



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 18, 2018

On this day: In 1938, pilot Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan lands in Ireland after a failed attempt to fly from New York to California.

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MAKING HEADLINES

2018 WLA Conference Banquet: An Edible Tour of the Dewey Decimal System



We're excited to announce the keynote speakers for our **2018 WLA Conference** banquet! Molly Wizenburg, Matthew Amster-Burton, and Angela Garbes will take us on "An Edible Tour of the Dewey Decimal System":

This one goes to 999! Molly Wizenberg and Matthew Amster-Burton—bestselling authors and hosts of the hit comedy food podcast Spilled Milk—welcome Angela Garbes, food writer and author of Like a Mother: A Feminist Journey Through the Science and Culture of Pregnancy, for a mouthwatering and largely uninformed romp through the Dewey system. Thought all the food books were found in 641.5? Think again.

After the success of last year's Mad Hatter's Feast, the Friday banquet will once again be included in conference registration this year. We still have a few more keynotes surprises before conference registration launches on July 24, so stay tuned!

Merit Award Nominations Close August 6

Do you know any individuals or groups that should be recognized for their achievements or contributions to libraries in Washington? Chances are, they qualify for one of the **WLA Merit Awards** below! Nominate them by August 6.

- **Advances in Library Services:** Recognizes outstanding contributions by an individual who has been instrumental in improving library services to underserved areas or populations.
- **Outstanding Performance:** Recognizes an individual who has performed outstanding work for libraries.
- **Trustee Award:** Recognizes individual or group achievement by a Trustee/s for advancement of library services.
- **Friends/Foundation Award:** Recognizes a Friends group or Foundation for effective advocacy of the library community.
- **Candace Morgan Intellectual Freedom Award:** Recognizes an individual or group for their efforts to defend, champion, support and/or educate others about Intellectual Freedom in Washington state.
- **Outstanding Teacher Librarian of the Year Award:** Recognizes an active member of the School Library Division currently practicing in a k-12 school library position.
- **Superintendent of the Year Award:** Recognizes a school superintendent who has demonstrated a noteworthy commitment to school libraries.
- **Principal of the Year Award:** Recognizes a school principal who has demonstrated a notable commitment to school libraries.
- **Small District/Private School Administrator of the Year Award:** Recognizes an administrator in a small or private school who has demonstrated a noteworthy commitment to school libraries.
- **Supervisor of the Year Award:** Recognizes a library supervisor who has demonstrated a notable commitment to school libraries.
- **CAYAS Visionary Service Award:** Recognizes an individual who, through practice and example, provides inspiration and leadership for others who serve children and young adults in libraries.
- **WALE Outstanding Employee Award:** Recognizes a member of WALE who has made significant contributions to or accomplishments in a library or support staff organization.
- **Emeritus Membership(s):** Recognizes an outstanding WLA member who has retired from library service prior to the annual conference.
- **Honorary Membership(s):** Recognizes an individual who has supported libraries who is not a library staff member by profession.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Seattle Pacific University is seeking a **Business & Social Sciences Librarian**. The

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

2018 WLA Conference Registration Opens Next Week!

position is open until filled.

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a **Human Resources Assistant**. The position is open until filled.

The Hanford History Project at Washington State University Tri-Cities is seeking an **Assistant Director & Archivist**. The position closes July 27.

Woodburn School District is seeking a **Library/Media Specialist**. The position is open until filled.

Pacific University Oregon is seeking an **Interprofessional Education and Outreach Coordinator**. The position is open until filled.

Spokane County Library District is seeking a **Library Supervisor**. The position closes August 1.

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a **Customer Service Specialist**. The position closes July 20.

Seattle Central College is seeking a **Library & Archives Paraprofessional 4**. The position closes August 11.

Bellingham Public Library is seeking an **Adjunct Librarian**. The position closes August 3.

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.

NEWS & NOTES

Section Leadership: WLA Needs 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.

There are several Sections that have been without leadership for the past year or more. These Sections are in danger of being discontinued without fresh leadership to reinvigorate them, including topics of vital



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Registration for the **2018 WLA Conference** opens this Tuesday, July 24!

This year, the conference will be held October 17-20 at the Yakima Convention Center. We have a schedule packed full of diverse programs, compelling speakers, and fun events to promote cross-pollination between all types of libraries. This year's conference theme, "Cultivating Communities, Harvesting Ideas," honors the bridge-building and innovation happening in and outside of libraries. Check out our **sessions and preconference workshops, keynotes and events**, and more on our **conference website**.

Be sure to **register** by September 7 to take advantage of the early bird discount!

THE LEARNING CURVE

Upholding Core Library Values: Serving Patrons Who Are Homeless

Whether you are a large system or a small stand-alone library, the State Library's August "First Tuesdays" webinar covers an important topic and one that affects us all.

