



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

May 9, 2018

On this day: In 1914, United States President Woodrow Wilson proclaims the first Mother's Day.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

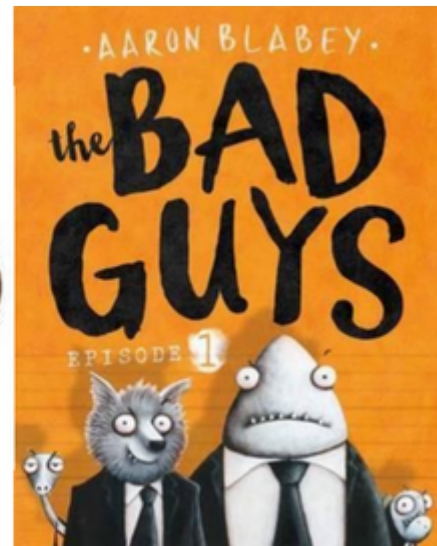
### Washington Represents at National Legislative Day



This week, nearly 500 library advocates headed to Washington, D.C for **National Library Legislative Day**. Several Washingtonians made the journey, including those pictured above: WLA President Craig Seasholes, Legislative Committee Chair John Sheller, Cindy Aden, Samantha Hines, Andrew Chanse, and Susan Hildreth! Stay tuned for a report from our WA legislative team on our **Library-Related Legislation page**.

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**Announcing the 2018 OTTER Award**



The OTTER Award Committee, part of the WLA School Library Division, is proud to announce *The Bad Guys: Episode 1* by Aaron Blabey as the winner of the 2018 OTTER Award for transitional readers.

In its second year, 5,500 students across WA state read & voted for their favorite nominee. *The Bad Guys: Episode 1* received 2,024 votes. Complete voting results and statistics will be available shortly on the [WLA website](#).

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking an **Executive Director**. Applications are due July 1.

Liberty Lake Library is seeking a **Library Director**. The position is open until filled.

Alderwood Middle School, Edmonds School District is seeking a **Library and Information Specialist**. The position closes May 17.

The James Brook's Library at Central Washington University is seeking a **User Experience Librarian – Tenure-Track Faculty**. The position is open until filled.

North Central Regional Library is seeking an **Adult Services Manager**. The position closes May 14.

Renton School District is seeking a **Librarian - Elementary**. 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](#).

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### PNLA 2018 Conference Registration Is Open

Registration is now open for the 2019 **Pacific Northwest Library Association conference** in Kalispell, MT, August 1-3. This regional conference offers lots of professional development, networking, and learning opportunities with presentations by library staff from British Columbia, Alberta, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Washington. Registration is \$190 for PNLA members; \$250 for nonmembers (membership is just \$50!). Take a look at sessions and register early!

## 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.

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.

## NEWS & NOTES

### Making Libraries a Priority: How an Evergreen Student Is Working for Rural Communities



Waylon Robert, a student at The Evergreen State College, recently secured \$250,000 in state funding to help restore a rural library in Grays Harbor County.

"Libraries are incredibly relevant," says Robert. "They're a safe place for kids, a job-finding resource, and for some people, libraries are their only means of internet access."

Read more about his advocacy and fundraising efforts for rural libraries in Washington [here](#).

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### 2018 Judith F. Krug Banned Books Week Grants

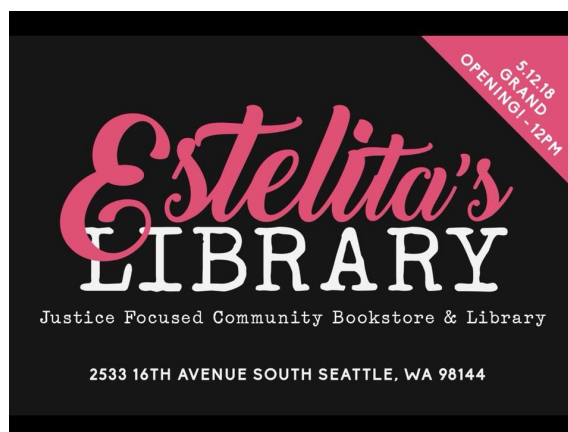
Would you like to create an exciting program, host a community conversation, or create an eye-catching display celebrating the freedom to read? Applications are open for libraries and organizations to receive a grant from the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) to host a program during Banned Books Week, September 23-29, 2018. Grants of \$1,000 or \$2,500 are offered through the Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund. To see projects from past recipients and to apply, please visit the [FTRF Grants webpage](#). The application deadline is May 11.

