



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

December 12, 2018

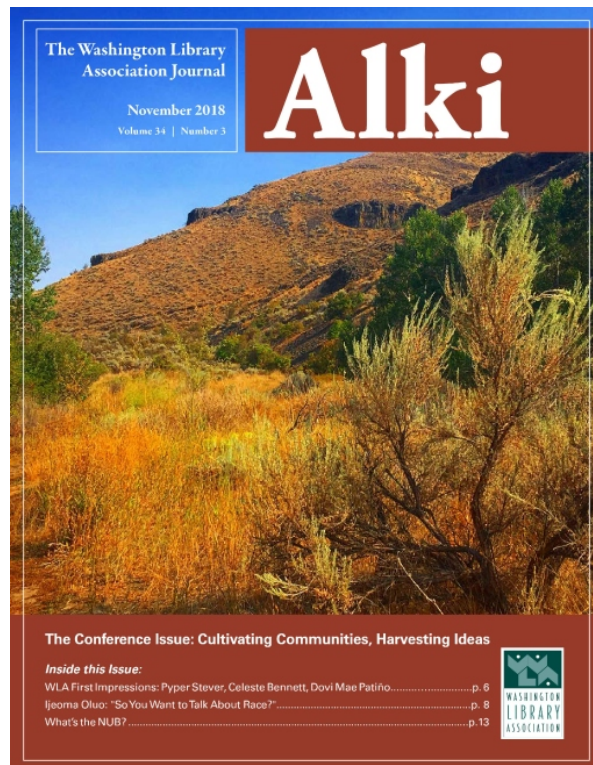
On this day: In 1800, Washington, D.C., is officially registered as the capital of the United States.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### *Alki*: Wrapping Up the 2018 Conference in Yakima



Life moves pretty fast in Library Land and last month's 2018 conference is already starting to seem like a distant memory. Never fear, the **Fall/Winter issue of *Alki*** will bring all those Yakima memories flooding right back. Our conference wrap-up kicks off with three first-time attendees reflecting on the pros—and cons—of coming to their first WLA. From there we take a look at talks by Ijeoma Oluo and Mitali Perkins, and sessions on leadership, virtual reality, feeding kids for free, and creating effective, professional

signage. We learn about measuring outcomes with "The NUB," recognize the need for rural broadband action, and even say goodbye to Stan Lee. 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 new issue of *Alki*!

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

King County Library System is seeking an **Assistant Operations Manager**. The position closes December 20.

North Central Regional Library is seeking a **Director of Finance and Administration**. The position closes January 4.

Columbia Basin College is seeking a **Library & Archives Paraprofessional 2**. First consideration closes December 19.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Library Associate**. The position closes December 24.

**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

### Big Opportunities for Small Libraries: IMLS Launches New Special Initiative

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has launched a new special initiative, **Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries** (APP), and is accepting grant applications now through February 25, 2019.

This new funding opportunity is designed specifically to strengthen the ability of small and rural libraries, archives, and related organizations to serve their communities, and awards sizes range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

### ALSC Midwinter Dinner

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Membership Committee would like to invite ALSC members (and prospective

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### Registration for 2019 OLA-WLA Conference to Open in Mid-January



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

Mark your calendars for the **2019 OLA-WLA Conference!**

**When:** April 17–20, 2019

**Where:** Hilton 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.

Conference program information will be posted in December, and registration will open in mid-January. On behalf of the 2019 Conference Committee, we hope to see you in Vancouver!

members) to a networking event the weekend of ALA Midwinter (Friday, January 25, 2019 @ 6:30 pm). Whether you've been in the organization for 20 years or are considering membership now, the Friday night dinner event is a great way to kick-off Midwinter!

ALSC Membership Committee will make reservations; each attendee is responsible for paying for their own meal. Dinners will be small groups of four or five. A member of the Membership Committee will be in touch to confirm details (where to meet, etc). Limited space is available, so **sign up today!**

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### Loleta D. Fyan Grant for Public Libraries

The American Library Association's Library & Research Center is now accepting applications for the Loleta D. Fyan Grant, a grant for up to \$5,000 for the improvement of public libraries and the services they provide. Loleta D. Fyan, ALA President 1951-1952, believed that every individual, regardless of residence, is equally entitled to high quality library service and that librarians must be adept in using the political process to acquire this "right of citizenship."

