



Welcome to WLA Wednesday

January 17, 2018

On this day: In 1773, Captain James Cook becomes the first to cross Antarctic Circle.

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Making Headlines

Advocacy Bootcamp at WLA Library Legislative Day

On February 28, the day before the [WLA Library Legislative Day](#) in Olympia, ALA will be hosting their [Advocacy Bootcamp](#)! Hear from Jamie LaRue (Director of the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom & The Freedom to Read Foundation) and Marci Merola (Director of the ALA Office for Library Advocacy).

ALA's Advocacy Bootcamp urges attendees to re-think advocacy: to re-define the library community and expand the way we have been advocating for libraries. Advocacy Bootcamp will help library communities prepare to advocate for libraries as fundamental building blocks to democracy. In this joint effort of ALA's Office for Library Advocacy and the Office for Intellectual Freedom, we'll explore some of the brutal facts about our current environment, celebrate our assets, and offer practical tips to reclaim a moral sanction for the work we do, and the support our communities deserve.

WLA Library Legislative Day will be the following day, on March 1. Registration for the Bootcamp and Legislative Day will open Monday, January 22. Stay tuned for more details!

Alki: Call for Submissions

There's still time to submit articles for the next issue of [Alki](#)! The theme for Spring 2018 is "Walls and Bridges." How do your services, programs, or policies build bridges to underserved or unreached populations? Are your physical walls a barrier, a refuge, or both? Are you or your colleagues doing fantastic work to cross chasms (financial, educational, cultural) or preserve stories and information that might otherwise be lost? Or do you have an

architectural or design project at your library that incorporates innovative interpretations of bridges or walls?

Please send your article idea(s) to alkieditor@wla.org and include:

- Your name and position/library
- Description of the article
- Suggested title
- Estimated length (in pages); each page = 750 words (or fewer with graphics)
- Intent to include graphics (photo, logo, other)
- Contact information
- The deadline to submit articles for the Spring issue is February 9.

Please 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.

Look Who's Hiring



Central Washington University is seeking a [Library & Archives Paraprofessional 1](#). Screening begins January 25.

Perkins Coie LLP is seeking a [Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

Yakima Valley College is seeking a [Reference Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

Washington State University is seeking a [Library & Archives Paraprofessional 5](#). Applications are due February 4.

Pierce County Library System is seeking an [IT Infrastructure & Operations Administrator](#). Applications are due January 26.

The French American School of Puget Sound is seeking a [Library Media Specialist](#). 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,

Conference Communiqué

Emerald City Comic Con: A Day for Librarians

Emerald City Comic Con and The Seattle Public Library have teamed up to host a number of panels geared towards professional librarians and educators on Thursday, March 1 from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm PT.

With a particular focus on social issues, the program will feature content from Boom! Studios, First Second Books, Valiant, Penguin Random House, and the American Library Association. An ECCC Professional Badge is required to attend. Pro Badges are free of charge to educators and library staff. Please feel free to share this information with your professional contacts and encourage them to register for a badge as space is limited! [Learn more here](#).

The Learning Curve

Career and College Readiness

Monthly webinars aimed at school counselors hosted by the Office of Superintendent for Public Instruction and the Washington Student Achievement Council continue into the new year. The January 17 session will focus on K-12 Career and College Readiness, but additional topics are available at archived and upcoming webinars. Library staff welcome! Live webinars take place monthly on

please [email](#) us and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

News & Notes

Meeting Software Password Change

This morning, the password to access Zoom, WLA's online meeting software, has been updated. To access the new password, [log in](#) to your WLA account and check the username and password on your member landing page. Questions or trouble logging in? [Contact the WLA office.](#)



Rosalie Olds and Karen Kline, WLA Intellectual Freedom Section (IFS) co-chairs, invite you to report censorship challenges for 2017.

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) wrote a [blog post](#) about the importance of reporting challenges and answers questions that often come up this time of year. Please take five minutes to report any challenges that your library or institution has encountered in 2017 to the [ALA online challenge reporting form](#) before January 31. This information is important for all of us.

To further help IFS, we'd sincerely appreciate it if you could also answer these five questions of [this survey](#).

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and report censorship incidents directly to OIF. We want to make 2018 a really great year and your responses to our survey will help our committee better support you.

Wednesdays from 10:30 – 11:30 am PT. Learn more and register [here](#).

National Library Week

National Library Week is April 8 – 14, 2018. Bestselling author and American Ballet Theatre Principal Dancer Misty Copeland will support our nation's libraries as honorary chair of National Library Week, and her inspiring leadership in diversity and inclusion go hand in hand with this year's National Library Week theme, "Libraries Transform: Libraries Lead."

Library advocates can start preparing their National Library Week celebrations now with free downloadable tools, including PSA scripts, sample press releases and print and digital graphics. To learn more and access these tools [here](#).

Remember that AASL designates April as [School Library Month](#). School Library Month is the American Association of School Librarians' celebration of school librarians and their programs. Every April school librarians are encouraged to host activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning.

Screen Scene: Best Practices for Using Screen Media with Young Children

Screens are everywhere! Young children are spending more and more time engaged with screen media. Learn what and when children might be learning from screens as well as how we can support children's media activities. We will explore important cognitive advances children make during the first years of life that impact their ability to learn from screens. Finally, we will discuss the many practical applications and resources for parents and educators, and ways to make the most of ever-present media technology.

Upon completion of the training, participants will be able to (1) Summarize research-based understandings of the impact of digital engagement on early learning, (2) Apply an understanding of joint media engagement to their regular interactions with children in a library setting, and (3) Develop appropriate models of digital engagement for very young children.

