



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 4, 2018

On this day: In 1845, Henry David Thoreau moves into a shack on Walden Pond.

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MAKING HEADLINES

PSED Institute: Culturally Responsive Libraries

The below message is from WLA School Library Chair Marianne Costello about the upcoming PSED Institute.

Dear librarians from all types of libraries,

I wanted to let you know that Ann Hayes-Bell (ScLD Chair-elect) and I—along with Jane Robb-Linse, PSED Director of Multilingual Services, Learning, Teaching & Family Support—are coordinating a two-day teacher librarian institute on August 7 and 8, 2018. **August 7** is designed for new teacher librarians and para-educators working in school libraries ([register here](#)), and the **August 8** is for all librarians ([register here](#)).

This past week I was at the ALA conference in New Orleans. I was thrilled to hear from Michelle Obama and Viola Davis, who both discussed the importance of every child being able to see him/herself in their library. I attended the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)-sponsored session "**Considering All Children: A New Ideal in Evaluating and Engaging around Books for Youth.**" I left feeling deeply touched and honored to have had this experience, and I wish every librarian could have the opportunity to learn from experts and each other around the questions from this session:

- Awards, best-of-the-year lists, and reviews focus on "quality" and "excellence" in literature for youth, but what do "quality" and "excellence" really mean in the canon of American literature for children?
- Who is deciding which books stand out?
- How are some critics and some children privileged in our field's thinking?
- How are some dismissed or made invisible?
- What does "American literature for children" even mean?

I'm so happy that Ann, Jane, and I chose this topic last fall! When planning the institute, we reached out to the honorable, outspoken leader in American Indian literature, Dr. Debbie Reece, and she recommended Dr. Sandra Littletree to be our keynote speaker. We can't wait to learn from Sandy! Everyone we spoke to recommended Roger Fernandez, and we can't wait to learn from him too!

So, we invite you to join us Wednesday, August 8 at South Seattle College to learn from Sandra Littletree and Roger Fernandez and collaboratively discuss strategies for ensuring our library collections and programs "SEE" all of our patrons. We are excited to learn from and see YOU! We have been gathering resources to share with you and hope you will share yours with us.

Marianne Costello
Chair, WLA School Library Division

Central Washington University is seeking a **Dean of Library Services**. The position is open until filled.

Washington State University is seeking a **Metadata Librarian**. The position closes July 29.

Federal Way Public Schools is seeking an **Elementary Certificated Teacher/Library Media Specialist**. The position is open until filled.

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a **Teen Services Librarian** and a **Director of Human Resources**. The positions close July 9 and July 16, respectively.

North Olympic Library System, Sequim Branch is seeking a **Customer Service Specialist I**. The position is open until filled.

University of Washington Libraries, Bothell Campus Library is seeking a **Materials Processing Lead Technician**. The position closes July 11.

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

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

2018 WLA Preconference Workshop Descriptions



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The 2018 WLA **Preconference Workshops** have been announced! With topics including VR, fake news, STEM and makerspaces, adult literacy, marketing, and more, preconference workshops are great for anyone wanting to take a deeper dive into the material. Workshops will take place on Wednesday, October 17, and conference registration opens July 24.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Now Accepting Nominations for WLA Merit Awards

Each year, WLA recognizes outstanding members from all types of libraries with the **WLA Merit Awards**. Nominations are due August 6, and recipients will be announced October 5. Nominate a colleague today for one of the following awards!

- Emeritus Membership(s)
- Honorary Membership(s)
- Advances in Library Services Award
- Outstanding Performance Award
- 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

Ten-Minute Public Programs Assessment Survey

You've been invited to **take a short survey** in support of the American Library Association's work on the **National Impact of Library Public Programs Assessment (NILPPA)**: Phase I, an initiative funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The survey is being conducted by New Knowledge Organization, a non-profit think tank based in New York City. Your responses will inform how we categorize library public programming. We are seeking input from people who work in all types of libraries. The deadline is tomorrow, July 5.

In this first-of-its-kind project, ALA and New Knowledge Organization are working with researchers, advisors and library professionals like you to answer two compelling research questions: How can we characterize and categorize public programs offered by libraries today? And what competencies and training are required for professionals working with library programming?

Please feel free to share this survey with the colleague(s) who are most familiar with the breadth and depth of programming your library offers. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes of your time.

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**

PNR Partners: Past Projects and Future Opportunities

Planning a program or service centered on health but lack the funds to initiate? Whether your organization is a library, a community organization, or an academic institution, come learn about funding opportunities with us, the NNLM Pacific Northwest Region. Associate Director, Cathy Burroughs, will present an overview of funding opportunities and will also chat with your colleagues, who have received funding, about their projects. Attendees can bring their questions as well as be inspired to create their own projects. July 12 from 1:00 – 2:00pm PT. (Eligible for 1 Medical Library Association CE.) **Registration is encouraged.**

Microsoft MakeCode Webinars

Register to attend a MakeCode webinar, June 28 from 9:30–10:30am PT, or July 19 from 4:00–5:00pm PT.

Learn about **Microsoft MakeCode**, a learn-to-code platform that provides a beginning programming environment with block-based and JavaScript editors, and supports the coding of a variety of products including Minecraft, **micro:bit**, Lego MindStorm, and many other physical computing devices. The block-based MakeCode platform is like

Tell ALA How Your Library Supports Democracy

The American Library Association's Washington Office invites you to participate in a **short survey** to share the ways your library supports democracy and civic engagement in your community. The survey will be available for participation through July 16.

The survey is an undertaking to report on the numerous ways that libraries continue to support and strengthen democracy in their communities through leading civic engagement efforts, hosting elected and government official town halls, serving as polling sites and offering many other opportunities. Stories – even more than lists of events – are especially appreciated, but lists are also welcome. **Learn more here.**

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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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. July 25 from Noon–1:00 pm PT. (Eligible for 1 MLA CE.) **Learn more and register.**

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