



Welcome to WLA Wednesday

October 18, 2017

On this day: In 1851, Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick* is first published as *The Whale*.

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Making Headlines

Online Conference Registration Ends 10/15



Libraries Through the Looking-Glass

Washington Library Association
2017 Annual Conference • November 1-4
Hotel Murano, Tacoma

Look Who's Hiring



Gonzaga University is seeking a [Public Services Librarian, Chastek Library](#). The application closes October 30.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking an [Information Technology Manager](#). Applications close

Conference Communiqué

Susan Madden Seeks Protégé

The Learning Curve

Preconference Workshop: Leveling Up: Take Engagement with Your Business Community to the Next Level

November 3.

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is seeking an [Electronic Records Administrator](#). The application closes October 24.

Eastern Washington University is seeking a [Collection Maintenance Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

[The Pacific Northwest Library Association](#) (PNLA) lists job openings frequently. You can also 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

LitCrawl Seattle



This weekend is [Lit Crawl Seattle 2017](#)! October 19, come to Capitol Hill to hear great literatures, great performances, as you bar hop through one of Seattle's best parties. With new voices and familiar favorites, hop around Seattle Literary hotspots, from Hugo House to Elliot Bay Books as well as your favorite Capitol Hill bars. Join in the fun and support Seattle's vibrant literary scene!

IMLS EXCITE Innovation Grant



EXCITE Transformation for Libraries, Connecticut State Library's IMLS Grant Project, is an intensive team-based experiential learning program that will teach collaboration and innovation skills, result in programs and services that respond to community input and demonstrated needs, lead to cultural change at libraries, and sustain project impact through extended training.

Level up your engagement with and services to your business community! Come trace the history of one public library's LevelUp business hub, training facility, and coworking space. Learn about how the space came to be and the thoughts and efforts that went into its development. Explore the tools being offered, the staff development required, and the audience being attracted to LevelUp. Your library wins when your business community wins!

Join us Wednesday, November 1 for this preconference workshop at the 2017 WLA Conference. Check out all of our [workshop descriptions](#), and [register here](#).

Legal Reference: The Basics

This First Tuesdays workshop will provide an introduction to basic legal research. Topics covered will include primary and secondary sources of the law, online resources for finding the law created by the three branches of government, and an overview of Washington State Law Library services available to librarians and their patrons. [Tune in](#) November 7 at 9:00 am PDT.

Free Webinar: North of 50

Seniors are a growing segment of the population, and they need the type of services and programs that libraries are so good at providing. Join the Colorado State Library for a discussion about connecting with and serving seniors in your community — including those seniors who are experiencing memory loss. Staff from the Denver Public Library will share stories, tips, and information about their top senior programs designed for those "North of 50." [Tune in](#) October 23 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm PDT.

Letters About Literature Webinar

On Wednesday, October 25, 1:00 pm PDT, the Library of Congress is holding a special [webinar](#) for educators to learn more about the Letters About Literature contest. Letters About Literature is a reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12. Students are asked to read a book, poem, or speech and write to the author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. Tens of thousands of students from across the country enter Letters About Literature each year. This webinar will explore 25 years of best practices of the program. The contest is sponsored by the Washington Center for the Book,

Thanks to a grant from IMLS in the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarians category, this training opportunity is TUITION FREE (a value of \$4,400 per person). Also, library teams will receive up to \$2,000 to be used towards travel, lodging, and staff coverage. learn more and apply [here!](#)

Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries

The American Library Association (ALA) and the Will and Ann Eisner Family Foundation are now accepting applications for the [2018 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grants for Libraries](#), which recognize libraries for their role in the growth of graphic literature.

The grants extend graphic novels into a new realm by encouraging public awareness about the rise and importance of graphic literature and honoring the legacy and creative excellence of Will Eisner, who is recognized as the “Champion of the Graphic Novel.” Information about the grant and application can be found [here](#). The application deadline is January 26, 2018.

Short Survey: Video Games in Libraries

Researchers at the University of North Dakota are hoping to better understand the role of video game programming in libraries. Please consider taking [this short survey](#) (no more than 10 minutes) to help inform library science educators and library staff to understand the value and challenges of video game programming, as well as the factors that influence adoption and implementation.

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.

a partnership of the Seattle Public Library and the Washington State Library. Learn more about the contest [here!](#)

Early Bird Deadline for ALA Midwinter



Early Bird registration for the ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits in Denver ends today, October 18! Learn more about the event and register [here](#).

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