



# ***Welcome to WLA Wednesday***

September 27, 2017

On this day: In 1905, a physics journal publishes Albert Einstein's paper "Does the Inertia of a Body Depend Upon Its Energy Content?", introducing the equation  $E=mc^2$ .

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## **Making Headlines**

### **A Major Victory for Washington's School Libraries**

Last May, the [State of Washington Professional Educators Standards Board](#) (PESB) [voted](#) to eliminate the requirement of taking coursework to become a school librarian. By eliminating Pathway 3, teachers only had to pass a test to complete their Library Media Endorsement (LME) certifications. The outcry was heard across Washington's library communities.

Alongside educators and library advocates, WLA lobbyist Carolyn Logue lent her voice to the outcry at the PESB meeting in Spokane on Friday, September 22. After receiving letters and hearing in-person testimonials, the Board has voted to reinstate the program requirement to become certified teacher-librarians.

Librarians from across the state testified that the extensive training provided by the programs helps ensure the teacher-librarian's ability to work across all subject matters and grade levels. In addition, they said digital citizenship and technology skills, coupled with the necessary resource management and administrative skills, were different enough from standard classroom teaching that a full program is warranted.

Maintaining these standards will ensure that those with the LME are truly the high-quality managers of school library information technology programs that our students, teachers, and districts need them to be.

[Look Who's Hiring](#)

[Conference Communiqué](#)



The University of Washington, Tacoma is seeking a [First Year Experience Librarian](#). Applications close November 3.

The Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Library Associate](#) for Washington State Prisons. Applications close October 16.

The Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [STEM and Learning Supervisor](#). Applications close October 3.

Washington State University is seeking a [Library Fellow](#) in the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. The position is open until filled.

Lowell Elementary in Seattle Public Schools is seeking a [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.

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## News & Notes

### House Approves Full Federal Funding of Library Programs



On September 14, the full House of Representatives [voted not to make any cuts](#) in federal funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This includes all funding for IMLS programs under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), and for the Department of Education's Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) program. Congratulations to everyone who has taken action to help #saveIMLS!

## Wonderland Market



Join local artists, craftspeople, and creators for an enchanted afternoon at the Wonderland Market! On Thursday, November 3 at the 2017 WLA Conference, we're offering a market with local art and crafts for sale. Stop by to get started on your holiday shopping, find a treasure for yourself, or check out the talent in the Tacoma arts community.

Do you know any artists who would love to get involved? From book binders to glass blowers and letterpress artists, we're looking for a diverse range of local vendors to make our Wonderland Market magical! They can [register for a table here](#).

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## The Learning Curve

### Not Just For Kids: How Children's Literature Can Inspire Bold Conversations

Sometimes, the differences between us can make us uncomfortable. When conversations about race arise, for example, we may feel tight-chested and awkward. Children's literature can actually help us adults feel more comfortable with uncomfy topics and better navigate issues of identity and difference in our own lives. In this interactive workshop, we'll showcase kids' books from around the world as well as diverse communities in the US in order to gain some new skills. Together, let's continue to figure out how to navigate our complicated world, shall we?

Join us Wednesday, November 1 for this preconference workshop at the 2017 WLA Conference. Check out all of our [workshop descriptions](#), and [register here](#).

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## NaNoWriMo Community Partnership Program

Last year, over 1,000 community spaces, including more than 800 libraries, hosted and supported local writers as part of National Novel Writing Month's "Come Write In" community partnership program. NaNoWriMo offers libraries free resources to help create programs for writers, and their events bring in a diverse demographic with virtually no staff time or resources needed.

NaNoWriMo is a non-profit organization that believes in the transformational power of creativity. They provide the structure, community, and encouragement to help people find their voices, achieve creative goals, and build new worlds—on and off the page.

Don't miss the [NaNoWriMo Write-In](#) at the 2017 WLA Conference.

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## Accepting Applications for WLA Graduate Study Scholarships

WLA will award one [Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship](#) this year to a WLA member enrolled in an ALA-accredited MLIS degree program who has completed at least one semester or quarter. The scholarship will be \$3,000. Applicants are evaluated based on demonstrated potential for leadership in the profession and commitment to libraries and library service.

