



# ***Welcome to WLA Wednesday***

July 26, 2017

On this day: in 1951, Walt Disney's 13th animated film, *Alice in Wonderland*, premieres in London.

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## **Making Headlines**

### **FY 2018 Library Funding Remains Uncut**

In Congress, a key [House budget committee has voted](#) to recommend a proposed federal budget in which the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is funded at the same level as in the prior year's budget. Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman, who oversees the Washington State Library and nationally recognized Washington Talking Book and Braille Library, [says she's thrilled by the news](#).

"IMLS is the backbone of library systems all across the country, and gutting it – as the president's proposed budget would do – is shortsighted," Wyman said. "Thankfully, through the efforts of all the members of our state's congressional delegation, particularly Rep. Jamie Herrera Beutler, who serves on the House Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services Subcommittee, the proposal recommended late last week by the committee included level funding for both IMLS and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

"I will be keeping a close eye on this issue as it develops and this budget proposal moves through the process, but for now we will consider this news a win for Washington's libraries."

## **Look Who's Hiring**



## **Conference Communiqué**

**Countdown to Conference Registration!**

The American Library Association (ALA) is seeking an [Executive Director](#). The position is open until filled.

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking an [Assistant Branch Manager](#) for the West Valley Library. Applications close August 11.

[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

### School Library Grant Survey

The Washington State Library has requested input for future grants offered to school librarians and para-professional supervising school libraries. Please take 3-5 minutes to fill out [this one-question survey](#). Feel free to share the survey with your colleagues who are not members of WLA. The input is due by 10:00 am this Friday, July 28.

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### UW iSchool Request to Complete Brief Survey

The Simmons School of Library and Information Science has developed a brief survey to gather input on the skills and knowledge areas that are important for MLIS students to distribute to UW iSchool faculty, alums, students, regional employers, and other supporters in the Pacific Northwest. They will use the results to identify priority areas for curriculum review.

Please take 10-15 minutes to complete [this anonymous survey](#). In the first question, click on "University of Washington iSchool." The survey will be available until August 15.

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### Tell the FCC to Save Net Neutrality

To save net neutrality, please [send your comments to the FCC](#) through August 16.



Mark your calendars: Registration goes live for the [2017 WLA Conference](#) in less than two weeks! On August 7, sign up for four fun-filled, info-packed days at the gorgeous Hotel Murano in Tacoma. Be sure to register by September 20 for the discounted early-bird rate.

While you're planning your stay in Tacoma, check out our deals on [local hotels](#), the [schedule of events](#), and our [session descriptions](#). We hope to see you in November!

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## The Learning Curve

### Free Workshop: Up and Running with Open Data

What is open data? How do you use it? The Seattle Public Library is hosting an open data training open to any library staff on Wednesday, September 20 from 9:30 am to noon as part of an IMLS-funded project in partnership with the University of Washington iSchool. This workshop is free and open to staff from other library systems. [Sign up here](#).

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### Library Journal Design Institute

Are there any design challenges that your library currently faces?

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District is hosting the [Library Journal Design Institute](#) this fall in Vancouver, WA, on October 20. This full-day event provides expert panel discussions with librarians and architects, as well as hands-on architect-led breakout sessions dealing with real-life design challenges submitted in advance by you and your fellow attendees.

There will also be 15-20 minute "speed-sessions" with individual architects and furniture and equipment vendors so you can address your own library-specific questions and concerns (be sure to bring photos,

The Federal Communications Commission has opened a public proceeding to roll back network neutrality protections instituted in 2015. Net neutrality is the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) must enable access to all content and applications regardless of the source and without favoring or blocking specific services or websites.

[On July 12](#), over 10 million Internet users came together to sound the alarm about the FCC's attack on net neutrality. Absent strong, enforceable net neutrality protections, ISPs have the financial incentive and opportunity to sell priority access to certain content providers. Enforceable rules are essential for libraries to fulfill our missions and serve our patrons.

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### One State/One book: Washington Reads

[The Washington Center for the Book](#) is a new partnership between the Seattle Public Library and the Washington State Library. A major goal for this partnership is to bring all of Washington State and all types of libraries together through literature. They are in the early stages of planning a statewide Washington Reads program, and they are seeking input from library staff in charge of community reads. Please send [this short survey](#) out to your community reads coordinators, or fill this out now if you're the right person!

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### ALA Youth Coding Program Grants

A cohort of 25-50 libraries will be selected to receive [grants of up to \\$25,000](#) to design and implement youth coding programs. Through these programs, the library cohort will collaboratively develop, pilot, and rapidly iterate a "Ready to Code" toolkit containing a selection of CS resources for libraries and an implementation guide.

The Ready to Code project team will host an informational [webinar](#) on Tuesday, August 1, to supplement the detailed RFP and provide additional guidance to applicants.

Proposals will be accepted through August 31, and selected libraries will be announced in October.

illustrations, floor plans, or plat maps—whatever you think will enhance the discussion). There will be plenty of face time and networking opportunities throughout the day with colleagues, too. Arrive early on Thursday, October 19 to participate in an exciting (and optional) tour. [Register](#) before Friday, September 8 to be eligible to have your library featured in a breakout session.

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### OSPI to Lead Public Webinars on New Federal Accountability Plan

In August, Washingtonians will have another chance to learn about the state's plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) federal accountability plan.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is conducting four webinars to provide more information about the ESSA Consolidated Plan's creation, changes from the first draft, and how the public can provide feedback before submission to the U.S. Department of Education in September.

There are four webinars scheduled throughout August:

Tuesday, August 15, 4–6 pm ([register](#))  
Saturday, August 19, 11 am –1 pm ([register](#))  
Wednesday, August 23, 5–7 pm ([register](#))  
Wednesday, August 30, 6–8 pm ([register](#))

To learn more about ESSA in Washington state, visit the [OSPI ESSA website](#).

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### IMLS Webinar: Measures that Matter

Circulation, visits, program attendance, patron satisfaction—these are some of the many measures commonly collected by public librarians. But how well do we understand what measures tell the most meaningful stories of today's libraries? The first two webinars in this series discussed the current state of the public library data landscape—what data collection efforts exist at the national level and how they impact what we know about libraries and their patrons. The third webinar, "[Measures that Matter Part Three: Moving Toward More Meaningful Measures](#)," will look toward the future, considering what data public librarians should collect to demonstrate their impact. Speakers from both within and outside of the library field will

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provide multiple perspectives on meaningful measures.

This webinar is the third in a three-part series about the Measures that Matter initiative from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, a field-wide discussion of the current state of public library data. Tune in today, July 26, from 12:00– 1:00 pm PDT.

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