



Welcome to WLA Wednesday

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On this day: in 1759, Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, was born

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Making Headlines

Washington State Library Service Changes

With an eye toward re-emphasizing its strengths as a Pacific Northwest and government publications research library, the [Washington State Library](#) is putting into effect several significant changes to its service model beginning February 1, 2017:

- The State Library's front lobby will become a State Information Hub featuring a State Library staff person on hand who can help with quick questions and referrals, plus two computer stations that allow 10 minutes of use, and easy hold pickups. The Hub's hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.
- The library's Reading Room on the second floor will be open by appointment only to people engaged in active collection usage and research. There will be no public computer terminals for unlimited use. Appointments to use the library for a quiet place to work or to use the public Wi-Fi will be available depending on staff availability.
- The Reading Room will be newly configured to include designated space for collaboration and research appointments. A small break room will allow researchers not using collection materials to eat and drink onsite without interrupting their research time.
- Library subject specialists will be available by appointment to consult on research topics including federal, state, and local government, Pacific Northwest history, and genealogy.

[Ask a Librarian](#) reference assistance by phone, online, and via live chat will continue to be available from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. State Library reference staff welcome question referrals via QuestionPoint in the areas of Northwest history and government documents to create a seamless experience for all libraries' customers.

Look Who's Hiring



The Lakeside School is seeking a [Middle School Librarian/Digital Media Teacher](#). 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

WLA Needs YOU!

Do you have experience with online meeting software? Want to share your opinions about web conferencing? Help WLA select a new product for connecting members online! WLA would like new online meeting software that meets our members' needs without breaking the budget. We are recruiting for three people to serve on a task force to help WLA select a new product. The goal is to switch vendors by the end of February, so this is a short but important commitment. Please contact the [WLA office](#) by February 1 with a brief description of your experience using online meeting software or attending online meetings.

April 9-15, 2017 is National Library Week

First sponsored in 1958, [National Library Week](#) is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

Celebrations during National Library Week include:

Conference Communiqué

Only SIX DAYS Remain to Submit Your Program Proposals for ALL WLA 2017 Conferences



Program proposals are still being accepted for *ALL 2017 WLA Conferences*. All proposals from academic, public, school, and special library staff, advocates and community partners will be considered. Now is the time to reach out to the dynamic presenters in your communities or share your own skills and experience by leading a Session or Workshop at one or more of our 2017 learning events, [Learn Local!](#) and the [WLA Annual Conference](#).

- Proposals are due by Tuesday, January 31.
- **To submit a program proposal, [please use this form](#).** To submit multiple proposals, use a new form for each program.
- In the form you are able to select at which events you are interested in presenting.

You may direct questions to the WLA office at info@wla.org or (206) 823-1138. We look forward to receiving your proposals!

The Learning Curve

Beyond Google - Another Look at Finding Government Information

This webinar will cover intermediate and advanced searching techniques, deep web search engines, and ways to find and use "hidden" resources. During the webinar, sample searches will be for statistics, born-digital, and digitized historical publications.

- Monday, April 10: State of America's Libraries Report released, including Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books of 2016.
- Tuesday, April 11: [National Library Workers Day](#), a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
- Wednesday, April 12: [National Bookmobile Day](#), a day to recognize the contributions of our nation's bookmobiles and the dedicated professionals who make quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities.
- Sponsored by the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) Academy and the Government Printing Office (GPO).
- Speaker: Celina McDonald; Government Documents, Law, Criminology, and Criminal Justice Librarian; University of Maryland, College Park, McKeldin Library.
- Details: Thursday, February 2, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time. The webinar is free, but [registration is required](#).

Traveling Herb Block Exhibition

The Herb Block Foundation is offering free educational traveling exhibitions that have been created to teach people about Herblock and his remarkable career. Crafted by Curator Harry Katz, these panel exhibitions can be used for teaching or promoting the American topics that Herblock was so passionate about — Education, Democracy, Civil Rights and the Presidency. Together all five present a fascinating history of Herblock's political cartoons. The five panel exhibitions are available for the shipping fee only – no rental fee is required. The exhibitions come in shipping cases that are easy to move, store and set up. The exhibitions can be displayed in classrooms, lobbies or exhibit spaces. A seven minute DVD *Herblock: The Man Behind the Cartoons* is available with each of the exhibitions, giving a brief biography of Herblock. Illustrated brochures accompany each exhibition and are available to give out free to visitors to the exhibitions. [Click here to learn more and to request an exhibit.](#)

April is School Library Month

[School Library Month](#) is the American Association of School Librarians' celebration of school librarians and their programs. Every April school librarians are encouraged to host activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning.

[Andy Weir](#), author of the *New York Times* best-seller "The Martian," will serve as the national spokesperson for the 2017 celebration of School Library Month.

"In high school, I was the stereotypical nerdy, unpopular kid," said Weir. "I got bullied a lot, in no small part because I was a smart aleck. The school library became my sanctuary. It was the one place I could go without encountering the bullies who would harass and belittle me. I'd read random encyclopedia entries—an early version of a 'Wikipedia Wander.' Libraries provide more than just knowledge. They provide a venue for learning and contemplation. I wouldn't be who I am without that little school library and the shelter it provided me."

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.