



# Welcome to WLA Wednesday

April 25, 2018

On this day: In 1990, the Hubble space telescope is placed into orbit by shuttle Discovery.

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## Making Headlines

### Summer *Alki*: What No One Ever Tells You About Working in Libraries



It's time to submit article ideas for the next issue of *Alki*! The theme for Summer 2018 is "What Nobody Ever Tells You About Working in Libraries." Did you learn more on your first day of work than in two years of your MLIS program? Do you still have to educate friends and family on what modern libraries are all about? As a page (or specialist or associate) do you have a bird's-eye view of what we're doing well -- or not?

And to take a deeper dive, what do the things you've learned behind the scenes say about libraries moving forward?

Please send your article idea(s) to [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto: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

Deadline for articles is Monday, June 4. Article ideas that fall outside of the theme are also encouraged!

## Look Who's Hiring



Northwest Indian College is seeking a [Library Technician III](#). The position is open until filled.

The Tacoma Public Library is seeking a [Community Relations Officer](#). Applications close May 7.

Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Supervising Librarian](#). Applications are due May 1.

Stevenson Community Library is seeking a [Branch Manager](#). Applications are due May 7.

La Center Community Library is seeking a [Branch Manager](#). Applications are due May 7.

[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

**Washington Towner Book Award 2019  
Nominees**

## Conference Communiqué

### Washington Rural Pathways to Prosperity Conference



You are invited to attend [Washington Rural Pathways to Prosperity](#), a conference held simultaneously at 20 sites across the state, including at a convenient location near you. The conference is free, and scheduled for May 9 from 9:00 am to noon. [A map of the sites provides registration links for each.](#)

For the past year the State of Washington has been highlighting career connected learning and its importance to our workforce. Last May Governor Inslee held a Career Connected Learning Summit at 26 sites around the state facilitated by WSU Extension. This P2P conference dovetails the summit, focusing on rural youth workforce development.

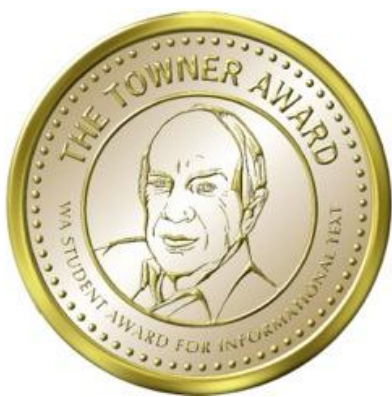
Workforce development is a statewide issue that our communities in every county are trying to solve, and this is one avenue to leverage your work at a local level. Our libraries play many key roles in providing workforce development resources, trainings, services and support.

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## The Learning Curve

### WSL First Tuesdays Webinar: Thousands Eligible with Millions Unclaimed

Every month millions of dollars in VA pensions, disability awards and health care



The Towner Award Committee [has announced the nominees for 2019!](#) The Towner Award focuses on nonfiction picture books written for 2nd-6th grade students. It's named after Bill Towner, a longtime Seattle librarian and mentor to dozens of teacher librarians.

Still haven't voted for the 2018 nominees? [Voting](#) has been extended to May 15.

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### Two Washington School Libraries Win AASL Grants

[Eleven American Association of School Libraries \(AASL\) Inspire Grants](#) have been awarded to school libraries across the country, including two Washington schools. The award winners will be honored at the AASL Awards Ceremony & President's Program during the 2018 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Denny International Middle School has received the [Inspire Special Event Grant](#). Jeff Treistman, the school librarian, will receive the award at the AASL awards ceremony.

Olympia High School is the recipient of the [Inspire Collection Development Grant](#). Stacy Udo, the school librarian, will receive the award at the awards ceremony.

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### April 28: Independent Bookstore Day

[Independent Bookstore Day](#) is a one-day national party that takes place at indie bookstores across the country on the last Saturday in April. Every store is unique and

services remain unclaimed by eligible Washington State Veterans and widows. WAServes, a member of [AmericaServes.org](#), was established to change that state of affairs by providing technology enhanced coordination and case management services delivered by uniquely qualified staff. WAServes works with an expanding coalition of community providers representing over seventy organizations delivering health care, housing, employment, social and community-based services. Libraries, as a trusted resource in communities all across the state, are in a unique position to strengthen this coalition. Learn how your library can serve this population, found in all communities in Washington State. [Tune in](#) May 1 at 9:00 am.

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### Dementia-Friendly Walking Group Webinar

Would your organization like to start an active and enjoyable program for people with dementia and their loved ones in your community? Consider a dementia-friendly walking group! Join us to learn more about this model that provides social connection and light exercise through the pleasure of walking together.

Tune in Thursday, May 24 from 10:00-11:00 am PT. Presenters Kenna Little (Alzheimer's Association) and Cayce Cheairs (Seattle Parks and Recreation) will share from their own experience about how to start and sustain a dementia-friendly walking group.

