



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 25, 2018

On this day: In 1871, the Carousel is patented by Wilhelm Schneider in Davenport, Iowa.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Registration Is Open for the 2018 WLA Conference!



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Registration is live for the **2018 WLA Conference**! Be sure to register by September 7 to take advantage of the early bird discount.

When: October 17-20, 2018

Where: 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, as well as gives a nod to Yakima's autumnal agriculture.

We hope to see you in Yakima!

Thanking Rep. Herrera Beutler and Sen. Murray for Library Funding

The below message is from Kevin Maher, Deputy Director of ALA's Washington Office. To learn more about the LSTA, IAL, and the ways you can help save library funding, visit the [ALA Legislative Action Center](#).

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees **have now passed** fiscal year (FY) 2019 funding bills which provide level funding for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL). We're nearly there in terms of securing funding for these and many other programs that help libraries better serve our communities – but we're not quite at the finish line. The FY 2019 funding bills now head to the full House and Senate.

One of the best ways to ensure full funding is to express our thanks to the elected leaders who have supported libraries. As Washington's Representative Herrera Beutler and Senator Murray serve on the House and/or Senate Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, your "thank you" can be doubly powerful right now.

Would you take a moment to thank your senator(s) and/or representative for their support of libraries with a call, tweet, letter, or letter to the editor expressing thanks on behalf of your community? You can reach congressional offices by visiting their websites or calling 202-225-3121 for the House and 202-224-3121 for the Senate.

Use your legislator's social media handles (@HerreraBeutler and @PattyMurray) to tweet at them a message such as "thank you Rep. Herrera Beutler/Sen. Murray for supporting federal funding for libraries – it helps our library [do x, y, z]." Using original photos from your library provides an added personal touch.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a **Branch Manager II, Manchester branch**. The position closes August 13.

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is seeking a **Senior Public Services Librarian (Youth Services)**. The position is open until filled.

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a **Public Services Assistant**. The position closes August 14.

Amazon Alexa is seeking an **Ontologist**. The position is open until filled.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Keynote Reveals for 2018 WLA Conference

King County Library System is seeking an **Adult Services Librarian** and a **Children's Services Librarian**. Both positions close August 2.

Oregon Health & Science University Library is seeking a **Library Diversity Fellow**. 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 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 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



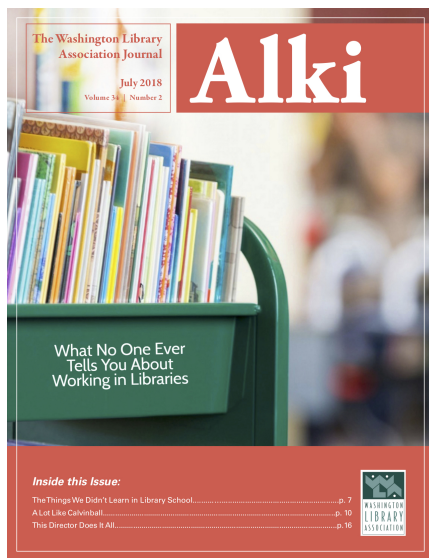
We're thrilled to announce two more keynote speakers at the **2018 WLA Conference**: Mitali Perkins and Dan Gemeinhart!

Mitali Perkins will host the annual CAYAS Author Breakfast. Mitali has written ten novels for young readers, including *You Bring the Distant Near* (nominated for the National Book Award, Walter Award honor book), *Rickshaw Girl* (chosen by the New York Public Library as one of the top 100 books for children in the past 100 years), *Bamboo People* (American Library Association's Top Ten Novels for Young Adults), and *Tiger Boy* (winner of the Charlotte Huck Honor Award and the South Asia Book Award). She has been honored as a "Most Engaging Author" by independent booksellers across the country and selected as a "Literary Light for Children" by the Associates of the Boston Public Library. Mitali was born in Kolkata, India, before immigrating to the United States. She has lived in Bangladesh, India, England, Thailand, Mexico, Cameroon, and Ghana, studied at Stanford and U.C. Berkeley, and currently resides in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Dan Gemeinhart will be our keynote for the Saturday lunch. Dan lives in a small town smack dab in the middle of Washington state with his wife and three young daughters. He was lucky and grateful to be a teacher-librarian in an elementary school for fourteen years, where he got to share awesome books with awesome kids. Dan has written five middle grade novels: *Scar Island*, *The Honest Truth*, *Some Kind of Courage*, *Good Dog*, and the upcoming *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise*.

Stay tuned for some more exciting announcements, and don't forget to **register**!

THE LEARNING CURVE



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*!

One Week 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**

Cultural Competence: Addressing Race Relations in 21st Century

The Washington State Library has just opened registration for **a new training** being offered this fall. Sessions are in Lynnwood, Tacoma, Spokane and Issaquah.

This session helps to develop participants' appreciation of their role in becoming culturally competent by: 1) providing a framework on how to address issues of equity and race; 2) creating common language for entering into discourse; 3) increasing ones understanding of diverse experiences and perspectives; and 4) developing tools for engaging across cultures. This framework considers the importance of deepening awareness of self—moving from color blindness to racial cognizance; increasing knowledge of others and their experiences of racism and oppression; developing skills to work effectively across cultures; and advocating and taking action to initiate change. Participants are taught these four components of cultural competence through lecture and small and large group discussion. Prior culturally relevant professional development is brought into context and understanding of diverse perspectives is explored.

Korczak Conference 2018: The Human Library Approach

Don't miss a unique opportunity to spend the whole day, August 25, with teachers, teacher-librarians, principals, school counselors, social workers, psychologists, and child advocates on the Seattle Pacific University campus to learn more about the pedagogy of Janusz Korczak and receive insights and handouts to use in your classrooms. The cost of the workshop is \$10, and it includes lunch and 8 clock hours.

