



Welcome to *WLA Wednesday*

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On this day: in 2004, Go Skateboarding Day was established.

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Making Headlines

Washington Talking Book & Braille Library Named Network Library of the Year



For the second time this decade, the [Washington Talking Book & Braille Library](#) has received top honors for its outstanding services to readers who are visually or physically impaired.

The [National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped](#), part of the Library of Congress, presented Director Danielle Miller with the 2016 Network Library of the Year Award in the Library of Congress' Jefferson Building in Washington, D.C. Washington Talking Book and Braille Library previously won the award in 2010 and has been selected this year for its commitment to outreach and to engaging readers in the local community.

Above, WTBBL Director Danielle Miller and Washington State Librarian Cindy Aden are pictured with the 2016 Network Library of the Year award plaque.

There will be a celebration on Tuesday, July 18 from 1:00–3:00pm at the WTBBL. Guests will enjoy refreshments and the unveiling of the award with remarks from Secretary of State Kim Wyman at 2:00pm. RSVP to [Danielle Miller](#).

Look Who's Hiring



The University of Washington Libraries are seeking an [Organization Development and Training Specialist](#). The position is open until filled.

Yakima Valley Libraries are seeking an [Assistant Branch Manager](#) for the West Valley branch (applications close July 7), as well as a [Librarian I](#) for Yakima Central Library (the position is open until filled).

Primary Source is seeking a [Project Manager](#). 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.

News & Notes

Final Call for WLA Merit Awards Nominations!

All awards nominations must be received by July 1. There is some great work happening across the state. Now is the time to let your colleagues know they are appreciated.

Please look at the list of awards and the online nomination forms on the [WLA website](#). If you have questions please email the [WLA office](#).

EveryLibrary Pushes for Equitable Funding in School Library Programs

[EveryLibrary](#) has just launched their new [SaveSchoolLibrarians.org](#) site and an expanded partnership with five state school library associations and Follet Learning to work on restoring school librarians to schools

Conference Communiqué

Highlight on Tacoma: Home of Glass, Art, and So Much More!



WLA's 2017 Conference will be held at the [Hotel Murano](#) in Tacoma, WA. After you've had your fill of conference sessions and events, we hope attendees will take advantage of all that Tacoma has to offer! Visit the [Conference Local Information page](#) to learn more about museums, parks, restaurants, and other activities, many within walking distance of the conference hotel. You can even visit the [Alice in Wonderland public art mural](#) that was part of the inspiration for this year's theme, "Libraries Through the Looking-Glass."

The Learning Curve

Washington Medical Librarians Association Conference Registration Open

This year's Washington Medical Librarians Association annual conference will be at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences in Yakima. A continuing education course on systematic reviews will be held on Thursday, July 20. The annual meeting and conference on Friday, July 21, will feature sessions on culinary medicine, free citation management software, refugee health, and the latest on data and research, plus updates on the RML, HEAL-WA, and the iSchool. Online registration and additional information is available on the [conference website](#).

Financial Literacy Training

Do you receive a lot of requests from patrons for help with financial matters? The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau wants to help make libraries the go-to source for unbiased

and districts—and to expanding funding for school library programs—in their states. The WLA School Library Division has been working with them to anticipate changes in the state funding formula for schools.

Their action platform has helped find and activate thousands of local activists to contact their school boards and superintendents with a "save school librarians" message. Find out how you can get involved in their [Action Center](#).

Washington's State Art Collection Is Now Online at My Public Art Portal

For the first time, a physical inventory of the entire State Art Collection is being undertaken by the Washington State Arts Commission since its beginnings in 1975. More than 2,000 of the [ArtaWA](#) collection's 4,500 artworks are included, and more are added every week. This inventory work ensures that the information presented online via [My Public Art Portal](#) is accurate, complete, and supported by current photography. It also helps prioritize conservation work and supports the overall care of the Collection, which is located at K-12 public schools, colleges, universities, and state agencies throughout Washington.

ArtsWA partners with educators to create a custom group of artworks in My Public Art Portal, to be used as a teaching tool or to complement any lesson plan or lecture. [Contact ArtsWA](#) to get started.

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.

financial education and resources in every community. This free all-day workshop (8:30am–4:30pm) at the Central Seattle Public Library on July 19 will provide detailed information on the free resources available in your community to use when fielding financial questions from patrons.

You will learn about organizations in your community that provide free unbiased financial literacy resources to help empower patrons to make appropriate financial choices for themselves. A wide array of financial topics will be covered, including:

- Paying for college
- Prevention of financial fraud
- Planning for retirement
- Basics of credit such as mortgages and credit rating and scores
- Resources for seniors including financial caregiving and reverse mortgages.

Questions? Contact [Daniel Nguyen](#). [Register here](#).

Free Webinar: Emerging Issues in Copyright

This webinar on Wednesday, June 21 from 11:00am–12:00pm will address the serious need to rethink how we conceptualize copyright, authors' rights, and fair use. Issues will include remixing, reusing, fair use, piracy, non-legal rule-making (from digital content platforms), encryption and copying, and the economic and cultural effects of near-costless copying. Open Educational Resources and the textbook industry will come up, along with the non-academic topics of artistic creation in platforms that are constantly policed by our copyright laws. [Register here](#).