



# ***Welcome to WLA Wednesday***

March 29, 2017

On this day: in 1848, Niagra Falls stops flowing for 30 hours due to an ice jam

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## **Making Headlines**

### **House Library Champions Release FY18 “Dear Appropriator” Letters**

Kevin Maher writes, "Your limited-time-only chance to ask for your House Member's backing for LSTA and IAL begins now.

"Where does your Representative stand on supporting FY 2018 library funding? Against the backdrop of the [President's proposal](#) last week to eliminate the Institute for Museum and Library Services and virtually all other library funding sources, their answer this year is more important than ever before.

"Every Spring, library champions in Congress ask every Member of the House to sign two, separate “Dear Appropriator” letters directed to the Appropriations Committee: one urging full funding for LSTA (which benefits every kind of library), and the second asking the same for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy program.

**"Members of the House have only until April 3 to let our champions know that they will sign the separate LSTA and IAL “Dear Appropriator” letters now circulating, so there's no time to lose. Use [ALA's Legislative Action Center](#) today to ask your Member of Congress to sign both the LSTA and IAL letters. Many Members of Congress will only sign such a letter if their constituents ask them to. So it is up to you to help save LSTA and IAL from elimination or significant cuts that could dramatically affect hundreds of libraries and potentially millions of patrons."**

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

**Look Who's Hiring**

**Conference Communiqué**



**Early Bird Registration for Learn Local!  
Yakima, Spokane, and Seattle Ends This  
Friday**

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District is looking for a [Senior Public Services Librarian - Program Services](#). The position is open until filled; application review begins March 30.

The Libraries of Stevens County have an opening for [Chewelah Library Manager](#). The position is open until filled; application review begins April 3.

North Seattle College is seeking a [Dean of Library Services, eLearning & TLC](#). The deadline to apply is April 10.

The Brooks Library at Central Washington University has an opening for a [Scholarly Communications Librarian](#). Application review begins April 10.

[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.

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## News & Notes

### Refreshing School Libraries Grants

The Washington State Library (WSL) is accepting applications for RSL-2: a new cycle of Refreshing School Libraries grants. The purpose of the grant is to help bolster schools' nonfiction collections. We hope to help support Common Core Standards and student enjoyment.

We anticipate making 100 awards of \$2,000 in reimbursable funding. Libraries in public and non-profit K-12 schools are eligible. The deadline for both the online application and the signature sheet (postmark) is May 1, 2017. Awards will be announced on May 30, 2017. For more information, including the guidelines and application documents, [please click here](#).



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 now through this Friday, 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.

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## The Learning Curve

### Think, Do, Show - Evaluation Workshop

Libraries collect a lot of data: circulation, program attendance, user satisfaction, etc. In this free, all-day workshop, "Think, Do, Show: Practical Techniques for Using Evaluation to Improve Practice and Demonstrate Impact," straight from the [Research Institute for Public Libraries](#), you will learn how to go beyond simply collecting and reporting on these numbers. Through a series of interactive exercises, you will discover how to conduct outcome-based evaluation, use your results

## Dementia Friendly Washington Fact Sheets and Brief Survey

Greetings from the Dementia-Friendly Communities project team of the Washington State [Dementia Action Collaborative!](#)

In 2016, our project team reviewed dementia-friendly programs and initiatives around the world, and created [a fact sheet](#) highlighting the key elements of dementia-friendly communities for Washington State. This year, we are working to distribute this fact sheet, while exploring statewide interest in networking and resource-sharing around the topic of dementia-friendly programs and initiatives.

We want to make sure people with dementia in Washington State, and their loved ones, are empowered to fully participate in their communities. And we need your help!

Visit our website and [read our fact sheet](#). Share this information with anyone you know who might be interested in learning more about dementia-friendly communities – your friends, family members, neighbors, colleagues, partner organizations, coalitions, etc.

Are you getting started or already involved with developing dementia-friendly programs (i.e. Alzheimer's Cafes, memory loss walking groups, art programs, etc) or dementia-friendly initiatives in your community? Want to network or share resources related to dementia-friendly communities, with others around Washington State? If so, please [respond to this brief 5-question survey](#), sharing what you're interested in, and the best way for you to connect with others. The deadline for the survey is April 14.

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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.

for data-driven decision making and planning, and present your data in infographics and other formats to demonstrate your library's impact.

Sponsored by the Washington State Library. Lunch is on your own. Here is the workshop schedule:

- May 1, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Fort Vancouver Regional Library Headquarters
- May 3, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Spokane County Library, Moran Prairie Branch
- May 5, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Sno-Isle Libraries Service Center, Marysville

[Please click here to learn more and register.](#)

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### PNR Partners Webinar

Your Pacific Northwest Region office of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine ([NNLM PNR](#)) offers a webinar that showcases the work of our funded members called *PNR Partners*. On April 13 from 1:00 – 2:00pm we will have Ginger Kwan, Executive Director for Open Doors for Multicultural Families, who will present about the demonstration videos created to assist immigrant families of children with special health care needs find quality health information using National Library of Medicine resources. Carol Cahill, Research Associate at Group Health, will present about her work to expand the content in the Neighborhood Health Link resource for their primary care patients.

These funded projects have provided a much needed service in the Pacific Northwest communities and we hope they inspire others to create their own projects and seek funding from the PNR.

No registration required. [Learn how to connect here.](#)

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