



Welcome to **WLA Wednesday**

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On this day: in 1956, Prince Rainier III marries American actress Grace Kelly

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Making Headlines

The *Alki* Editorial Committee Needs YOU

With a number of terms expiring soon, [Alki](#), the journal of the Washington Library Association, is seeking committed, engaged library professionals like never before!

Editor (effective August 2017): The *Alki* Editor is responsible for providing a balanced mixture of relevant, thoughtful articles and features on the issues and concerns of all library personnel. The editor also ensures that the journal is a responsive and inspirational voice reflecting WLA to a diverse library community. The *Alki* Editor is contracted to a two year term with a modest stipend.

Editorial Committee Members (effective July and August 2017): *Alki* will be needing to fill six committee slots this year and are looking for members who are thoughtful, motivated, curious, and in possession of excellent writing skills. Committee members help brainstorm future issues and contribute content. Editorial Committee members serve a two year term.

You can take a look at the [current roster](#) and the official duties of the committee. Interested? Contact [Sheri Boggs](#), *Alki* Editorial Committee Chair.

Look Who's Hiring



Conference Communiqué

Announcing Elissa Ball as the Yakima! Learn Local Keynote Speaker

The Pacific Science Center is seeking a [Director of Information Services](#). The position is open until filled.

St. Thomas School has an opening for an [Early Learning Librarian/Media Specialist](#) in Bellevue. 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.



We're so excited to have Elissa Ball kick off the day at Learn Local! Yakima as our keynote speaker.

Elissa Ball is a writer, Tarot reader, humorist, and performance poet originally from Yakima, WA. She writes a weekly astrology column called Space Witch for *The Seattle Weekly*. Her first book of poetry, *The Punks Are Writing Love Songs*, was published by Blue Begonia Press in 2012.

There's still time to [register](#) for next week's conference! Check out our [programs](#) and the [schedule of the day](#) to meet the other local speakers and presenters.

News & Notes

***Kinda Like Brothers* Wins the 2017 Sasquatch Award**

The election results are in for the 2017 [Sasquatch Award](#) and the winner is: [Kinda Like Brothers!](#) Award-winning author Coe Booth tells the story of story of two boys who really don't get along—but have to find a way to figure it out. Check out the other fantastic nominees [here](#).

The Learning Curve

Tacoma Leadership Weekend

The leadership event "[It's all about you: Ignite Your Possibilities!](#)" aims to bring together business, government, non-profit owners, elected officials, and individuals in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, and British Columbia to learn and be inspired to continue their personal and professional development journeys. The event is at Hotel Murano in Tacoma on April 28th.

Applications Close May 1st for \$2,000 WSL Grant

Get in your applications for the Washington State Library's 2017 "[Refreshing School Libraries](#)" grant! WSL plans to award 100 schools \$2,000 to bolster their non-fiction collections. [Applications](#) should be completed by a school's teacher-librarian by May 1st, and awards will be announced May 30th.

WCCPBA Votes Due Saturday

Votes for the [Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award](#) are due this Saturday, April 22. You can cast your votes [here](#). Contact [Barb Hagerty](#), the Countess of the Vote and WCCPBA Chair, with any questions.

UW Free Lecture from Author John Palfrey

The UW Information School is hosting [an Ed Mignon Distinguished Lecture from John Palfrey](#), a noted scholar, law professor, internet freedom advocate, and author of the book *BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google*. The lecture is Thursday, May 11 from 4–5pm, and is free to attend.

PLNA Leads Mentor Applications Due April 30th

Palfrey argues that anyone seeking to participate in the 21st century needs to

Library leaders come in all forms and from all levels within libraries. If you are an emerging leader serving in any capacity in a library in the Pacific Northwest and have a desire to network with other leaders and increase your skills, apply to be a PNLA Leads mentor by Sunday, April 30th. Contact [Heidi Chittim](#) to apply.

Opportunities at ALA Conference in Chicago

Planning to attend the [ALA Conference](#) in Chicago from June 22–27? Here are several opportunities for WLA members to be active participants in ALA and AASL association meetings at the conference.

June 23 - Affiliate Assembly Leadership Conference (11–3pm, lunch provided)
Affiliate Assembly I (7–9 pm)
June 25 - Affiliate Assembly II (8–12pm, breakfast provided)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact outgoing AASL Region 8 Director [Craig Seasholes](#) or AASL's [Shannon Carter](#) for details.

Medical Library Association Seeks Conference Volunteers

The [Medical Library Association \(MLA\) annual conference](#) will be in Seattle May 26-31, 2017. Registration is open. Not sure you want to attend? A variety of [volunteer opportunities](#) are available whether you want to attend or not. For those who are not members, volunteer 4 hours and you can attend one day for free.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Workgroups Reconvening

Three workgroups are playing a key role in writing and developing Washington state's education plan to the federal government. You can read more about these ESSA workgroups and their effect on Washington students [here](#).

understand how to find and use the vast stores of information available online. Libraries play a crucial role in making these skills and information available—and yet are at risk. In order to thrive in our rapidly modernizing world and dwindling government funding, libraries must make the transition to a digital future as soon as possible—by digitizing print material and ensuring that born-digital material is publicly available online, while continuing to play the vital role as public spaces in our democracy that they have for hundreds of years.

NetGain Internet of Things Conference Live Stream

Tune in virtually this Friday, April 21 between 9:30 am and 3:30pm ET for a live stream of NetGain convening on the possibilities and risks presented by the Internet of Things (IoT). Check out the [list of speakers and the schedule of the day](#).

Through a series of thought-provoking panel discussions at the New York Public Library, the conference will explore public interest issues surrounding the IoT and how sensor-based technology is changing cities and neighborhood life. Tune in [here](#).

Celebrate National Poetry Month with the WA Poet Laureate

April is a busy month for Tod Marshall, our Washington State Poet Laureate. He's busy traveling to libraries and schools around the state for poetry workshops, readings, and events. National Poetry Month is wrapping up, but you can still catch him at one of his [upcoming appearances](#) below.

April 19 - Bellevue School
April 22 - Port Angelos Hike and workshop
April 20 - Bainbridge Island Museum of Art
April 21 - Forks Library
April 24 - Poetry Night in Bellingham
April 26 - Clark College Cannell Library
April 26 - Washougal Community Library
April 26 - Washougal High School
April 27 - Vancouver Community Library
April 28 - White Center Library
April 30 - Anacortes Library
April 30 - Bitters Barn, La Conner

#WALibrarySnapshot Continues!

For the next two weeks, the window is open for submissions to the Washington Library Snapshot social media campaign. Share the everyday wonders that happen in your library to help add to the rich moosaic of Washington libraries through [Tumblr](#), Facebook, or [Twitter](#) with the accompanying hashtag #WALibrarySnapshot.

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.

T.R.A.I.N. Support Staff Conference Registration Opening May 8th

The two-day [Support Staff Conference](#) will be held on June 21st and June 22nd at Pierce College in Lakewood. In this era of dramatic change, support staff have never been more challenged—more stretched—than they are today. They're expected to do whatever it takes to keep the "train moving" amidst the confusion brought on by re-engineering, restructuring, and new technology.

The conference offers an opportunity to perfect practical skills that will enable you to manage your job and your career with new professionalism, new authority, and new success. [Registration](#) opens Monday, May 8th, and fills up quickly.

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