



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

September 26, 2018

On this day: In 1972, the American Museum of Immigration was dedicated in a ceremony presided over by President Richard Nixon.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Countdown to Conference: Just Three Weeks Left!



There are only three short weeks left until WLA 2018! If you haven't registered or booked your lodging yet, check out the **2018 WLA Conference** website.

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!)

We hope to see you in Yakima!

2019 WLA Elections Close Monday

Please take a moment to vote for our 2019 Board, Division, and Section leadership! Voting closes this Monday, September 30.

Step 1: Read through the **candidate statements**.

Step 2: Vote using our **online ballot**.

To access the voting form, you will need to log in to your WLA account. All current WLA members may vote for WLA Board positions, and ballots for WLA Divisions and Sections are restricted to current members of those groups. Each position also has the option for a write-in candidate.

Winners will be announced October 3, and incoming and outgoing leadership will be recognized at the **2018 WLA Conference**, October 17–20 in Yakima. The new elected terms will begin January 1. If you have questions or trouble logging in, please contact the **WLA office**.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Library Assistant II**. The position closes October 4.

Seattle World School is seeking a **Librarian/Academic Intervention Specialist**. The position is open until filled.

Northwest Indian College is seeking a **Library Technician I**. The position is open until filled.

King County Library System is seeking

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Volunteer for Career Lab!

A new feature to the WLA conference this year, the Career Lab will offer conference attendees an opportunity to get feedback on resumes, rehearse interviewing, receive career counseling, and get headshot photos taken. More details can be found on the **conference website**.

a **Human Resources Generalist**. The position closes October 4.

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a **Teen Intern**. The position closes October 18.

The University of Washington iSchool is seeking a **Research Analyst and Coordinator**. The position closes October 1.

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a **Library Assistant I**. 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

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

The Career Lab is in need of volunteers in a number of categories:

- **Resume Review:** As a resume reviewer, you will spend half an hour per participant providing feedback on a written resume or CV. For pre-scheduled appointments, we will ask you to coordinate with each matched participant to receive the resume ahead of time in order to prepare feedback.
- **Interview Practice:** As an interview rehearser, you will role-play a job interview with a participant and provide feedback on their performance. Interview sessions will be half an hour per participant. For pre-scheduled appointments, we will ask you to coordinate with each matched participant to receive a resume and job scenario ahead of time in order to develop more tailored interview questions.
- **Career Counseling:** As a career counselor, you will meet with participants for half an hour at a time to answer questions and give advice about career decisions, professional development, networking, etc. This is a great way to share both knowledge of the library profession and general advice on navigating the professional world.
- **Coordinating help:** The Career Lab needs a few friendly faces to provide directions, answer general questions, and help stay on top of who is scheduled when at which activity.
- **Headshot help:** Our photographers are in need of an assistant to help prepare participants for their photo shoot and keep the schedule moving smoothly.

If you're already signed up for the WLA Conference and would like to volunteer at Career Lab, **sign up here**. This is a commitment rather than a survey of availability, so please only sign up for one activity at a given time. Please sign up by **Wednesday, September 26**.

THE LEARNING CURVE

WLA Preconference Spotlight – Bats, Bubbles and Boogaloo: Cultivating Fully Engaged Learning with Camp Read-a-Rama

Summer reading meets summer camp! Move, groove, sing, and dance while you learn the

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 or (206) 823-1138. On behalf of the 2019 Conference Committee, we look forward to receiving your proposals!

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.

Spokane Public Library Named ULC Top

educational model of Camp Read-a-Rama, a summer day camp for 4- to 11-year-olds that uses children's books as the springboard for all activities. Camp Read-a-Rama integrates science, writing, games, crafts, songs, movement, technology, and more to engage campers in book-centered themes. Staff mantras are "100% engagement 100% of the time" because "Dead time will kill your program." Enrich your summer reading programs with immersive activities, resources, and creative ideas from Camp Read-a-Rama that will help kids learn to "live books."

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

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

An Introduction to Assistive Technology

The Washington State Library's First Tuesdays webinar this month is "**An Introduction to Assistive Technology**," October 2 at 9:00 am PT.

This webinar will provide an overview of available assistive technology with an emphasis on working with individuals who are visually impaired. Topics include service strategies, equipment, and resources. Presented by Herrick Heitman, Washington Talking Book & Braille Library.

Innovator

The Urban Libraries Council has named Spokane Public Library one of the **2018 Top 10 Innovators** for the library's Lilac City Live program.

Lilac City Live is a late night talk show that showcases everything Spokane. Audience members enjoy local craft brews while watching musical performances, stand-up comedians and interviews with local authors, artists and celebrities. It is hosted in a custom-built performance space on the third floor of the Downtown Library. Learn more about the program [here](#).

The 2018 Urban Libraries Innovations Initiative showcases out-of-the box thinking and new alignment of resources to further education for people of all ages, address race and social equity in our communities, build digital inclusion and digital literacy and enhance civic engagement for a strong democracy.

NNLM Funding Opportunity for Public Library Projects

Under cooperative agreement with the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM), and in partnership with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) All of Us Research Program, the NNLM PNR is pleased to request proposals for a new round of **funding opportunities** for projects involving public libraries. NNLM PNR public library member organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington are eligible to apply. If your organization is not currently a member, it's easy to join! Proposals submitted by Wednesday, October 24, 2018 will receive fullest consideration. If you plan to submit a proposal, they need a brief statement of intent no later than Wednesday, October 3. Please submit your statement of intent to apply to nnlm@uw.edu. Check our blog for detailed information about current funding opportunities.

KCLS Wins Civic Design Award

The King County Library System was awarded a 2018 Civic Design Awards for their Skyway Library.

According to the project description, "Skyway Library represents the first significant public investment in the Skyway community—an unincorporated, under-served neighborhood—in several decades. The library's design

Apply Now: American Creed Community Conversations

The American Library Association (ALA), in partnership with Citizen Film and the National Writing Project, invites public libraries to apply for programming grants to host community conversations centered around American Creed, a PBS documentary that invites audiences to consider what America's ideals and identity ought to be.

Read the project guidelines and apply online by November 19. Up to 50 public libraries will be selected.

Awardees will receive:

- a DVD of the American Creed documentary for their circulating collections;
- access to a high-quality, projection-ready download of the film, with public performance rights (PPR) included;
- a \$300 stipend to support speaker fees for an eligible public humanities scholar, or access to a representative from the National Writing Project to serve as program moderator;
- a digital marketing and outreach kit with customizable printable postcards, posters and press releases and suggested social media posts with video clips for online promotion;
- additional resources, training and support.

ALA Is Accepting Scholarship Applications

If you need financial assistance to get through your graduate program, scholarship funds are now available. The American Library Association (ALA) has more than \$300,000 available to students who are studying in library science or school library media programs at the master's degree level. Get your application in early. The deadline to apply is March 7, 2019 for the current application year.

Scholarships range from \$1,500 to \$7,000 per student per year. They include scholarships for students who are interested in children's, youth, and federal librarianship, as well as new media and library automation. In addition, there are also scholarships available for minorities, persons with disabilities and people who are already employed in libraries but do not have an MLS.

focuses on three opportunities: an oddly-shaped triangular site, community members' aspiration for an inspiring and dynamic public space, and the requirement for a generous and flexible building to serve both current and future needs." Learn more about the project [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.

To be considered for one of these scholarships, applicants must attend a master's level program in library and information science that has been accredited by the ALA. Take a look at the [application and instructions](#) and get started working on your application now.

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