



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 10/25



Libraries Through the Looking-Glass

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

There's only one week left to [register online](#) for the [2017 WLA Conference!](#) Online registration ends next Wednesday, October 25. One-site registration will be available at the Hotel Murano on November 1-4.

We have over 500 attendees registered, making this the largest WLA conference in over twenty years! With a [stunning venue](#), [a sold-out Exhibitor Hall](#), and [over 100 programs to choose from](#), we're confident this will be an exciting and memorable event.

REGISTER HERE!

[Look Who's Hiring](#)

[Conference Communique](#)



Gonzaga University is seeking a [Public Services Librarian, Chastek Library](#). Applications close October 30.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking an [Information Technology Manager](#). Applications close November 3.

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is seeking an [Electronic Records Administrator](#). Applications close 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



[Lit Crawl Seattle](#) is a series of uncommon literary events — readings, performances, panel discussions, and beyond — that take place in pubs, museums, cafes, libraries, and a host of other spaces throughout the Capitol Hill and First Hill neighborhoods in Seattle.

LitCrawl Seattle is this Thursday, October 19. Most events are free!

IMLS EXCITE Innovation Grant

Susan Madden Seeks Protégé



If you've attended a WLA conference in the past, you remember the fabulous finds from Madden's Mélange. Last year was supposed to be Susan Madden's final year selling vintage jewelry to benefit the WLA Scholarship Fund, but this year she decided to come back for one last hurrah. Now, she is seeking a protégé to take over the helm of this longstanding conference tradition!

Position: Manager of Mélange Scholarship Booth for the Washington Library Association

Duties:

- Accumulating jewelry, scarves, purses, and other stock from donations, thrift stores, yard & rummage sales
- Pricing items consistent with library staff salaries
- Creating signage and promotional material
- Setting up and staffing booth for duration of conference exhibits hours
- Depositing Proceeds and sending check to WLA Treasurer

Interested? [Email the WLA office](#) for more information!

The Learning Curve

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

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



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.

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 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.

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, a partnership of the Seattle Public Library and the Washington State Library.

Early Bird Deadline for ALA Midwinter



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.

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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