



Welcome to WLA Wednesday

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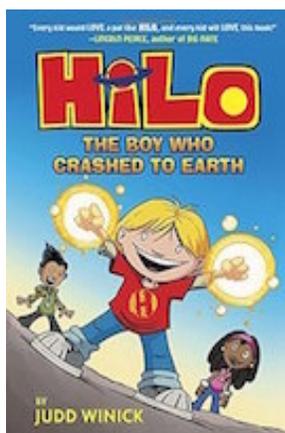
On this day: in 1930, the first US planetarium opens in Chicago.

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Making Headlines

Announcing the 2017 Otter Award Winner



The [OTTER Award](#) Committee is proud to announce *Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth* by [Judd Winick](#) as the winner of the 2017 OTTER Award for transitional readers!

The OTTER (Our Time to Enjoy Reading) Award is designed for ALL students in grades K-5, and is given yearly to a transitional chapter book starting in 2017. The award is sponsored by Washington Library Association's School Library Division and is voted upon by students in Washington State.

In its inaugural year, a total of 4,919 students in 83 Washington schools who read a minimum of 2 books on the OTTER Award list voted for their favorite nominee. *Hilo* received 1,521 votes. To see how students voted this year, check out [the awards page](#).

Here's a word about *Hilo*: "D.J. and his friend Gina are totally normal kids. But Hilo isn't! Hilo doesn't know where he came from, or what he's doing on Earth. (Or why going to school in only your underwear is a BAD idea!)... But UH-OH, what if Hilo wasn't the only thing to fall to our planet? Can the trio unlock the secrets of Hilo's past? Can Hilo SURVIVE a day at school? Find out in HILO-a laugh-out-loud, epic story of friendship! Adventure! (And the occasionally mutant robot ant)."



MOHAI is seeking a [Library Collections Manager](#). The position is open until filled.

The Upper Skagit Library is seeking a [Library Assistant - Patron Services with Youth Focus](#). Applications close May 20.

[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

Report from National Library Legislative Day

Cindy Aden, Washington's State Librarian, is among the five hundred library supporters from every state who gathered in Washington D.C. last week to advocate for federal support of libraries during the American Library Association's 43rd annual [National Library Legislative Day](#).

Library funding is in danger of vanishing under the president's proposed budget, which would eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal support for the 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums in the United States. IMLS funding is intact until September 30.

The five Washington delegates managed to visit both senators and all ten Congresspeople, even meeting with five of those representatives face to face, to explain that funding libraries is a non-partisan issue.

Check out the photos and posts from the week using the hashtag [#NLLD17](#), and read more about the role of the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) in library funding in a [press release](#) from the Office of the Secretary of State.

It will be a tough fight for the 2018 budget. Please [write your senators and your](#)

Renew and Reimagine: 2017 Annual PNLA Conference



Early-bird registration is underway for the annual [PNLA Conference](#)! This year, the conference will be at the beautiful Templin's Red Lion River Resort right on the Spokane River. North Idaho and Eastern Washington feature spectacular sightseeing, fabulous restaurants, and amazing recreational opportunities, making the 2017 PNLA conference a family destination event.

Featured Speakers for the conference include Lisa Napoli (*Ray & Joan: The Man Who Made the McDonald's Fortune and the Woman Who Gave It All Away*), Meghan Sayres (*Anahita's Woven Riddle*), Rob Greenfield (*Dude Making a Difference*), Kevin Emerson (*Last Day on Mars*).

Check the [conference website](#) for the full fantastic lineup. Don't forget to get your ticket for "Corks and Cans"—this year it's a full BBQ on the beach with live music.

The Learning Curve

Webinar: PNR Rendezvous

Join the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) for their monthly webinar, "[PNR Rendezvous](#)," on May 17 from 1:00 – 2:00pm. This session will include members of the Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee (RNTLOAK), who will introduce attendees to two newly revised toolkits:

- TRAILS (Tribal Library Procedures Manual)
- The Small but Powerful Guide to Building Support for Your Rural Library

Librarians and staff in rural, native, and tribal libraries will find should all find this session informative for how to manage your library and advocate for community support. No registration is required.

[representatives](#) to keep up the noise and fight for Washington's libraries.

Story Time STEM in Libraries

As part of a new project called [Story Time STEM](#), UW professors Allison Hintz and Antony Smith are working with King County librarians to "mathematize literature." When Hintz reads children's literature, she sees math everywhere. She had the idea that reading aloud, a favorite classroom activity, can also be a time for learning about math.

Many early-child educators and students approach math with trepidation. Hintz believes that incorporating STEM into story time will not only improve their dispositions toward the subject, but also make their understanding of the material richer.

"Our greatest hope is that children and adults can see the mathematical potential in any story," Hintz said.

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.

2017 ARSL Conference

[Register](#) early for the [Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference](#) September 7-9 in St. George, Utah! This year's conference is packed full of great information and networking opportunities that you won't want to miss. Early-bird registration ends July 7.

Check out the [ARSL Facebook page](#) to get updates and connect with other librarians using the hashtag #ARSL2017.

Webinar: Interactive Library Space on Limited Budgets

The success of libraries in the future will be determined by their ability to create stories and engage their communities in new and exciting ways. One way to accomplish this is by putting technology, people and spaces together so patrons can become creators and innovators.

On May 11 at 11:00am, join Brian Pichman from the Evolve Project in this [jam-packed webinar](#) as he covers tips for success when designing interactive library spaces and experiences on a limited budget.

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