchase tickets [here](#).

PLA Leadership Academy Now Accepting Applications

The Public Library Association (PLA) is currently accepting applications for the [PLA Leadership Academy: Navigating Change · Building Community](#), March 20-24, 2017, in Portland, Oregon. This special event will offer intensive, empowering leadership education for public librarians who want to increase their capacity to lead not only within the library, but also in the community.

Developed in collaboration with the International City and County Managers Association (ICMA), and supported by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Leadership Academy consists of:

- A three and a half day, in-person educational/networking event;
- A professional coaching program with experienced public library leaders and city managers; and
- Development of real-world projects to implement at attendees' libraries.

Interested participants must apply, submit two letters of recommendation, and be accepted to participate in the PLA Leadership Academy. Applicants must be PLA members and MLS/MLIS librarians with at least five years of increasingly responsible experience in a public library.

The application deadline is September 19. Attendance is selective and will be limited to 28 participants. [Learn more and begin your application today...](#)

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