



Welcome to *WLA Wednesday*

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On this day: in 1944, Smokey Bear debuts as spokesman for fire prevention.

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Making Headlines

Comments Welcome on State's Federal Education Draft Plan



Above: President Obama signs the ESSA in 2015.

Your chance to provide comments on Washington's state education plan has begun, State Superintendent Chris Reykdal announced. The 30-day comment period will end on September 5.

The federal [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#) passed in December 2015. The law requires every state to submit a Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Education. Superintendent Reykdal will submit Washington's plan on September 18.

During the first comment period in 2017, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) received comments from educators, parents, community organizations, and legislators. That feedback helped shape the [current draft](#), and this is another opportunity for the public to mold Washington state's education accountability system.

Those wishing to learn more about the plan can do so at one of five webinars planned throughout August. [Sign up to attend the](#)

Look Who's Hiring



The City of Mount Vernon is seeking a [Library Assistant - Youth Services](#). The application closes August 17.

[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

32 Books by Washington Authors Honored

The 2017 Washington State Book Award finalists were just announced – with a stellar line-up of Washington authors and illustrators being honored in eight categories for adult and young readers. [Take a look at this sampling](#) of the impressive literary talent in our state. The state book awards are administered by the Washington Center for the Book.

WLA President-Elect Featured in Leadership Spotlight

Craig Seasholes, the WLA President-Elect, was featured in [a Folett Leadership Spotlight](#) —"Building a Leading Library." He reveals his leadership philosophy and links to the [LIT-TL rap](#) that lays out how "LITs do a thousand and one more things than book stackin."

ALA Joint Statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Conference Communiqué

Conference Registration Is Live!



Are you getting curiouser and curiouser about the [2017 WLA Conference](#)? Wait no more: Registration is now live! [Click here to register](#).

The conference will be November 1 – 4 at Hotel Murano in Tacoma. Join us for four fun-filled, information-packed days as we experience "Libraries Through the Looking-Glass." Register by September 20 to get the Early Bird discount!

[Contact the WLA office](#) with any questions about the conference or registration.

The Learning Curve

Center for Washington Cultural Traditions

Launching this fall, the [Center for Washington Cultural Traditions](#) will be Washington State's new folklife and traditional arts program. The Center will support tradition bearers throughout the state, interpret the state's rich cultural heritage, conduct meaningful research, and create a range of innovative media and programming.

They would love your input on the Center's development! Attend one of their free community meetings this summer and fall—in 16 locations around the state! No registration is required.

ACRL-WA Conference Scholarships and Award for Excellence

The American Library Association, The American Indian Library Association, Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Chinese American Librarians Association, REFORMA (The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking) and the Joint Council of Librarians of Color issued a joint statement on equity, diversity, and inclusion. [Read it here.](#)

Be Recognized for Your Great Summer Programming Ideas

If you would like to see your name in print in a professional publication, consider submitting a program idea for the [Collaborative Summer Library Program \(CSLP\) Manual](#), which is in use in all 50 states and many US territories. You can submit a program idea for preschoolers, school age children, teens and/or adults. In 2019, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, the summer reading theme will be a "Universe of Stories":

- Take me to your reader: Focus on fandom, popular characters, genre and book franchises
- Shoot for the Moon: Ideas inspired/recognizing the 50th anniversary of the moon landing
- To the Library and Beyond: Outreach ideas outside of the library walls
- Star Trekking Across our Universe: Solar System-based ideas
- A Sky Full of Stories: Focus on constellations and mythology

Ideas can be submitted online using [this form](#). The last day to submit an idea is on September 15.

Architectural Digest Gives a Nod to UW's Suzzallo Library



ACRL-WA is now accepting applications for their annual conference scholarships and Award for Excellence.

Are you currently a graduate student in a library/information science program? Perhaps you are an early career, first-time conference attendee. ACRL-WA is offering two scholarships to attend this year's ACRL conference at Pack Forest Conference Center, October 19 and 20. Scholarship winners also receive a one-year membership in the Washington state chapter of ACRL. For more information regarding qualification criteria and how to apply, [visit their website](#).

Do you have an outstanding academic/research library project? Nominate your project for the ACRL-WA Award for Excellence. The award includes a stipend of up to \$150 to cover the conference registration and travel, and a one-year membership in the Washington state chapter of ACRL. Learn more about qualification criteria and application information [here](#). The deadline to apply is September 1.

More information about the conference dates, venue, and registration can be found [here](#).

Calling BS in the Age of Big Data Webinar

Earlier in the year the new University of Washington course webpage, "Calling BS in the Age of Big Data," went viral. Professors Carl Bergstrom and Jevin West, wanted a course that would teach students how to critically look at data and understand how it is manipulated. Jevin will be focusing on the common pitfalls specifically around information visualization and examine the different ways that information can be misrepresented with figures and graphs at the next PNR Rendezvous, the monthly webinar series from your regional office of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM PNR). The webinar will be Wednesday, August 16 from 1:00–2:00pm. [Learn how to join.](#)

Registration Is Open for the 2017 WASCLA Language Access Summit

On October 13 and 14 in Wenatchee, join the [Washington State Coalition for Language Access \(WASCLA\)](#) in their Summit on the theme, "Taking Action: Making Inclusion a Reality." Speakers include the Washington State Office of the Attorney General, OneAmerica, Hand in Hand Immigration

The Gothic-style Suzzallo Library at the University of Washington was included in the "[18 Stunning University Libraries Around the World You Need to See](#)" by Architectural Digest.

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.

Services, Open Doors for Multicultural Families, Columbia Legal Services, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Northwest Justice Project, El Mundo Communications, Harborview Medical Center, CIELO, and more. [Register here!](#)

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