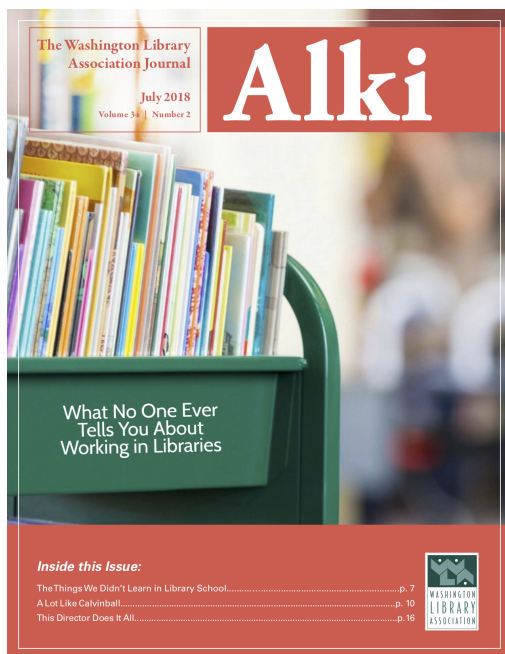
Tune in Tuesday, August 7 at 9:00 am PT for an exploration of how three different library systems are approaching service to patrons who are homeless according to current best

relevance in the current landscape of libraries. If any of the below topics are important to you, please consider stepping up to a Section leadership position in 2019.

- CATS (Collection Development & Technical Services)
- LIFE (Leadership Is for Everyone)
- SAIL (Serving Adults in Libraries)
- SRRT (Social Responsibilities Round Table)
- WLFFTA (Washington Library Friends, Foundations, Trustees & Advocates)

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.

***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

practices. Presented by Suzanne Carlson-Prandini, Bellingham Public Library; Hayden Bass, Seattle Public Library; Aileen Luppert, Spokane County Library District.

Registration Is Open for PNC/MLA Annual Meeting



Registration is now open for the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association's (PNC/MLA) Annual Meeting! Come see their continuing education and program details and register [here](#).

"Early bird" pricing is available to PNC members until September 14. After that, the cost for full conference registration for current and renewing PNC members increases from \$130 to \$165. See PNC's website for student, single day, and other registration options.

Marketing Strategy, Marketing Plan, and Marketing Tactics

Join OCLC for a one-hour webinar to learn practical lessons from three library marketing professionals who will share real-world examples and straightforward tips that will make sense for your library marketing efforts regardless of what you currently have in place.

Tune in Thursday, July 26 at 11:00 am PT.
[Register here.](#)

Let Data Do the Talking

When your library has accurate, up-to-date data about who is and isn't using your library, there's no limit to the insights you can gather and actions you can take. Learn how to take actionable steps to target new populations,

"Dispatches from Swellville." Enjoy all this and more in the summer issue of *Alki*!

Two Weeks Left to Apply for WLA 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**

Spokane Public Library Unveils 24-Hour Kiosk

Tuesday, Spokane Public Library **unveiled a kiosk** that will provide 24-hour, one-stop access to library resources. Customers will have 340 books and movies to choose from. They can also pick up holds, return items, pay fines, and use the Wi-Fi hotspot. This is the first unstaffed library kiosk of its kind in Washington state.

Summer Book Bingo Party

Are you playing **Book Bingo**, the summer reading program for adults brought to you by The Seattle Public Library and Seattle Arts and Lectures? If so, join other readers in the Screening Room at Naked City Brewery & Taphouse in Greenwood on Wednesday, July 25 to exchange book suggestions, get ideas for those tough-to-complete squares, have a drink, and celebrate summer. Library staff and other special guests will be on hand with activities, giveaways, reading suggestions, and more! Don't forget your ID as this is a 21+ event. Doors are at 5, event starts at 6. Get there early to take advantage of happy hour from 5-6!

create new programs, advance their value to the community, allocate resources more efficiently, and measure the results.

Start letting data do the talking, and **register today** for this free 60-minute webcast at 11:00 am PT on Thursday, August 9.

Environmental Health & Toxicology Resources for the Public and Professionals

The purpose of this NNLM Resource Picks presentation is to familiarize participants with environmental health and toxicology resources available online from the National Library of Medicine. Participants will also learn which resources to access and utilize for specific types of information related to pesticide exposure, toxic releases, household products, maternal/child health, occupational health and more. The live session will include an overview and search demonstrations for various databases. The session will be recorded.

Tune in July 25 from Noon–1:00pm PT.
Registration is encouraged.

Fresh Food, Fresh Thinking: An Innovative Approach to Youth Development and Learning in Rural Communities

What happens when you mix public library staff, high school students, architects, and STEM curriculum? You get project-based learning that leads to students designing a hybrid public library/farmer's market facility!

Learn from speakers who have been immersed in a year-long IMLS National Leader Planning Grant, which has involved teaching students about human centered service design and exploring libraries and farms in field trips, and hear how this innovative project engaged teens along with community partners.

Tune in Wednesday, July 25 at 11:00 am PT.

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.

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