Welcome to WLA Wednesday

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On this day: in 1987, Star Trek: The Next Generation debuts on TV

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Making Headlines

Washington State Book Awards Celebration

The Washington Center for the Book at The Seattle Public Library announced the finalists in eight categories for the 2016 Washington State Book Awards for outstanding books published by Washington authors in 2015. This is the 50th year of the program, formerly called the Governor's Writers Awards.

Winners will be announced at the awards celebration, 7 - 9 pm Saturday, October 8, at the SPL Central Library. The awards program will feature emcee Frances McCue, an award-winning poet and arts administrator who received the Washington State Book Award for poetry in 2011 for "The Bled." The program also features brief readings from 2016 winning titles. A reception and book signing will follow in the Living Room on Level 3 of the Central Library. The awards and celebration are sponsored by The Seattle Public Library Foundation. Read the full news release and list of finalists here.

Look Who's Hiring

Pierce College is looking for a Director of Information Technology Integration. The deadline to apply is October 13.

Timberland Regional Library is seeking a District Manager - User Experience.

Conference Communiqué

FREE Postconference Workshops for WALE Conference Attendees!
News & Notes

Deadline to apply for the WLA Graduate Scholarship is October 7

The Washington Library Association awards one or more Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarships annually to WLA members who are enrolled in an ALA-accredited MLIS degree program and have completed at least one semester or quarter. The scholarships are up to $6,000 per recipient. Applicants are evaluated based on demonstrated potential for leadership in the profession and commitment to libraries and library service. Learn more here.

Alki Article Proposals Due October 14

The theme for the fall issue of Alki is The Future of Library Collections, and we are still accepting proposals for articles.

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.

Do you have a different tale to tell? We accept articles that aren't related to the issue’s theme

Did you know that everyone who registers for the 2016 WALE Conference is welcome to attend the two postconference workshops after the Business Breakfast on Wednesday, October 26? Choose from Public Libraries and Patrons Re-Entering Society after Incarceration and Introduce Coding Using Microsoft TouchDevelop in Your Library; read the full descriptions here. If you’ve already registered and would like to add a workshop, please email the WLA office at info@wla.org.

Readers to Eaters at HackWLMA

Come hear Philip Lee from Readers to Eaters speak during one of the Hot Topics Sessions at the HackWLMA Conference. He is one of many to present in this unconference-style Track, where attendees are not only welcomed but strongly encouraged to participate! Learn more about all six conference Tracks and register here.

The Learning Curve

It's Not Your Mother's Library: Strategies for Managing Patron Behavior

Libraries reflect the communities and campuses we serve and sometimes that means navigating disruptive and unsafe behaviors. Join a Community Conduct Coordinator and a Public Library Manager as they share how policies, procedures, and guidelines can support a safe and welcoming environment for patrons, students, and staff. Participants will learn techniques for engaging colleagues in solutions, review facility considerations, explore community and police partnerships opportunities, take away ideas for training and resources, and practice de-escalation techniques. This workshop is applicable to staff at all levels working in public, school, academic, and other libraries.

This fall workshop will be held October 20 at the Coeur d’Alene Public Library. Learn more
as well. 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.

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.

Get Ready for Money Smart Week 2017 Webinar

Financial literacy is important to all communities, and libraries can be part of the solution.

Through Money Smart Week, April 22 - 29, 2017, you can join hundreds of other libraries across the country helping individuals to better manage their personal finances. In 2016 over 900 libraries from 48 states participated!

Money Smart Week is a partnership between ALA and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, through which libraries of all types provide financial literacy programming for all stages of life during. Retirees, school kids, college students--everyone can learn more, to be better with their money.

Learn from veterans and first-timers how Money Smart Week has been a great success for their libraries, and how it can be in yours. Get valuable programming and promotion ideas, tips on possible partners, and resources that make it easy for you.

The webinar takes place Friday, October 14, at 9:00 am. Learn more and register here.