This workshop is a part of the **Korczak Conference 2018**, August 22-25, an international conference hosted by the School of Education at Seattle Pacific University and the Janusz Korczak Association of the USA. It celebrates the life and work of Janusz Korczak (pronounced Kor-chak), a pediatrician, writer, and educator who strongly advocated for children's rights and directed Jewish and Christian orphanages, which he turned into safe havens for teenagers and young adults.

Free Trainings: Leap into Science

- **Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship**

Three Washington Libraries Selected for ALA Great Stories Club

Yesterday, ALA announced 100 libraries nationwide selected to take part in the Great Stories Club, a national grant program that supports reading and discussion programs for underserved teens. Three Washington Libraries were selected for this program in partnership with three community organizations:

- Seattle Public Library partnering with the Interagency Academy @UDYC YouthCare
- Everett Public Library partnering with Cascade High School
- Kitsap Regional Library partnering with Washington Youth Academy

[Learn more about the program here.](#)

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
- Outstanding Performance
- Trustee Award
- Friends/Foundation Award
- Candace Morgan Intellectual Freedom Award
- Outstanding Teacher Librarian of the Year Award
- Superintendent of the Year Award
- Principal of the Year Award
- Small District/Private School Administrator of the Year Award
- Supervisor of the Year Award
- CAYAS Visionary Service Award
- WALE Outstanding Employee Award
- Emeritus Membership(s)
- Honorary Membership(s)

State Board of Education Survey to Inform New Strategic Plan

The Washington State Board of Education is asking for feedback in [this short survey](#) about the hopes and dreams you have for all

Developed by The Franklin Institute, Leap into Science is a nationwide program that integrates open-ended science activities with children's books, designed for children ages 3-10 and their families. The program empowers educators to offer programs in community settings like libraries, museums, and out-of-school time programs to engage underserved audiences in accessible and familiar settings.

This evidence-based program will be made available through in-person trainings. The free trainings will take place in **Everett at the Imagine Academy on September 19** and at the **Auburn branch of the King County Library on September 25**. Balance is the focus of these workshops. Those who sign up for these workshops will receive a free kit with all the necessary resources to replicate these programs.

Travel Grants Available for Joint Conference of Librarian of Color



The ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services (ODLOS) announced a travel grant for the third national Joint Conference of Librarian of Color. This year's conference centers around the theme "Gathering all Peoples: Embracing Culture & Community" and will take place from September 26-30, 2018, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

ODLOS encourages all interested parties to apply for one of two grants. This \$1,000 grant can be used for travel, housing, and registration for the conference and will close on August 13. All applicants must answer two essay questions related to the conference and the two winners will be invited to write a blog post on their experience.

[Learn more](#) and apply before August 13.

Upholding Core Library Values: Serving Patrons Who Are Houseless

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.

students in our education system, as well as suggested actions to support student success at the state and local levels. This feedback will inform the Board's future work on behalf of all Washington K-12 students. Feel free to also share the survey with other school staff, parents, students, and community members.

Lit Up at Optimism on July 26

Lit Up is a social gathering for professional readers. Gather with booksellers, librarians, authors, publishers, and reps working in the Seattle area to talk books and other things on Thursday, July 26 starting at 6:00 pm at **Optimism Brewing**. It's a chance to meet bookish folk, make new friends, and catch up with old ones. Let your hair down and enjoy the company of other bookish folk—off the sales floor, off the clock, off the record.

WTBBL Partners with WorkSource Seattle

The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL) announced last week it has joined WorkSource Seattle, King County's network of **WorkSource Connection Sites**. As a Connection Site, WTBBL can help patrons connect with the WorkSource community of resources, providing them with a portal for electronic access to career planning tools, training programs, and job-search resources. [Learn more about the partnership here.](#)

North Central Regional Library Appoints Executive Director

The North Central Regional Library Board voted on Friday to **appoint Barbara Walters** as the next executive director of the library district. Walters has been acting director since June 2017 and has been part of the district's administrative team since 2007.

Burlington Quidditch Fest

Calling all muggles! The Burlington Public Library is hosting the third annual **Quidditch Fest** on Saturday, July 28 at Skagit River Park. Immerse yourself in the world of Harry Potter by joining in a game of Quidditch with the Rain City Raptors. Muggles young and old alike will be enchanted by Hogwarts-inspired games and activities. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Quidditch Fest is free and open to the public.

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

Family Engagement Awareness Toolkit

As part of a key strategic initiative, the Public Library Association (PLA) has **released a free promotional toolkit** designed to help libraries raise awareness of family engagement through libraries. This new resource can be used to supplement libraries' marketing, fundraising, community relations and political advocacy work.

AASL Releases Guide Addressing Censorship and LGBTQ+ Materials

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) has **released a new resource guide** to support school librarians addressing challenges related to censorship and patron privacy issues, particularly with LGBTQ+ materials. "Defending Intellectual Freedom: LGBTQ+ Materials in School Libraries" contains resources, links, and activities scaffolded by the newly released AASL "National School Library Standards." The guide, along with supporting materials, can be **downloaded here**.

Getting Unstuck: Help Your Board, Staff, and Town Talk about Library Funding

Library leaders have been trained to "do more with less" for so long that it's become a virtue. Though talking about budgets is a challenge, library staff need better funding to provide the public with needed services and expertise. If your budget is stuck, and your board, staff and stakeholders are having a hard time talking about new taxes or levies, this webinar can help. Get real-world, practical, actionable advice on how to overcome local political problems, negative feelings, and unmotivated stakeholders, to move your library toward a more financially secure future. This webinar is hosted in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries and EveryLibrary.

Tune in Wednesday, August 22 at 12:00pm 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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