Welcome to WLA Wednesday

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Making Headlines

Registration for Learn Local! Yakima, Spokane, and Seattle Are OPEN!

Registration is open for Learn Local! Learn Local! is a series of three one-day conferences in April in Seattle, Yakima, and Spokane that offer local, affordable options for professional development for the Washington library community.

Early Bird discounts are available through March 31, as well as discounts for WLA members. Interested in attending more than one? When you register for your first Learn Local! you will receive a coupon code to save 25% on your additional registrations. Each Learn Local! will have enough variation that you can attend all three: Friday, April 7 at The Seattle Public Library, Friday, April 28 at Yakima Valley College, and Saturday, April 29 at Spokane Public Library. Thank you to our three generous site sponsors!

Program details, lodging options, transit and parking information may be found on each Learn Local! page.
Look Who's Hiring

The Sedro-Woolley Library is seeking a Youth Services Specialist. The deadline to apply is March 20.

Pierce County has five summer internship opportunities. The deadline to apply is March 26.

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.

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News & Notes

Join WLA at Library Legislative Day Tomorrow!

Online registration closes today at noon for the 2017 Library Legislative Day, Thursday, March 16, but you can still register on site tomorrow, Thursday, March 16, in Olympia, WA. Please click here for more information. Tomorrow, librarians, trustees, and library supporters will gather in Olympia to visit with legislators and share their stories about how libraries support the educational attainment levels of Washingtonians and contribute to the health of local economies. Every voice is important and we hope you will join us to tell your story! There is no cost to attend; registration is for planning purposes to ensure that District members and their Legislators have an opportunity to meet.

Join CAYAS for Books and Brews!

Conference Communiqué

Learn Local! Seattle Keynote Speaker, Lyanda Lynn Haupt

Lyanda Lynn Haupt (with Carmen) is an ecophilosopher and naturalist and the author of several books, including The Urban Bestiary, Crow Planet, Rare Encounters with Ordinary Birds, and Mozart’s Starling (April 2017). The intertwined stories in Mozart’s Starling provide a delightful and unexpected window into creativity, language, music, and the secret world of starlings, making it a perfect fit for fans of music and the natural world alike. In 1784, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart struck up an unlikely friendship with a small bird that went on to serve as his companion and provided inspiration during one of his most productive periods. In 2014, Lyanda rescued a baby starling and quickly found herself dazzled by the same intelligence and playful spirit that charmed her favorite composer. Winner of a Washington State Book Award and the Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award, Lyanda lives in Seattle with her husband and daughter.

Lyanda is our keynote speaker at Learn Local Seattle. Click here to learn more and register.

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The Learning Curve

How to Make the Most of Your National Library of Medicine Traveling Banner Exhibition!

Several of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine offices are combining efforts to feature resource experts from NLM for this national webinar series. On March 29, 12:00 - 1:00pm PDT, join Patricia Tuohy, from the National Library of Medicine Traveling Exhibition program, who will be sharing ideas and suggestions to best use these exhibits. The webinar will also feature librarians who have hosted exhibits and will share their experiences. Registration is encouraged but not required. Click here to learn more and connect.
Washington Library Association's Children And Young Adult Services (CAYAS) group will be hosting a Books and Brews event where librarians and book lovers come together to chat about books and enjoy a warm cup of tea or coffee! Really, what could be better?!

This event's theme will center around book awards. Now that you've had a moment check out some of the award winners, what do you think? Do you wish something else had won? Do you wish there was another award category? Do you have a classic award winner that you think needs some extra love? Bring some books and share your thoughts!

Who: Anyone who is interested!
What: Chatting about books
When: Saturday, March 18th 2:30-4:00pm
Where: Bookend Coffee Company in the Everett Public Library, 2702 Hoyt Ave, Everett, WA 98201

Please email the CAYAS iSchool Representative if you have any questions.

Join NASA in Celebrating Earth Day

Host an Earth Day event to observe clouds using the GLOBE Observer app on April 22, 2017. Participating libraries will receive a free packet of Earth Day programming materials (on a first-come, first-served basis).

Sign up now and visit the Earth Day Resource Center for hands-on activities, handouts, and resources for creating your own library display. Download the app from the GLOBE Observer website. Be sure to create a login using referral code “earth2017” so that

Confronting Misinformation

Newspapers, social media, 24/7 cable news, Google...information is everywhere, and it can feel overwhelming. On Monday, March 27, 11:00am - 12:00pm PDT, in this webinar, “Confronting Misinformation: How Librarians Can Assist Patrons in the Digital Information Age,” Barbara Alvarez, Communications & Information Specialist, will share ideas about how librarians can help patrons navigate the sometimes rocky information waters. This webinar will also examine how information access and creation has changed, where it is going, and how librarians can take steps to ensure that their patrons access credible resources. Presented by the FDLP Academy (Federal Depository Library Program). Please click here to learn more.

New Spring Nonfiction for the Library and Classroom

Looking for something new to entice your nonfiction fans? Look no further. Titles that inform, fulfill the needs of classroom teachers, and entertain students are right around the corner.

There's something here for all of your patrons, whether they're interested in animal life or transportation, STEM materials or mythical creatures, outdoor sports or history, or even learning how to write poetry. Aimed at a wide range of readers and tackling a variety of fascinating subjects, these series are sure to entice report writers and casual browsers alike.

Moderated by School Library Journal assistant editor Della Farrell, this free webcast spotlights some fresh new nonfiction series by The Creative Company, Mason Crest, and Scholastic that are sure to recharge your collection.

Join us on Wednesday, March 15, at 12:00pm PDT to get a glimpse at what's available.
NASA can make a map of all the contributions from the STAR_Net community.

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.