You can now access old editions of our e-newsletter in our [WLA Wednesday archive!](#) While you're at it, check out the archived editions of other current and former [WLA publications](#), including *Alki*, *Connect*, *Advocate*, and *Medium*.

Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture Grant

The American Indian Library Association and the Asian Pacific American Librarian Association are now accepting applications for the "Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture" Grant. Talk Story is a literacy program that caters to American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) and Asian Pacific American (APA) children and their families, celebrating their stories through books, storytelling, and art.

Applications and eligibility details can be found [here](#). Applications are due March 1.

Submit to *Alki*'s "Milestones"

Alki's "Milestones" column focuses on significant moments for libraries statewide - recognizing notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed. We're looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged. Please send information to [Sheri Boggs](#), *Alki* editor, by February 9.

Washington State Book Awards Deadline

Do you know a Washington author who had a book published in 2017? The [Washington Center for the Book](#) is actively seeking 2017 titles by Washington authors for the 2018 Washington State Book Awards. The deadline for entry is February 1. The Washington State Book Awards are given for outstanding books for books published by Washington authors the previous year. Info, criteria, and the online submission form are [here](#).

H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant

[Registration](#) is open for the following workshops:

- February 6, Fort Vancouver Regional Library Service Center
 - February 12, Burlington Public Library
 - February 15, Kitsap Regional Library, Bainbridge branch
 - February 27, Spokane County Library, North Spokane branch
 - February 28, Yakima Valley Library, Sunnyvale Branch
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Self-Talk and Emotional Intelligence

Work that is focused on public service can be both rewarding and costly. Being mindful of our own work narrative and understanding how we deal with conflict are two key areas that require our attention. The Washington State Library presents Self-Talk and Emotional Intelligence: Improving your Work Narrative. Participants in this three-hour workshop will learn how to (1) Identify and adjust their self-talk, (2) Understand their personal work mission (3) Develop awareness of cycles of conflict, and (4) Improve clarity and effectiveness of communication.

This free workshop will be presented on several dates and at multiple locations around the state. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

- January 30, Fort Vancouver Regional Library Headquarters
 - February 21, Pierce County Library System Administrative Center
 - February 22, Sno-Isle Libraries Service Center
 - February 27/28, Seattle Public Library - Central Branch
 - March 15, Richland Public Library
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The New Adult in the Library: What They Want, and What Libraries Can Offer

What do new adults, or adults aged 18-29, want from libraries? What should libraries offer this age group? In this webinar, we will explore the characteristics of new adults and the services new adults would like to see in a public library. You will leave the webinar with the ability to appropriately offer programming for new adults, including financial literacy instruction, career services programs, and speed dating nights. [Tune in](#) to this free webinar January 18 8:00 am - 9:00 am PT.

The [H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant](#) is an annual award consisting of \$3,500 and a 24k gold-framed citation given to a library organization whose application demonstrates greatest merit for a program of staff development designed to further the goals and objectives of the library organization. Apply now! The deadline is February 1.

Global Literacy Project

Teacher-Librarians interested in exploring the issues of global literacy are urged to join the Skype global collaboration project [Cultivate World Literacy](#). Registration is open, and the project runs from January 29 - March 2. Cultivate World Literacy takes students and teachers through a journey of focusing first on themselves and the issues of literacy at their local level, then moving beyond themselves in order to gain a perspective on the importance of literacy in the world outside them, and finally arriving at the ultimate challenge of becoming agents of change.

Invitation to Join Puget Sound Council Review

Join the [Puget Sound Council for Reviewing Children's Media](#) to provide quality reviews of fiction, non-fiction, picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, how-tos and all manner of books for students preK -12 and beyond. The Puget Sound Council is a go-to review site for librarians across the state. They review books from over 150 different publishers or imprints, and have a searchable archive of over 15,000 reviewed books.

PSC does not limit membership to teacher-librarians. Anyone who is interested in children's and young adult literature is welcome to be a member. They offer clock hours for professional development. Members can keep books for their libraries after reviewing them. For more information and to apply, email [Eve Datisman](#).

Scream for Zines! A Pop-Up Mini Zine Fair

Local zinesters showing off their self-published goodies. Enjoy a complimentary drink as you flip through their traveling zine library. [The fair](#)

Google This! The Research Process Revisited

Do students confuse a single Google search with research? How do students research? Is there a "right" way? What are their research strengths? What are our instructional challenges? How can we best teach the inquiry process? Is there a "best" way? All librarians are invited to attend this live, interactive session. There will be time for questions after the presentation. [Tune in](#) January 24 at 2:00 pm PT.

Washington State Poet Laureate: Passing of the Laurel



Celebrate the two-year odyssey of Washington State Poet Laureate Tod Marshall, and the appointment of new poet laureate Claudia Castro Luna. [The Passing of the Laurel](#) at Seattle Public Library's Central branch features readings by Marshall, Castro Luna, former poets laureate and other Pacific Northwest poets. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the program begins at 7:00 pm PT.

Help Fund Your School Library

Your school board and administration is considering next year's budget right now. In this ISTE School Librarians / EveryLibrary webinar, learn easy to adapt techniques to frame the work you do and the program you run for budget success. With the right approach to data and to talking about your values as a school librarian and an educator, learn how to make a stronger case for new or renewed funding. [Tune in](#) January 29 at 5:00 pm.

This webinar is session one in a four-part series: "[From Advocacy to Activism](#)." These free interactive webinars are designed for school librarians and school library activists to learn new skills and hone effective strategies

runs this Saturday, January 20 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at Scream Seattle.

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.

that are focused on library funding. Taught by the EveryLibrary team, participants will hear about real-world examples from SaveSchoolLibrarians.org funding fights and other issue campaigns that can be put to work in their own schools and districts.

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