Learn more and register [here!](#)

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### Special Library Association Career Night

Mark your calendars for the [Special Libraries Association \(SLA\) Career Night!](#) Interested in working in Special Libraries? Want to find out more? Join SLA for their Career Night with SLA Executive Director Amy Burke on May 14, 6:00-9:00 pm, at the UW Waterfront Activities Center. Refreshments and heavy appetizers will be served. Prices are below.

- Students: \$20 (UW-SLA Scholarships available)

independent, and every party is different. But in addition to authors, live music, cupcakes, scavenger hunts, kids events, art tables, readings, barbecues, contests, and other fun stuff, there are exclusive books and literary items that you can only get on that day. Not before. Not after. Not online.

Check out the list of participating stores in Seattle [here!](#)

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### **ALA Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates for 2019 Election**

The Nominating Committee for the 2019 ALA election is [soliciting nominees](#) to run on the 2019 spring ballot for the offices of ALA President-elect, Treasurer, and Councilor-at-large.

The Nominating Committee will select two candidates to run for President-elect, two candidates to run for Treasurer, and no fewer than 50 candidates for the 33 at-large Council seats to be filled in the 2019 spring election.

ALA members who wish to make nominations should submit the following information: nominee name; present position; institution; address; telephone; and e-mail address. Self-nominations are encouraged. All potential nominees must complete the Potential Candidate Biographical Form found [here](#). You will be asked to create an account to access the form. Nominations and forms must be received no later than July 11, 2018.

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### **Virtual National Library Legislative Day**

ALA's National Library Legislative Day is held each spring in Washington, D.C. This year, National Library Legislative Day will be May 7-8, 2018. Can't make it to D.C.? Participate from home with Virtual Library Legislative Day.

As in past years virtual participants will have access to the policy briefing in Washington. A link to the livestream will be made available before May 7, along with other briefing materials. This year you will also receive an Advocacy Toolkit that includes example

- SLA & WLA-SLA Members: \$35
- Corporate rate: \$45
- Non-Members: \$50

For more information, contact [Iva Groudikova](#).

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### **ProQuest Trainer Available**

Jeff Cutler, the ProQuest trainer assigned to Washington State, will be available for in-person training sessions during the following periods:

- May 1 – May 4
- May 7 – May 11

Jeff is a seasoned master trainer, and you and your staff will definitely benefit from attending one of his sessions. He is happy to schedule meetings ranging from 1 – 3 hours, focusing on any of the options listed below, based on what a library feels would most benefit their local needs, with the purpose of encouraging greater exposure to and usage of the resources.

Available topics include:

- Question and Answer session on ProQuest resources
- Examples of when to search which resource for most effective results
- General introductory / overview training (usually will be longer sessions, unless specific databases are focused on)
- ProQuest Administrator Module (specifically what you can do with the ProQuest Administrator Module for ProQuest platform databases)
- Update training – What's new across the resources
- Custom – content / functions covered by request

To make arrangements for a session, contact Jeff Cutler, regional Training and Consulting Partner, by phone or text at 801-455-9775, or via email at [jeffrey.cutler@proquest.com](mailto:jeffrey.cutler@proquest.com). To see currently scheduled times on any of the associated training dates, please go to the [ProQuest Washington State Database LibGuide](#) and review the associated tabs at

projects, sample social media posts and graphics, letter templates, tips for maximizing your advocacy efforts on all platforms, and more. [Sign up here!](#)

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### Opportunity to Be a YRCA Rep

PNLA is looking to appoint a WLA member to be the [Washington representative for the Young Readers Choice Awards](#) (YRCA). The YRCA is sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Library Association, and in addition to being the longest running children's choice book award, it is also the only international award with young readers in both Canada and the U.S. participating. The YRCA rep will promote the program to librarians in Washington so that young readers in our state can fully participate and also work with the YRCA committee on the 2019 nominees. Interested? Please email Linda Johns, [linda.johns@spl.org](mailto:linda.johns@spl.org).

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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.

the top section of the page. Appointments on the tabs are updated daily.

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### Conference on Ending Homelessness

The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance is hosting an all-day [K-12 Student Homelessness Training](#) on May 21, 2018 in Yakima, WA. The training will take place the day before the [Conference on Ending Homelessness](#), and the goal is provide a cross-sector training opportunity for stakeholders working to support students experiencing homelessness in the education, homelessness, and affordable housing sectors. This is a great learning and networking opportunity for school social workers, school administrators, affordable housing providers, homeless service providers, and other stakeholders serving students who are homeless and their families.

The training will take place from 10:00am to 5:15pm at the Yakima Convention Center and will include lunch for participants. [Check out our website to see the full program, and be sure to register by April 30 for discounted early bird registration rates.](#)

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