



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

October 3, 2018

On this day: In 1957, Allen Ginsberg's *Howl and Other Poems* is ruled not obscene, and Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Shigeyoshi Murao are acquitted of obscenity charges.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### WLA Election Results

The polls have closed for the 2019 WLA Elections, and we have a fantastic group of incoming WLA leaders! The results will be sent to all members later this week via email, so stay tuned.

### Congratulations to the 2018 WLA Merit Award Winners!

On behalf of the 2018 WLA Awards Committee, we're thrilled to award ten **Merit Awards** to the below recipients for their commitment to Washington libraries.

**Hayden Bass** (Outstanding Performance Award)  
**Issaquah Schools Foundation** (Friends/Foundation Award)  
**Jeff Martin** (Lifetime Membership Award: Emeritus)  
**Kylie Fullmer** (Advances in Library Services Award)  
**Ann Crewdson** (Candace Morgan Intellectual Freedom Award)  
**Thom Barthelmess** (CAYAS Visionary Award)  
**Joe Olayvar** (WALE Outstanding Employee Award)  
**Julie Wasserburger** (Supervisor of the Year Award)  
**Dave Sonnen** (Outstanding Teacher Librarian of the Year Award)  
**Keven Wynkoop** (Principal of the Year Award)

Along with the **WLA Scholarship winners**, these award recipients will be recognized at the WLA Awards Lunch & Business Meeting at **WLA 2018**.

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Microsoft is seeking a **Business Strategy Leader - Libraries and Museums**. The position is open until filled.

Primary Source has two openings for an **Administrative Assistant**. The positions are open until filled.

North Central Regional Library is seeking a **Librarian I**. The position closes October 9.

Sonoma County Library (California) is seeking a **Library Director**. The position is open until filled.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Branch Circulation Supervisor**. The position closes October 14.

**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.

## Countdown to Conference: Just Two Weeks Left!



There are only two short weeks left until **WLA 2018** (and one week until online registration closes)!

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. Here are just some of the things the Conference Committee has planned:

- Choose from **10 preconference workshops** and **75 sessions**
- Enjoy **6 meals** included with full conference registration (or 2 meals for one-day registration)
- Hear from our **8 fabulous keynotes**
- Take "An Edible Tour of the Dewey Decimal System" with our annual **Banquet** (now included in registration)
- Spruce up your resume, chat with an advisor, or get a headshot taken at **Career Lab**
- Meet with 40+ vendors in our packed **Exhibitor Hall**
- Get moving with the **5th Annual Fund the Future 5k and Yoga**, as well as 2 guided hikes
- Chat with old friends and make new ones at **4 conference receptions**
- Meet WLA's internal groups, explore Yakima, and win prizes at the **Brewery & Winery Crawl**
- Snag some swag, bid on a treasure at the silent auction, and win raffle prizes
- Get inspired by our "Spotlight on Success" poster showcase
- Meet authors at book signings and shop a curated selection of titles from **Inklings Bookshop** (and enjoy a 20% discount!)

## NEWS & NOTES

### Now Accepting Proposals for 2019 OLA-WLA Conference



**2019 OLA-WLA Conference, Vancouver, WA**

We're pleased to announce that program proposals are now being accepted for the **2019 OLA-WLA Conference**, April 17-20, 2019, 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 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](mailto:info@wla.org) or (206) 823-1138. On behalf of the 2019 Conference Committee, we look forward to receiving your proposals!

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### 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

We hope to see you in Yakima!

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### WLA Preconference Spotlight: The Fake News Survival Guide - How Librarians & Educators Can Foster Information Literacy in Their Communities

Fraudulent news and information is all over the Internet and ramping up. Do you want to address the need for better digital information literacy skills in your community but aren't sure where to start? Hear from a teacher, an adult services librarian, and a college instructor at the front lines of this issue. Attendees will learn about resources, curricula, and best practices for engaging students, seniors, and other community members, as well as ways to take the lead in designing programs and classes to foster information literacy in their communities.

Presented by Di Zhang, Adult Services Librarian, The Seattle Public Library; Katie Nedved, Teacher Librarian, Henrietta Lacks Health & Bioscience High School, Evergreen Public Schools; and T. Andrew Wahl, Journalism & Media Communication Instructor, Everett Community College.

This preconference workshop will be offered October 17 at the 2018 WLA Conference. **Learn more and register here!**

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### Homeless in Your Library Training

This interactive training is much more than simple "sensitivity training." You will learn why homeless individuals do what they do and the practical tools for resolving problems. There is a special focus on mentally ill and/or addicted patrons. After this training, you will have more confidence with homeless patrons. The presenter Ryan Dowd is Executive Director of a large homeless shelter outside of Chicago and author of the ALA book, "The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness."

- October 9, 12:00–5:00 pm, **Fort Vancouver Regional Library Headquarters, Vancouver**
- October 10, 9:00 am–2:00 pm, **Timberland Regional Libraries, Centralia Library, Centralia**
- October 11, 12:00–5:00 pm, **Whatcom County Library System, Ferndale Library, Ferndale**

pitch an article idea, contact Sheri Boggs, *Alki* Editor, at [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org).

### Awards Recognize Outstanding Service to LGBTQ Community

Every year, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) of the American Library Association seeks to honor librarians, library related organizations (including libraries, library staff, library boards, library friends), and other individuals or groups (public or private) that have demonstrated excellence in the area of responding to the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community. **Nominations** and supporting materials for these awards must be submitted by December 10, 2018.

### The Challenges of Tribal Libraries

What is the definition of a tribal library? And what is its basis for development?

Sandy Littletree, PhD candidate at University of Washington and 2011–2012 president of the American Indian Library Association (AILA), posed these questions at the outset of “The History and Currency of Tribal Libraries: Sovereignty, Information, and Empowerment,” at the third National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color in Albuquerque, New Mexico. **Read about her research here.**

### Where Are You Going? Career Guides Available Now

What's purple, packed with career and education information, and absolutely free? Why it's the latest edition of the Workforce Board's ever-popular *Where Are You Going?* career guide! **Order free copies** of the 2018 guide, which includes a career quiz, information on hundreds of in-demand occupations, job interview tips, and more. Get yours today! Bonus: the guide also serves as a printed companion to **Washington Career Bridge**.

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.

- October 12, 9:00 am–2:00 pm, **Pierce County Library System Admin Center & Library, Tacoma**

### 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 integrated into lessons in virtually all content areas. Participants will gain a general understanding of the standards, and ideas for 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.

### Media Literacy Week



Media Literacy Week (November 5–9) is designed to bring attention and visibility to media literacy education in the United States and the mission of Media Literacy Week is to highlight the power of media literacy education and its essential role in education today.

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.

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