



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

October 24, 2018

On this day: In 1593, a Spanish soldier named Gil Perez allegedly spontaneously teleported from the Philippines to Mexico.

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MAKING HEADLINES

WLA 2018 by the Numbers



Last week, over 450 library staff came to Yakima to cultivate communities and harvest ideas at the **2018 WLA Conference!**

Thank you to all of the attendees, volunteers, presenters, and exhibitors for making this conference so successful. In particular, thank you to the **2018 Conference Committee**, who worked tirelessly for the better part of a year to plan a fun and rewarding experience.

Here's a snapshot of WLA 2018 by the numbers:

- Registrants: 452
- Most registrants from one library: 38 (Yakima Valley Libraries)
- Volunteers: 45
- Programs: 82
- Presenters: 208
- Largest program: 80 (WA Do I Read Next?)

- Exhibitors: 39
- Fund the Future 5k Runners: 27
- Items donated to raffle and silent auction: 38
- Days until the **2019 OLA-WLA Conference**: 176

Call for Conference Photos

Did you capture some great shots at WLA 2018? **Upload them here** and we will share some of the highlights! Please include the photo credit in the name of the file.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

King County Library System is seeking a **Teen/Children's Services Librarian**, **Public Service Assistant**, and **Public Service Assistant**. The positions close November 1.

Kelso Public Library is seeking a **Library Manager**. The position closes December 1.

University of Washington Libraries, Bothell Campus Library is seeking a **Materials Processing Technician**. The position closes October 24.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Librarian – PERS Eligible** at Marysville Library and a **Library Associate II** at Camano Island Library. The positions close October 26 and October 31, respectively.

University of Washington Libraries is seeking a **Vietnamese Language Cataloger**. The position closes November 11.

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is seeking an **Engagement Manager**. The position closes November 5.

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

Legacy Washington Youth Oral History Competition for Washington High School Students

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Deadline Approaching for 2019 OLA-WLA Conference Program Proposals



2019 OLA-WLA Conference, Vancouver, WA

Program proposals are due this Monday, October 29 for the **2019 OLA-WLA Conference**.

Mark your calendars for April 17-20 at the Hilton Vancouver in Vancouver, Washington! The conference will bring together the Oregon Library Association (OLA) and Washington Library Association (WLA) for four days packed full of professional development opportunities and exciting networking events.

The conference theme is "Charting the Unknown Together," which reflects the current climate of change, injustice, and uncertainty that affects library professionals and patrons alike. Together, we're hopeful that our collaboration and camaraderie can help us navigate these new waters.

All proposals from academic, public, school, and special library staff and advocates will be considered, as will those from community

Legacy Washington, a program of the Office of the Secretary of State, is sponsoring a youth oral history project competition for Washington State high school students. They invite educators to participate in this special opportunity and share with their classrooms. The contest is part of the **1968, The Year that Rocked Washington** project, and encourages young people to explore this landmark year in world history through oral histories by interviewing a Washingtonian who lived through that time. The final product will be a written profile or essay compiled from interviews and research. Chosen finalists will be invited to a special reception in June 2019 and have their works published online. [Learn more here.](#)

Submit to Alki Conference Wrap-Up Issue

If you're headed to conference this year, consider contributing to **Alki**! Your WLA journal is looking for:

- Thoughtful reportage on WLA sessions
- High-res images of conference happenings
- Follow-up interviews with keynote speakers
- First-timer/mid-career/old guard impressions
- And of course, articles of interest to the WLA community either on the theme "Cultivating Communities, Harvesting Ideas" or completely independent of the theme

The new deadline for the Fall issue of *Alki* is Monday, November 12. For questions or to pitch an article idea, contact Sheri Boggs, *Alki* Editor, at alkieditor@wla.org.

Special Libraries Association Reception

You're invited to attend the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Special Libraries Association Winter Reception on November 10 to be held at Folio, the Seattle Athenaeum, at historic Pike Place Market. WLA members can [register](#) at a member rate of \$35.

