



# Welcome to WLA Wednesday

May 2, 2018

On this day: In 1878, the United States stops minting the 20-cent coin.

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## Making Headlines

### Two WLA Book Awards Announced



The 2018 winners of the Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award (WCCPBA) and the Sasquatch Award have been revealed!

A total of 24,210 children in Washington voted for the WCCPBA, selecting *Everybody Loves Bacon* by Kelly DiPucchio and illustrated by Eric Wight as the 2018 winner! For lessons and activities related to all nominees, visit the WCCPBA [website](#) and [Wiki](#).

The Sasquatch Book Award Committee is thrilled to announce that the young people of Washington State have elected Dan Gemeinhart's *The Honest Truth* as the 2018 Sasquatch Award Winner. Learn more about the Sasquatch Award [here](#).

Don't forget that voting closes for the [OTTER Award](#) this Friday,

May 4. Voting for the [Towner Award](#) has been extended through May 15.

## Look Who's Hiring



Roy Elementary, Bethel School District is seeking a [Teacher - Library Media Specialist](#). The position closes May 6.

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a [Teen Librarian](#). The position closes May 25.

Lincoln High School, Tacoma Public Schools is seeking a [Teacher Librarian](#). The position closes May 6.

[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

### 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:

## Conference Communiqué

### Read-a-Rama Teacher Camp



Read-a-Rama, a non-profit in the Seattle area, has been using children's books as the springboard for programming since 2001 and has thus far offered 7 summers of camp for children ages 4-11. Teacher Camp, based on the same full-engagement model, will focus on literary and visual analysis of excellent and diverse children's books, expanding the experience of books with hands-on, interactive activities, and reflecting on these texts to bring books to life for students with music, movement and STEAM activities. Teacher Camp will take place May 19, 9-4 at Compass on Dexter, 756 John Street in Seattle. [Register here](#), and [learn more here](#).

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## The Learning Curve

### CAYAS Webinar: So You Want to Work in a Library?

Join WLA's Children and Young Adult Services (CAYAS) Section for this free webinar where library professionals will offer tips for landing the job and offer suggestions for getting that big promotion.

Presentation will be on Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 pm PT. Please [click here](#) to add your email address to be invited to the webinar.

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### Inside Story: Get Under the Covers with 19 Local Authors & Illustrators

On May 6 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm PT at the Bellevue Library, nineteen local authors and illustrators from SCBWI will do short introductions to their new release books, including picture books, middle grade and young adult novels. It's a fun, celebratory event, and the more the merrier. [Learn more here!](#)

- 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!

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### **PNLA LEADS Survey**

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) is interested in hearing from members about their library leadership needs and the leadership needs of their communities. This information will inform future PNLA LEADS programming. [The survey](#) should take less than 5 minutes to complete. Thank you in advance.

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### **ARSL Conference Scholarship Grants from WSL**

The Association of Rural and Small Libraries conference is in Springfield, Illinois. Preconferences begin on Tuesday, September 13 and end on Saturday, September 15. This is one of the best conferences for library staff who work in rural communities where they may be the ONLY one who works in the location.

The conference sessions are carefully curated so that attendees never go away thinking “Well, of course, {insert big name library system} can do that, but I’m the only one working in my library or branch,” or “my library would never have the resources to accomplish THAT.”

To enable rural library staff to experience this unique continuing education opportunity this conference presents, the Washington State Library is offering [two scholarships](#) for library staff who serve communities under 10,000. Preference will be given to first time attendees. All costs to attend the conference will be covered.

The application period opens on April 30 and ends on June 15.

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### **Teachers’ Toolkit: Building Makerspace Skills in the BIG Lab**

On June 25-27 from 9:00 am - 3:00pm PT, join The Evergreen School for a three-day educators' workshop in the BIG Lab! Grow your makerspace skills and develop learning opportunities for students that take advantage of makerspace concepts. Engage individually, or come with an instructional team.

This course will be taught by BIG Lab Coordinator Lindsey Own and three other Evergreen teachers. Spread the word if you know teachers or librarians who might be interested in attending. The cost for the program is \$300, including lunch all three days. Act fast; there are only 20 spots available! Learn more and register [here](#).

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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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### **Your Washington Expanded Learning Opportunities Network - Learn and Inform**

Now is the time to expand resources and support for afterschool and summer programs!

The Washington Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Network is heading around the state to hear from you to develop a collaborative approach to increase public support and investment of ELOs. Expanded learning opportunities include afterschool and summer programs, 21st CCLCs, School-Age Child Care, and other out-of-school time

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## AARP Community Challenge 2018

[The AARP Community Challenge](#) funds projects that build momentum for local change to improve livability for all residents. In 2017, the AARP Community Challenge awarded 88 grants.

### 2018 Timeline:

- March 21: Launch of the 2018 AARP Community Challenge
- May 16: Applications are due
- June 25: Winning applicants will be notified
- November 5: All projects must be completed
- December 3: After Action Reports due

Grant applications must be submitted online [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.

supporting organizations.

WA ELO Network meetings seek to accomplish three things:

- Input and influence into decisions on collaborative policy and public funding strategies.
- Learning community that offers the space for programs and other interested parties to learn about different ideas and interests of the ELO field.
- Opportunities to network and meet individuals from other programs.

Below are details for upcoming meetings in the Southeast and Northwest regions of Washington. Stay tuned for other 2018 dates and locations to be announced soon.

- [Washington Expanded Learning Opportunities Network – Southeast](#) on Tuesday, May 22, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (lunch provided), Pasco, WA
- [Washington Expanded Learning Opportunities Network – Northwest](#) on Wednesday, June 6, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (lunch provided), Bellingham, WA

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