



# ***Welcome to WLA Wednesday***

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On this day: In 1862, Edith Wharton, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Age of Innocence*, is born.

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## **Making Headlines**

### **Legislative Day Registration Is Open!**

Join us in Olympia on March 1 for the WLA Library Legislative Day! This is a great opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state and meet with State Legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them.

On February 28, the day before Library Legislative Day, the American Library Association (ALA) will be hosting their [Advocacy Bootcamp](#)! Advocacy Bootcamp urges attendees to re-think advocacy: to re-define the library community and expand the way we have been advocating for libraries as fundamental building blocks to democracy. This workshop is presented by Jamie LaRue (Director, ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom & The Freedom to Read Foundation) and Marci Merola (Director, ALA Office for Library Advocacy).

Registration closes Friday, February 23. [Click here to learn more and to register!](#)

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### **WSL/WLA Continuing Education Needs Assessment**

It's time once again for the [Washington State Library/WLA Continuing Education Needs Assessment](#)!

If you took the survey in the past and felt overwhelmed by the choices, you'll be happy to know that this year we have completely re-written it. The 2018 survey is a shorter, more succinct version.

Please fill out our semi-annual survey, and share it with all your colleagues. We would like to hear from the whole Washington library community: people working in libraries at all levels, friends of the library, trustees, and library board members.

## Look Who's Hiring



North Central Regional Library is seeking a [Branch Group Manager - Grant County](#). The position closes February 1.

Lakeside School's Summer School Programs is seeking an [Upper School Librarian](#). The position is open until filled.

King County Library System is seeking a [Network and Systems Engineer](#). The position closes February 2.

Kennewick School District is seeking an [Elementary Librarian](#) and a [Bilingual Librarian](#). Both positions close January 26.

[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

### New WLA Events Calendar

We're excited to announce the latest improvement to the WLA website: [a meetings and events calendar](#)! Here we will post any WLA meetings (Board, Committee, Section/Division, etc.), as well as other library events and association conferences. For online meetings, Zoom links are included in the descriptions.

The calendar is available to WLA members after they log in to their accounts. We hope it will help members keep organized and also keep aware of the goings-on throughout WLA.

Have a meeting to add? Email the details to the [WLA office](#) and we'll add it for you! Please

## Conference Communiqué

### Open Educational Resources Summit

Open educational resources (OER) are freely available materials that can be downloaded, edited, and shared to better serve all students. In this overview to OER, you'll discuss the current state of OER in K-12 and explore the benefits and challenges for districts in Washington.

What to expect:

- Learn about the benefits OER could have for your district.
- Hear from districts on the front lines of OER implementation.
- Take away review instruments for determining quality and alignment.
- Discover what you need to know to successfully use, adapt, and develop OER.
- Understand the technology implications of adopting OER and discuss technical considerations for wide scale OER distribution.
- Attend content specific sessions to support implementation in your area

The Summit will be Monday, March 26 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the PSESD Conference Center in Renton. Clock hours are available and lunch is provided. [Register here!](#)

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## The Learning Curve

### nErDcamp Bellingham

nErDcamp is an "unconference," based on the [EDcamp model](#), but with a focus on literacy in learning. It is dubbed "nErDcamp" in a nod to the online movement known as [#nerdybookclub](#) and to appeal to the book nerds we are all proud to be.

[nErDcamp Bellingham](#) will be Sunday, February 25 at Whatcom Middle School. It will consist of three 45-minute sessions—all in the morning—and a wrap up, giveaways, and closure after lunch. nErDcamp is a free event, and they will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. [Register here!](#)

let us know if you have any questions or suggestions for this new feature.

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### I Am WLA: Kristin Sierra



Check out the latest "[I Am WLA](#)" interview from Kristin Sierra, the teacher-librarian at Baker Middle School in the Tacoma School District! A few of her responses from the interview are below.