Applications will be accepted from September 11 – October 16, and the winner will be announced October 23. Scholarship winners will be recognized November 3 during the WLA Business Lunch & Awards Meeting at the [2017 WLA Conference](#). We'll also recognize [last year's scholarship winner, Sunny Kim!](#)

[Visit our website](#) for more information and to download the application. Please forward this information to any students who might be interested.

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## WLA Elections: Three Days Left to Vote!

The [WLA Election](#) for Board, Division, and Section leadership is underway! We have a

## Library 2.017 Makerspaces Conference Coming in October

The San Jose State University School of Information is hosting its third and final [Library 2.017](#) web conference on the subject of "makerspaces" on October 11. The conference will be held entirely online from noon to 3:00 pm PDT, and [registration is free](#).

Earlier this year, Library 2.017 web conferences covered the topics of "fake news and digital literacy" and "expertise, competencies and careers." Thousands of information professionals worldwide joined the SJSU School of Information for these stimulating conversations. The recordings are available under the Archives tab on the [Library 2.0 website](#) and at the [Library 2.0 YouTube channel](#).

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## Create a Disaster Recovery Plan

["Protecting Cultural Collections: Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Response & Recovery"](#) is a free workshop offered Thursday, November 16 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm PDT at the Odegaard Library, University of Washington. This is the last time this workshop will be available in Washington.

Who should attend? Administrators and staff responsible for emergency preparedness, response and decision-making, in all types of cultural institutions. By registering for the workshop, the institution commits to supporting the attendee(s) to achieve the workshop's disaster preparedness goals.

When possible, please commit two attendees so they can work together on the disaster preparedness activities. Participation in the in-person workshop requires viewing the archived Part 1 webinars BEFORE attending the Part 2 in-person workshop AND completing the workshop assignments. Register for the in-person session [here](#).

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## The Literacy Advocacy Project

As someone passionate about literacy, you're invited! The [Literacy Advocacy Project](#) is a free training program presented by Pi Beta Phi Fraternity in partnership with the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. This four-hour, interactive training program is designed to prepare attendees to be advocates for literacy

great group of nominees from all across the state and from all types of libraries.

[Three online ballots](#) for WLA Board, Division, and Section leadership are open September 1 – 30. All current WLA members may vote for WLA Board positions. Ballots for WLA Divisions and Sections are restricted to current members of those groups. To learn more about the fantastic candidates, please read their statements before filling out your ballots.

Winners will be announced October 2, and incoming and outgoing leadership will be recognized at the [2017 WLA Conference](#) November 1 – 4 in Tacoma. The new elected terms will begin January 1.

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### IFLA Global Vision Voting

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Global Vision discussion brings together thousands of representatives of the library field worldwide to explore how a connected library field can meet the challenges of the future. IFLA is now offering [online voting](#) as the easiest way to contribute to and influence the global conversation about shaping the future of the united library field. So far 1,000 librarians and library staff have voted! Voting closes September 30.

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### GeekGirlCon

At this two-day convention on September 30 and October 1, [GeekGirlCon](#) sets up an inclusive environment in the heart of downtown Seattle to celebrate every geek and honor the legacy of women contributing to science and technology; comics, arts, and literature; game play and game design; and beyond. [Register here!](#)

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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.

in their community. The program will explore why advocacy is important, how you can have an impact and what is needed to become an agent of change.

Visit the Seattle Public Library, Northeast Branch on October 13 from noon – 4:00 pm for this free event. Space is limited, so [register](#) soon.

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### Health Literacy Toolkit



The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) and the American Library Association have partnered through the Libraries Transform campaign and have created a [free health literacy toolkit](#).

This toolkit equips library professionals with customizable tools to promote health literacy in October and throughout the year. It includes program ideas and downloadable marketing materials, such as bookmark templates, social media graphics, posters, table tents, and postcards.

Library staff can guide their community members to trusted health information so that they can make educated decisions about their health and that of their loved ones.

For those who were unable to attend the Libraries Transform: Health Literacy Toolkit webinar, [the recording](#) is now available.