ALA's Great Stories Club series on Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation

Library professionals are invited to apply for the American Library Association's Great Stories Club series on Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT). This thematic reading

partners. Please reach out to the dynamic presenters in your communities or share your own skills and experience by leading a session or workshop.

- Proposals are due no later than **12:00pm, Monday, October 29.**
- The Program Contact will be notified of the outcome by November 19.
- Programs may take the form of half- or full-day preconferences, or 75-minute regular sessions.
- Presenters should request approval from their employers to attend the conference before agreeing to serve as program speaker.
- To submit a program proposal, [use this form](#). To submit multiple proposals, use a new form for each program.

Please direct questions to the WLA office at info@wla.org or (206) 823-1138. On behalf of the 2019 Conference Committee, we look forward to receiving your proposals!

THE LEARNING CURVE

WLA Program @ ALA Midwinter: Transgender Inclusion in Libraries



Are you interested in increasing your understanding of transgender issues and how those can play out in the library environment? In this workshop, presenters will begin by making sure everyone has a common framework from which to work, before diving deeper and giving attendees the opportunity to evaluate their own libraries and how policies impact the accessibility of their institutions to transgender patrons. Tips and best practices will be shared. Together, we will brainstorm ways to approach library administrators and create more equitable and accessible libraries for all. This workshop is best-suited for those who already have some basic familiarity with transgender issues. Presented by Reed Garber-Pearson, Micah Kehrein, Sunny Kim, and Bean Yogi.

WLA is excited to offer this program at ALA Midwinter on Friday, January 25, 8:30am–12:30pm. Learn more [here](#), and register [here](#)!

and discussion program series will engage underserved teens through literature-based library outreach programs and racial healing work.

Visit the project guidelines and **apply online** by November 16. Up to 70 libraries will be selected.

An expansion of ALA's longstanding Great Stories Club program model, the TRHT series will feature books that explore questions of race, equity, identity, history, institutional change and social justice. The series is a part of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation efforts, a comprehensive, national and community-based process to plan for and bring about transformational and sustainable change, and to address the historic and contemporary effects of racism. The TRHT Great Stories Club is supported by a grant from the Kellogg Foundation.

Participating libraries will work with small groups of approximately 10 teens; provide up to four theme-related books for each participant to keep as their own; convene opportunities for exploration and discussion of relevant humanities content among peers; and offer at least one interactive session for program conveners and participants led by a racial healing practitioner(s).

#VoteLibraries Campaign

EveryLibrary is promoting a #votelibraries social media campaign to get more Americans on record supporting libraries. Here are a few ways you can get involved.

- 1) Twitter - Retweet this school library-focused **#votelibraries tweet**. You can always create your own, too. But please use #votelibraries and **votelibraries.org** so EveryLibrary can retweet it.
 - 2) Facebook - Share this short, to-the-point **post about #votelibraries**. If you'd like to create your own, you can use any of the images **here**.
 - 3) Refer EveryLibrary - The work EveryLibrary does in support of local campaigns is pro bono. Please feel free to refer them to someone who could use the support in the next election cycle or school year.
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Implicit Bias, Health Disparities and Health Literacy: Intersections in Health Equity

The ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services, the Public Library Association, and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region (NNLM PNR) are pleased to host the preconference **Implicit Bias, Health Disparities and Health Literacy: Intersections in Health Equity** at ALA Midwinter in Seattle, WA on January 25, 2019 from 9:00am to noon at the Washington State Convention Center.

Librarians from NNLM PNR member organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington are eligible for a **Professional Development Award** to attend the preconference. If your organization is not currently a member, it's **easy to join!**

Eligible costs for a Professional Development Award up to \$2,000 include the preconference ticketed event for **Implicit Bias, Health Disparities and Health Literacy: Intersections in Health Equity**, plus registration for the ALA Midwinter meeting, plus transportation, meals and lodging costs.

Awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis until Friday, January 4. Submit your **Professional Development Award** application today!

