



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 11, 2018

On this day: In 1960, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee is first published by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Call for Nominations: 2019 WLA Elections

Looking for leadership experience to help with your career? Need a reason to meet new library people and expand your network? WLA wants you!

Nominations are now open for all vacant 2019 WLA leadership positions, from the WLA Board of Directors to our Division and Section steering committees. To view all available positions, visit the [WLA Elections page](#). To nominate yourself or someone else, please fill out the [nomination form](#) by August 15.

Help make WLA a place where everyone can belong. Learn more about WLA's [four Divisions](#) and [ten interest-based Sections](#). Some of our Sections are in danger of being discontinued without fresh leadership to reinvigorate them, including topics of vital relevance in the current landscape of libraries!

Timeline for WLA elections:

July 11: Nominations open

August 15: Nominations due

August 29: Candidate statements due

September 1-30: Online voting open to all WLA members

October 3: Winners announced

October 17-20: Winners recognized at [2018 WLA Conference](#)

January 1: New leadership terms begin

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



The **summer issue of Alki** is all about the things you don't find out about libraries until you're actually working in one! From pages on up to library directors, and from public to special libraries, our membership shares how library work comes with unique—and sometimes comical—challenges. At the same time it often yields surprising, even personally meaningful, rewards. We also take a look at Everett Public Library's forays in podcasting, anticipate an amazing weekend of children's literature in Bellingham, and consider the ideal "real world" library syllabus. And of course, we check in on our regular features, "I'd Rather Be Reading," "Read This Book," and "Dispatches from Swellville." Enjoy all this and more in the summer issue of *Alki*!

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Bellingham Technical College is seeking a **Librarian - Temporary**. The position is open until filled.

The Washington State Library Institutional Library Services is seeking a **Branch Library Associate**. The position is open until filled.

University of Washington Libraries is seeking a **Chinese Cataloging and Metadata Librarian**. The position closes August 10.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Graphic Designer**. 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

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

PNLA Conference Spots Open



Space is still available at the **2018 Pacific Northwest Library Association Conference**, August 1–3 in beautiful Kalispell, Montana

WLA community you would like to submit, please **email** us and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

NEWS & NOTES

WLA Awards Spotlight: WALE Outstanding Employee Award

Each year, the WALE Outstanding Employee recognizes a member of WALE who has made significant accomplishments or contributions to the library field. May recognize an innovative project or activity for a specific library in Washington or a support staff organization. Project and activities should directly involve support staff working in libraries or information centers and will have had an impact on the status and work of support staff. **Nominate here!**

Nominations for **all WLA Merit Awards** are due August 6, and recipients will be announced October 5. Nominate a colleague today!

ALA Accepting Applications for 2019 Class of Emerging Leaders

The American Library Association (ALA) is now accepting applications for the 2019 class of Emerging Leaders (EL). Details on the program criteria as well as a link to the application can be found on the **Emerging Leaders web page**. The deadline to **apply** is August 31.

The ALA EL program is a leadership development program which enables newer library workers from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. It puts participants on the fast track to ALA committee volunteerism as well as other professional library-related organizations.

Help Artist Trust Better Support Artists Like You

Artist Trust is conducting a **statewide survey** to understand and respond to needs of individual artists of all disciplines and diversities! Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and share this survey with your artist communities.

(near Glacier National Park and Flathead Lake). This gem of a regional conference includes sessions on ways to increase patron understanding of voting and the election process, how to bring indigenous resources into schools, ideas for enriching community discussions, taking the next steps in community engagement and outreach, and much more. The smaller nature of the PNLA conference offers an intimate and welcoming environment to all library staff. The early bird registration rate has been extended.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Deadline Extended for WLA Professional Development Scholarships

The deadline to apply for **WLA professional development scholarships** has been extended to August 1! Winners will be announced September 4.

Do you know anyone who could use some help funding their degree, certificate, continuing education, or conference attendance? This year, the WLA Professional Development Committee is offering five scholarships for library staff and students at any stage of their careers.

- **Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship**
- **Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship**
- **John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship**
- **Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship**
- **Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship**

Beyond Surveys: How to Measure Outcomes Using Alternative Data Collection Methods

Outcome measurement is a way for libraries to assess their impact on the people they serve and helps libraries answer the question, "What good did we do?" With a vast number of ways to collect outcomes, it may be overwhelming to identify which data collection methods to use. Choosing the methodology also depends on the library's learning goals, time limitations, staff capacity and more. This webinar is designed to help libraries learn what methods are available to them, and the benefits and challenges to each. This webinar will highlight several methods, with an emphasis on focus groups.

Resources for Separated Children

The family separation policy has separated at least 2,300 undocumented immigrant children from their parents and placed them in governmental care in shelters and foster homes across the United States. Early childhood clinicians and researchers from the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health have **developed resources** to help those caring for recently separated immigrant children. Resources include letters to agencies and alternative caregivers, children's stories, and resources for teachers.

ALA News & Council Resolutions from ALA Annual

Check out the **annual report** from Christine Peck, ALA Representative to the WLA Board, from ALA Annual in New Orleans last month. In pages 2-4 of her report, Christine outlines many of the key announcements and resolutions from the conference, including plans for a Seattle-area library tour at Midwinter 2019, updates to the ALA Executive Director search, and more. Here are just a few ALA Council resolutions:

- Reunite Detained Migrant Children with their Parents
- Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation
- Gender Inclusive Bathrooms at ALA Conferences and Meetings
- New Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights

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.

Tune in Wednesday, July 18 at 11:00 am PT.

When I'm 64: Financial Literacy Resources for Those Nearing and in Retirement

Patrons' financial interests and questions often highlight the complexity that an aging America faces as individuals transition to their golden years. Issues such as how much to save for retirement, protecting ourselves and our families from fraud, and helping loved ones manage their assets can be daunting for library staff tasked with directing patrons to reliable information. This webinar explores free resources provided by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (formerly Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) that can help consumers navigate some of these complexities. You'll also hear about programming and resources from the Kansas City Public Library that help patrons as they near their retirement years—valuable information for you and your patrons!

Tune in Thursday, July 26 at 12:00 pm PT.

Engage & Inspire: Podcasting in the Classroom

If you are looking for an easy way to increase engagement in the classroom, look no further. Podcasting—creating audio recordings to deliver via the internet—can be used by teachers to deliver instructional information and by students to demonstrate what they have learned. Join us to learn how to connect your classroom to the world beyond your walls. Encourage students to improve their digital and communication skills in all content areas. Understand how you can plan, produce, and publish podcasts for free to support your classroom goals. This session is for teachers at ALL technology comfort levels.

Tune in Tuesday, July 24 at 3:00 pm PT.

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