Welcome to

WLA Wednesday

In the Issue

Making Headlines

Signatures on LSTA and IAL Letters Needed by May 19

There are only three days left to convince a majority of U.S. Senators to sign both the LSTA and IAL letters for 2018. WLA is asking all of our members to contact our Senators and to urge everyone on their lists to do the same!

As you probably know, the president has proposed wiping out all library funding in his initial 2018 budget proposal. Thanks to the thousands who wrote in to urge their Representatives to sign the two "Dear Appropriator" letters, there was an 18% increase in support for Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) and a staggering 64% increase for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) in the House of Representatives. Now it's time to break records for library support in the U.S. Senate!

The goal is to put a majority of all 100 Senators on record in support of these critical programs. Go to the ALA Legislative Action Center to get started, and check this Senate tracker to see if your Senator signed last year and if they have already agreed to sign this year.

In Washington, Senator Cantwell has just signed LSTA, but has not signed IAL. Senator Murray has not yet signed either. We have just three more days to convince them to add their names to both the LSTA and IAL letters. There's no time to lose.

Senator Patty Murry:
202-224-2621
@PattyMurray

Senator Maria Cantwell:
206-224-3441
@SenatorCantwell

Look Who's Hiring

Shoreline Community College is seeking an Associate Dean - Library Services. The deadline to apply is June 4.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library is seeking a Senior Public Services Librarian - Teen Services (Vancouver Community Library), as well as a Branch Manager (Goldendale Community Library). The deadlines are June 5 and June 1, respectively.

The Jefferson County Library District is seeking a Library Director. The deadline to apply is May 31.

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

Free Books for Classrooms, Book Kits or Community Reads

The Washington State Library has the following titles to distribute to libraries in Washington State for community reads or classroom sets. These books are mostly trade paperbacks that have been gently used in community reads and graciously shared with the State Library community by the public libraries who originally purchased them.

- *Boys in the Boat*, Daniel James Brown – 2 audio books, 4 hardcover, 2 large print, 516 softcover
- *Station Eleven*, Emily St. John Mandel – 27 softcover
- *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*, Karen Joy Fowler – 160 softcover
- *The Painter*, Peter Heller – 72 softcover

Conference Communiqué

Announcing the Location of 2018 WLA Conference!

We're thrilled to announce that the 2018 WLA annual conference will be held in beautiful Yakima! Mark your calendars for October 17 - 20, 2018.

And while you're at it, make sure you've penciled in our 2017 conference on November 1 - 4 in Tacoma! You can now book your room at Hotel Murano with the special conference rate. Stay tuned for more updates!

The Learning Curve

Digital Directions Conference

At the Difital Directions: Fundamentals of Creating and Managing Digital Collections conference, join colleagues from institutions large and small for two and a half days of instruction on best practices and practical strategies for the creteation, curation, and use of digital collections.

The conference will be held at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle from August 21 - 23. Register by May 26 to get the early-bird discount.

Critical Librarianship in Practice: 2017 Unconference

You're invited to join library colleagues in conversation on critical librarianship in practice August 25 at the University of Washington's Odegaard Library.

- *Sasquatch Hunter*, Sharma Shields – 21 softcover

You may request one or more copies of each title, with a minimum request of five copies. These will be mailed free of charge to your library. Contact [Leanna Hammond](#) to request these titles or if you have additional questions.

Evergreen Teen Book Award

The [Evergreen Teen Book Award](#) committee needs your help to find amazing nominees for the 2019 award. To be considered, books must have been published in 2016. They're looking for fiction, non-fiction and graphic novels that are (or can be) popular with teens that deserve to be promoted and celebrated. Suggest titles [here](#), and email Chairperson [Jodi Kruse](#) with any questions. Also check out the list of [2018 Top Ten Nominees](#)!

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.

[The Unconference](#) is a fun, free gathering where library workers from different institutions can engage with and learn from one another. The theme of the unconference this year is "Critical Librarianship in Practice"—inspired by the [#critlib](#) movement to examine structural inequalities and incorporating social justice principles into library work.

Code.org Workshop: Computer Science Education

Interested in teaching Computer Science to elementary age children? On July 21 at the Mukilteo Library, join WLA School Library Division Chair and [Code.org](#) Fundamental Facilitator Marianne Costello for a free professional development experience to learn about Code.org's activities for teaching computational thinking and basic coding to children. This course will be specifically designed for elementary school and youth librarians. [Register](#) here.

Participants will:

- Be introduced to Code.org resources along with other CS sites
- Practice using the lessons and learn block coding
- Develop specific strategies that librarians can use to teach children CS concepts along with block coding

It will be a tough fight for the 2018 budget. Please write your senators and your representatives to keep up the noise and fight for libraries.