Free Training for Washington EdTech Standards

OSPI and WLA are partnering with the Washington State Library to develop a series of free workshops called "Transforming Student Learning with EdTech Standards" that will be offered around the state during 2018-19, with the first session on October 12 in Vancouver, and upcoming sessions already set for November 17 (Vancouver and Olympia) and January 12 (Tacoma). **Register here.**

This free workshop is designed to provide Teacher-Librarians and other educators with strategies to transform student learning using the state's updated **Educational Technology Learning Standards**. These standards are based upon the 2016 Technology Standards for Students released by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), and can be integrated into lessons in virtually all content areas. Participants will gain a general understanding of the standards, and ideas for

Carnegie-Whitney Awards up to \$5,000 for Guides to Library Resources

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides a grant of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library.

Funded projects have ranged from “A Resource Guide about Disabilities, Disability Theory, and Assistive Technologies” to “A Bibliography for Queer Teens” to “Graphic Novels & the Humanity of Mental Illness” to “Web Accessibility Resources for Libraries”.

Applications must be received by November 2, 2018. Recipients will be notified by mid-February 2019. [Learn more here.](#)

\$10,000 American Dream Adult Literacy Grants

The American Library Association (ALA) and Dollar General Literacy Foundation invite public libraries to apply for grants to expand services for adult English language learners or adults in need of basic education and workforce development.

Up to 16 grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded. Public libraries are eligible if they serve adult English language learners and are located within 20 miles of a Dollar General Store, distribution center or corporate office. [Visit the Dollar General Store Locator](#) to check eligibility.

[Read the project guidelines and apply online](#) by December 14.

Media Literacy Week: Fact or Fake



Washington State is the first state in the country to mandate the instruction of media literacy. OSPI was charged with creating a [repository of resources](#) and best practices to support these efforts, so visit the site as you plan for how to participate in Media Literacy

implementing them at all levels. This training is sponsored by the WA State Library, WLA, and OSPI, and 6 free clock hours will be available to attendees.

Build a Better World with Kindness and Gratitude

Just in time for Thanksgiving, the Washington State Library's First Tuesday webinar in November focuses on Kindness and Gratitude. What does this mean and how can you apply these principles to your work?

Both kindness and gratitude are important ingredients to a happy life as well as essential to building strong professional and personal relationships. During this course, participants will: 1) Learn practical strategies to cultivate more positivity in yourself, your relationships, and teams by harnessing the power of kindness and gratitude, 2) Delve into what it means to practice “kind communication” and how this can improve your relationships, and 3) Contemplate what a massive study of successful teams undertaken by Google teaches us about team dynamics. Presented by David Seckman, Pierce County Library System.

[Tune in](#) November 6 at 9:00 am PT.

UW iSchool Lecture Series: Blending Story, Symphony and Spirit with Sharon M. Draper

Join the UW iSchool as they welcome Sharon M. Draper, a professional educator and award-winning writer. She has been honored as the National Teacher of the Year and is a five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Awards. Draper has worked all over the United States, as well as in Russia, Ghana, Togo, Kenya, Ethiopia, Bermuda and Guam, spreading the word about the power of accomplished teaching and excellence in education. She is the author of *Stella by Starlight*, *Tears of a Tiger*, *Copper Sun* and *Out of My Mind*, a New York Times bestselling novel for almost two years. Learn more about Draper at her [website](#).

A book signing and reception will immediately follow the lecture. Cost: \$5 for current students; \$10 general admission. [Register here](#). Want to socialize? Join other school and youth services librarians in the HUB food court before, and at the reception following the lecture.

Week and this curriculum going forward.

Media Literacy Week (November 5-9) is designed to bring attention and visibility to media literacy education in the United States. The sponsoring organization for this event is the National Association for Media Literacy. This site is full of resources and ideas to get you started. Watch for weekly updates and ideas for how you, your students and staff can engage.

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.

Free Lecture: Mind Over Media

Consider some potential outcomes of examining disinformation, sponsored content, conspiracy theories, hoaxes and memes in the context of formal and informal learning by attending the University of Washington Lecture, "**Mind over Media**" by Renee Hobbs. Professor Hobbs is an internationally-recognized authority on digital and media literacy education, founder and director of the Media Education Lab at the University of Rhode Island. November 28 at 7:30 pm at Kane Hall, Room 120.

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