*What was your path to becoming a school librarian?* "I began my career as a classroom teacher overseas in Thailand. I worked very closely with our school librarian and loved seeing what she was doing in there. I'd often spend my planning periods in there helping because I wanted to be there more than I wanted my break! The librarian and I were always talking about ideas for events, reading programs, fun parent involvement ideas, and one day she said to me: YOU should be doing my job. "

*How do you want students to remember your library?* "I want them to remember it as their favorite place at school. A place they always felt welcomed and cared for, a place that opened them up to the world of books and information. A place where they learned, had fun, discovered new things, and stimulated new interests."

Learn more about Kristin [here](#)!

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### WASCLA Language Access Update Call

### Making Sense of the Numbers—Health Numeracy and You (and Me)

As health care becomes more sophisticated and complex, it's more and more likely that we will face situations where we have to use numerical skills to figure out our own treatment choices. Our capacity to deal with the numerical component of health information is called "health numeracy" and it's an aspect of health literacy, but is not the same thing (people can have high literacy and low numeracy, and you can't tell by looking what a person's numeracy level is!). The challenges relating to numeracy are many, and can defeat even people with the best intentions (including health care providers). Librarians and other service providers to the public already play crucial roles, serving as trusted information providers! In this session we'll learn more about health numeracy and how it plays a role in our health, discuss the ways that library staff and others already work with users around numbers and health, and some best practices to make our assistance even more effective. Presented by Ann Glusker, National Network of Libraries of Medicine—Pacific Northwest Region.

[Tune in](#) to this Washington State Library First Tuesday webinar on February 6 at 9:00 am PT.

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### Advocacy, Ethics, and the Law

Last week, Rob Mead, the State Law Librarian for Washington, presented a webinar on "Advocacy, Ethics, and the Law for Librarians." That presentation is now [archived and available for viewing](#) on the State Library's YouTube channel. For information on upcoming First Tuesday webinars, and links to other archived presentations, [click here](#).

Do you have a topic to suggest that you think would make a good webinar? Something you've always wished for but never found? Send an email to [Nono Burling](#). Good ideas are always welcome!

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### Literary Career Day

On February 3, One Reel, Seattle Public Library, Seattle Office of Film and Music, and Seattle Office of Arts and Culture will co-present a day of conversation, learning, and workshops for young people hoping to start literary careers. Aimed at ages 16-24, this

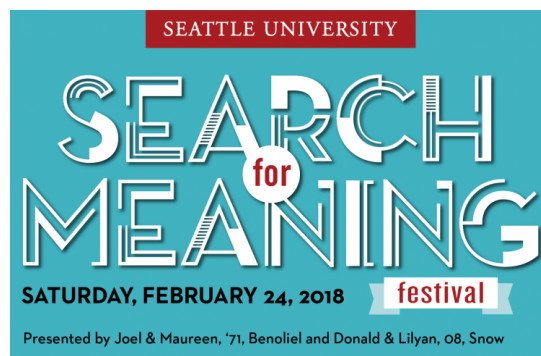


Want to get more directly involved in helping to eliminate language barriers in Washington? Join the [Washington State Coalition for Language Access \(WASCLA\)](#) for the first Language Access Update Call of the new year on Wednesday, January 24 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm PT. WASCLA leaders and network members will be sharing news, upcoming events, discussing issues, networking, and keeping up with bills relevant to language access now being considered by the Washington State Legislature. To access the meeting, dial 1-515-604-9000. The access code is 643391#.

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.

event will feature speakers like Civic Poet Anastacia-Reneé Tolbert, a breakout session, free lunch, and a party. [Learn more and register here.](#)

### Search for Meaning Festival



[Search for Meaning](#) is Seattle University's annual community festival dedicated to topics surrounding the human quest for meaning, and the characteristics of an ethical and well-lived life. Hosted on the university's campus, Search for Meaning draws over 50 nationally and internationally acclaimed authors and artists for an interactive, introspective experience. The festival is Saturday, February 24 from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm at the Seattle University campus.

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