Each year FTRF distributes grants to non-profit organizations to support activities that raise awareness of intellectual freedom and

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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### Grand Opening: Estelita's Library - Justice Focused Community Bookstore & Library



Love Books? Love Social Justice? Love the People? This is your bookstore & library.

**Estelita's Library** will be a curated community bookstore and Library with books focused on social justice, ethnic studies, and liberation movements.

The goal of Estelita's Library is to have community book talks, classes, meetings, history lessons, and much more to strengthen and develop collective analysis for justice. Their model is to move away from ownership of books and a community library model. Estelita's Library is open to everyone and will have a membership model to borrow books. Yearly Memberships will be available on a sliding scale and will grant discounts for food and events.

Join them for their [grand opening](#) on May 12!

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### Curating Your Unusual Collections: Lending Nontraditional Items at the Library

Telescopes, digital converters, board games, coding toys, and more! Cary Memorial Library (MA) debuted its Library of Things collection in March 2017. Over a year later, they are grateful for how their collection has flourished in spite of a few hiccups along the way! This webinar discusses the why and how of starting a circulating collection of unusual items, including Cary Library's best practices for streamlining the circulation process and easing staff concerns regarding learning about all of the Things in your collection.



censorship issues during the annual Banned Books Weeks celebration. Staff at all types of libraries, schools, universities, and community organizations are encouraged to apply.

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### 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!

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### Library Executive Director Announces Retirement

Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory, executive director of Sno-Isle Libraries, is preparing to retire from the library district in December 2018, after more than 33 years of service with Sno-Isle Libraries. Read more about her career and the search for the next executive director [here](#).

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### New YALSA Project: Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach

YALSA, in partnership with the [COSLA](#), will implement a new project, [Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach](#) from July 1 2018 - June 30, 2021. The [project](#) will bring together state library agency (SLA) youth consultants and frontline library staff

Tune in to this free webinar from the Indiana State Library on Monday, May 21 at 7:00 am PT. [Register here](#).

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### Free Webinar: What Are Microaggressions & Why Do They Matter in Our Workplaces

This webinar from the North Carolina Library Association will define microaggressions and their impact and provide strategies for creating an inclusive work environment that helps to prevent microaggressions from occurring in the first place. The session will also include guidance on how to respond when someone has been microaggressive towards you.

Tune in Thursday, May 17 at 8:00 am PT. [Register here](#).

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### Skagit River Poetry Festival



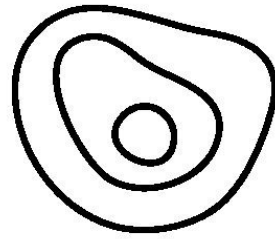
Don't miss the 10th biennial Skagit River Poetry Festival, May 17-20 in La Conner! Celebrate poetry with Robert Pinsky, Ellen Bass, Ada Limon, Tina Chang, Brian Turner, and 25 other remarkable poets. To see the schedule and a list of poets, [visit their website](#). The festival is one of the largest celebrations of poetry on the West Coast and is the capstone event of the Skagit River Poetry Foundation.

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### Open Repositories Conference



from each U.S. state/territory for a robust training program that aims to help them build connected learning (CL), computer science (CS), cultural competence and other skills so they can better serve and meet the learning needs of youth in their communities. If you would like to receive updates on the project, [fill out the form here](#).



**OPEN  
REPOSITORIES**  
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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.

Repositories play a pivotal role in the information landscape. The annual **Open Repositories Conference** brings together users and developers of open digital repository platforms from higher education, government, galleries, libraries, archives, and museums. The 2018 conference will take place June 4-7 in Bozeman, Montana.

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