



Welcome to *WLA Wednesday*

November 8, 2017

On this day: In 1731, Benjamin Franklin opens the first library in the North American colonies in Philadelphia.

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Making Headlines

2017 WLA Conference by the Numbers



Above: WLA President Brianna Hoffman after winning the vintage card catalog (donated by Primary Source) at the Silent Auction.

Thank you to everyone who made the 2017 WLA Conference so successful! Here's a look at the stats of this year's conference — the largest in over twenty years.

Registrants: 602

Divisions: 8% Academic; 52% Public; 31% School; 6% Special

Most registrants from one org: 41 - Pierce County Library System

Volunteers: 53

Most volunteer shifts: 15 - Warren Chin

Programs: 92

Largest program: 125 registrants - WA Do I Read Next

Sponsors: 14

Exhibitors: 52

Calls to tech support: 7

Largest event: 315 registrants - The Mad Hatter's Feast
Fund the Future 5k Runners: 29
Items donated to raffle and silent auction: 26
Amount raised for the WLA Scholarship Fund: \$2,357.00**
Largest auction item: Vintage card catalog - \$550.00 winning bid
Days until the next WLA Conference: 344

**Not including the proceeds from Madden's Melange jewelry sales

Look Who's Hiring



Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Library Assistant 2 – Technical Services](#). The position is open until filled.

Madrona Elementary is seeking a [Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

Edmonds Community College is seeking a [Library Circulation Services Manager](#). Applications close November 26.

Newport High School, Bellevue School District is seeking a [Library Specialist](#). 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

Unlock the Power of Open Data

Want to help your community unlock the power of open data? Take 15 minutes to apply to join a group of beta testers as they pilot an exciting new curriculum this spring. Funding is available if you need financial support. [Apply](#) by this Friday, November 10.

[Data Equity for Main Street](#) is a joint effort by California's State Library and Washington's Technology agency. The project is funded by a

Conference Communiqué

Mark Your Calendars for WLA 2018!



The 2017 WLA Conference is in the books, but it's never too early to start planning for next year's conference! Don't forget to mark your calendars for October 17-20, 2018, when WLA will return to Yakima.

The Learning Curve

Holiday Gift Titles for Youth – Free Presentation (with Books!)

Please join Penguin Random House Children's Divisions for a presentation of perfect holiday recommendations for all ages. Deanna Meyerhoff of Random House Children's Books and Colleen Conway of Penguin Young Readers will be sharing new, in-demand and interesting books for children and teens. Light snacks and free books will be served!

Stop by Elliot Bay Book Co. in Seattle on Tuesday, November 21, at 3:00 pm. This event is free, but please RSVP to [Deanna Meyerhoff](#).

Resources and Initiatives for Native American Communities

grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Questions? Use their [contact form](#) or [email Will Saunders](#) directly.

WLA School Library Division's Annual Holiday Book Exchange



Join the School Library Division on Tuesday, December 4 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm for their Annual Holiday Book Exchange! The event will take place at the Pierce County Library Administrative Center in Tacoma. Light snacks will be provided, and bring a book to join in on the white elephant book exchange. RSVP to [Mary Ann MacInnes](#) by December 1.

Make Libraries Grant Eligible

The U.S. Department of Education (the ED) has asked for public comment on their recently released “[Proposed Supplemental Priorities of Discretionary Grant Programs](#).” The American Library Association has encouraged library staff to ask the ED to make libraries grant eligible. Each time the Department of Education revisits its priorities is an opportunity for libraries to demonstrate the many ways we provide high-quality education for students of all ages, from early learners to lifelong learners. The ED is asking for public comment by Monday, November 13.

FCC Library Partnership Opportunity on AAPI Consumer Guides

The FCC is looking for ways to inform Washington state consumers (especially those consumers in the Asian American and Pacific Islander [AAPI] communities) about the [FCC's newly translated consumer guides](#) in Vietnamese, Tagalog, Chinese and Korean. Interested in your library partnering with the FCC? Contact [Celeste L. McCray](#).

Join the next free [PNR Rendezvous webinar](#) where you will have the opportunity to hear Gary Gant, Public Health Analyst for HRSA(Health Resources and Services Administration) Region 10, share some of the initiatives and activities within the Native American community as it pertains to behavioral health, chronic disease, education, human trafficking and substance abuse. No registration required.

You are encouraged to attend the live session (Wednesday, November 15 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm), but it will be recorded.

Stand Up for Health: Health & Wellness Services for Your Community

NNLM and PLA are partnering for health and are offering a one-day preconference session at PLA 2018 on March 20 called [Stand Up for Health: Health & Wellness Services for Your Community](#). PLA is offering a limited number of stipends worth \$500 to cover registration and some travel costs for this pre-conference session. This opportunity is open to librarians and library support staff in the US and US territories. Applications for the preconference stipends are now being accepted with the deadline of November 19.

Read the [stipend opportunity guidelines](#), read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and start your [online application](#).

For the Greater (Not) Good (Enough): Open Access and Information Privilege

In [this free OCLC presentation](#), Char Booth will address the concept that open access has had a huge impact on publishing and scholarly communication, yet who you are, what you earn, and how you research still create serious barriers to information availability. Char will examine open access through the perspective of information privilege, highlighting actions libraries and allied organizations can take to reduce access inequities in pursuit of social and economic justice.

The event will be held at OCLC's global headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, and attendees have the option to attend virtually or in-person. The livestream will be from 8:00 - 9:00 am PT.

Call for Nominations: RUSA Achievement Awards and Grants

The Reference & User Services Association is seeking nominations for its annual series of [achievement awards and grants](#). Nominations and supporting materials for most awards must be submitted by January 5, 2018 (with the exception of the BRASS Student Travel Award, due February 18).

RUSA encourages members to nominate their colleagues and peers whose work has influenced their thinking and performance and whose outstanding contributions merit recognition by the profession. View the complete list of awards and grants [here](#).

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.

Free Webinar: DEL Early Achievers Program

Early Achievers is a program supported by the Department of Early Learning (DEL) which provides resources and supports for early learning professionals and helps parents identify and find high-quality child care that support their child's growth and development. DEL understands that librarians are a trusted source of information and resources for families across the state and have put together the following resources for library staff:

Webinar – An hour-long webinar about Early Achievers co-sponsored by the Washington State Library will be offered on Tuesday, November 14 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. [Join here](#).

Outreach Materials – DEL has developed a variety of materials for you to share with families. To request Early Achievers materials such as bookmarks, posters or brochures, please contact [Carolyn Petersen](#).

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