



Welcome to **WLA Wednesday**

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On this day: In 1962, Ringo Starr replaces Pete Best as The Beatles' drummer.

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Making Headlines

2017 WLA Conference Logo Reveal



Libraries Through the Looking-Glass

Washington Library Association
2017 Annual Conference • November 1-4
Hotel Murano, Tacoma

We're so excited to reveal the official logo for the 2017 WLA Conference! A huge thank you to Pierce County Library System for their beautiful work, and to Sir John Tenniel for his original *Through the Looking-Glass* illustration.

Stay tuned for more conference updates and surprises, and don't forget to [register](#) by September 20 to take advantage of the early bird discount.

Look Who's Hiring



Conference Communiqué

Madden's Mélange: Return of a Conference Tradition

Madden's Mélange will be returning once again to the Exhibitor Hall at the 2017 WLA Conference! Long-time conference attendees

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking an [Outreach Librarian](#). 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

ALA Condemns Racism and Violence in Charlottesville

Yesterday American Library Association President Jim Neal [released a statement](#) regarding the weekend's tragic violence in Charlottesville, Virginia.

IMLS Grant Opportunities

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently announced the availability of two grant opportunities for libraries through the [National Leadership Grants for Libraries \(NLG\)](#) and the [Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian \(LB21\)](#) programs. The deadline to submit grant proposals is September 1, and awards will be announced in January 2018. NLG and LB21 programs are funded through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) administered by IMLS.

IMLS has posted informational webinars to answer potential applicants' questions. Grant requests will be peer-reviewed and must be submitted online by September 1, with all required documents through [grants.gov](#). In FY2017, approximately 25% of grant requests were funded.

Galaxy Science Fiction Archive

One of the science fiction genre's best magazines is now freely available online. The Internet Archive is hosting [a collection of Galaxy Science Fiction](#), which published many seminal works in the field, including [an early version of Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451](#) and Alfred Bester's *The Demolished Man*. Included

will remember Susan Madden's popular booth selling vintage jewelry and accessories, with proceeds going to support [WLA Scholarships](#).

Last year's conference was to be Susan's final appearance as a vendor, but we're thrilled to have her back for another year. Stop by her booth to welcome her back, check out her fabulous wares, and maybe even find a treasure for yourself!

Do you have any vintage or fun jewelry lying around? Susan will be accepting donations of jewelry and scarves to sell at the conference. [Email the WLA office](#) with questions.

The Learning Curve

Free Course: Wikipedia + Libraries: Better Together

This fall, WebJunction will offer a free online training program for US public library staff to learn to confidently engage with Wikipedia. Wikipedia + Libraries is a nine-week course (September 13 – November 15) that includes six live online sessions, discussion forums, reading and activities. The course will provide a collaborative learning environment for public library peers to build their Wikipedia skills, implement Wikipedia programming and amplify the role of libraries as information literacy leaders in their communities.

Why Wikipedia? Today's information-seekers expect the information they need to be online—and Wikipedia is a go-to reference source. Engaging with Wikipedia enables library staff to meet their users where they are. There is strong alignment between the missions of public libraries and Wikipedia—to increase access to quality information.

[Learn more](#) about the program and [enroll today!](#)

Announcing Open Washington Hub

[Open Washington](#) is an Open Educational Resource (OER) network for Washington State's community and technical college system. The Open Washington hub is in response to a demand for a localized repository with rich collaborating, sharing, and evaluation tools. This hub is a dedicated repository for OER shared by our CTC system or created through Washington State Board for

are stories from such Sci-fi legends as Isaac Asimov, Robert Heinlein, Clifford Simak, Theodore Sturgeon, and many more. Although the run is not quite complete, the archive comprises 355 separate issues, ranging from 1950 through 1976. In addition to the Galaxy collection, the Archive also has a complete run of [Hugo Gernsback's Amazing Stories](#).

FCC Extends Deadline for Net Neutrality Comments

The deadline to comment on the FCC's proposal to roll back net neutrality rules has been extended to August 30. The original deadline was today, August 16.

The EFF, Public Knowledge, the ACLU and more [filed a motion](#) at the beginning of the month asking for eight weeks to be added. The FCC [agreed to extend the deadline](#), but only by two weeks.

[Comment here](#).

Alki Accepting Submissions



It's time to submit articles to the next issue of [Alki](#). The Fall 2017 issue is a preview of the WLA Conference in November, on the theme "Through the Looking Glass."

The [schedule of sessions](#) is up on the WLA website and we're anticipating a remarkably robust presentation of ideas, techniques, experiences and practices. Is there a session so interesting you'd like to get the lowdown well before conference begins? Are you a presenter and looking to spread the word about your session? Care to interview any of the keynote speakers? Or have you had "Through the Looking Glass" moments at your library, in which you've found unexpected reflections and shifting perspectives? If so, this

Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)-sponsored projects.

To help you get started, check out the [Hub Manual](#) and the [Open Washington Preview Webinar](#).

International Foundation for Cultural Property Protection Conference

Join the International Foundation for Cultural Property Protection (IFCPP) and Yale Libraries & Cultural Properties for their [18th Annual Conference](#) in New Haven, Connecticut. The full-conference educational program will run three days, September 18-20, including workshops, seminars, library and museum tours, and course work for the Certified Institutional Protection Manager (CIPM) certification. Conference instructors and presenters are among the world's leading authorities in the cultural property community. Registration ends August 31.

Holocaust Center for Humanity Luncheon

Hear from powerful speakers at this year's [Holocaust Center for Humanity "Voices for Humanity Luncheon"](#) on Tuesday, October 17 at the Sheraton Seattle. [Register online](#) by August 24 to save a tree!

The Holocaust Center for Humanity will also be making an appearance at the WLA Conference in November with their session, ["Real People, Real Stories, Free Resources: Holocaust Teaching Trunks and the Speakers Bureau."](#)

The Name of the Game: Playing Tabletop Games to Build 21st Century Skills

As hubs of lifelong learning, public libraries are always seeking new strategies to cultivate 21st century skills in their community members. The deeper we move into this century, the more critical it becomes for people to hone skills like communication, collaboration, critical thinking, global awareness, and creativity. Your patrons can strengthen these skill sets while also having fun in a social setting — through playing tabletop games at the library.

is an excellent opportunity to share stories and strategies with your colleagues.

The deadline to submit articles for the Fall issue is Friday, September 22. Please send your article idea(s) to alkieditor@wla.org, and see the [Instructions for Contributors](#) for more details. Sheri Boggs, the editor of *Alki*, is happy to discuss ideas and expectations with you as well. We are also accepting articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

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.

Learn about the wide array of games available and the specific skill sets each one promotes. Hear how public librarians are using games and get new ideas for programming and game-related projects that you can do at your library. Your younger patrons will be ahead of the 21st century game in no time.

Tune in Tuesday, September 26 at 12:00 pm PDT for this free webinar. [Register here](#).

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