The grant, up to \$5,000, is to be used for the development and improvement of public libraries and the services they provide. The project should:

- result in the development and improvement of public libraries and the services they provide;
- have the potential for broader impact and application beyond meeting a specific local need;
- be designed to effect changes in public library services that are innovative and responsive to the future; and
- be capable of completion within one year.

Applicants can include but are not limited to: local, regional or state libraries, associations or organizations, including units of the ALA; library schools; or individuals. Deadline for submissions, sent via email, is January 11, 2019. You can find more information about the grant, how to submit proposals, and requirements of the recipient(s) **here**.

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### Google Program Offers Funding for AI, Machine Learning Projects

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### Keys to Engaging Older Adults Toolkit

The Keys to Engaging Older Adults toolkit has been updated and is available for your library. This toolkit will assist library workers and libraries with understanding mature audiences as well as explore resources to develop engaging programs which support life-long learning. You'll find key terms, suggested partnerships, and model programs that can aid you in engaging with older patrons.

You can access this toolkit by visiting the **ODLOS Outreach page** or by clicking **this link**.

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### Oral History Competition for Grades 9-12

Students throughout Washington in grades 9-12 are invited to enter a statewide oral history competition to complement the new exhibit **1968: The Year that Rocked Washington** by Legacy Washington, a program of the Office of the Secretary of State.

The competition will open January 1 and run until April 30, with finalists invited to a reception in June. Entries are to consist of a 4- to 10-page written profile or essay, based on interviews and research, telling the story of a person who experienced the tumult of 1968. Winning works will be published online by the Office of Secretary of State. Legacy Washington invites educators to participate in this special event by sharing it with their classrooms. The competition guidelines and entry form can be found **here**.

For more information email **info@sos.wa.gov** or call (360) 902-4171.

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### Submit Censorship Reports by December 31

## Report Censorship

Defend the Public's Freedoms

[www.ala.org/challengereporting](http://www.ala.org/challengereporting)

Submit 2018 reports before Dec. 31

ALA American Library Association

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) is seeking information on challenges and censorship incidents that occurred in 2018 in

Google has set aside \$25 million to fund research work by schools and other organizations using machine learning for "social good." Besides cash, the company's **"AI for Social Good"** project is also offering support from its artificial intelligence experts, credits and consulting from Google Cloud. Those chosen will also join a **"launchpad"** accelerator program with mentoring, support and access to Silicon Valley experts.

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### **Nominations open for 2019 ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects**

The International Relations Round Table (IRRT) invites you to submit a nomination for the **ALA Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects**. Projects must be nominated by an ALA member or an individual with an IFLA affiliation. To nominate a library project, nominators must complete the **nomination form** and submit it to the International Relations Office by email or regular mail. The deadline for nominations is January 10, 2019.

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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.

libraries, schools and universities. Library workers, educators and community members are encouraged to **submit reports** to OIF by December 31.

OIF tracks challenges throughout the year and provides confidential support to educators facing censorship attempts. Reporting challenges that occurred from January 1 - December 31, 2018 will help OIF identify censorship trends, craft resources, and provide updated information for the annually published **Top 10 Most Challenged Books** data.

Anyone can report challenges. Those who do can indicate on the **reporting form** whether the incident is public (additional information can be shared in public reports) or confidential. Challenges and bans can range from books, artwork and databases, to speaker disinvitations, book displays and programs.

Challenges may also be directly reported to OIF Assistant Director Kristin Pekoll by phone (312-280-4221) or email (**kpekoll@ala.org**).

Pekoll will speak on the importance of reporting censorship during the Facebook Live event **"Report Censorship: Defend the Public's Freedoms"** on the OIF Facebook page on December 12. Learn more about the event and add it to your calendar on the **Intellectual Freedom Blog**.

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