



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

June 6, 2018

On this day: In 1889, the Great Seattle Fire destroyed 25 blocks in the central business district of Seattle.

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MAKING HEADLINES

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

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking an **Executive Director**. The position is open until filled.

Walla Walla Community College is seeking a **Director of Library Services**. The position closes June 24.

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a **Collection and Technical Services Manager**.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Compassion and Resilience in Practice: 2018 Unconference @ UW Libraries

You are invited to join library colleagues in a **conversation about compassion and resilience in librarianship** on August 24 at the University of Washington's Research Commons in Suzzallo & Allen Libraries. The Unconference is a fun, free gathering where

The position closes June 25.

King County Library System is seeking a **Youth and Family Services Manager**. The position closes June 21.

Crater Lake National Park is seeking a **Library Technician**. The position closes June 12.

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

Bellingham Public Library Appoints New Director

The Bellingham Public Library Board of Trustees **announced last week** the appointment of Rebecca Judd as the new director of the Bellingham Public Library. Judd, who currently lives on Bainbridge Island and works for Kitsap Regional Library, will begin July 16.

Students Protest School Librarian Cuts

In April, the Monroe School District announced that certified Teacher Librarian positions would be replaced by part-time Digital Learning Teacher positions. Led by fifth-grader Jakari Singleton, a group of student protesters calling themselves the "Picket Fence Group" **has been protesting the changes** outside of Frylands Elementary School.

The American Library Association (ALA) **sent a letter** to Monroe School District to ask them to reconsider the removal of certified teacher librarians. WLA President Craig Seasholes read the letter aloud at their Board of Education meeting last week.

Library Materials Allocation in SB 6362

library workers from different institutions can engage with, and learn from, one another. **Register here.**

The theme of this year's unconference is 'Compassion and Resilience in Practice.' Resilience is a complex topic, both valuable and problematic, particularly at this moment in history.

The Unconference will host lightning talks in the morning. These are a fun and fast way to share ideas and best practices. The Unconference will also host an experimental 'unposter' session during one of the breaks. Here, Unconference attendees can bring or put together an ad hoc 'poster' or display on a topic, project, or research project of their choosing related to the themes of compassion and/or resilience. Stay tuned for more information and a call for proposals!

THE LEARNING CURVE

WLA Scholarships Are Open!

Apply now for a **WLA Scholarship**! The WLA Professional Development Committee (formerly the Continuing Education Committee) has launched five scholarships to support the professional development of WLA members. Applications close July 1, 2018.

- **Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship**
- **Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship**
- **John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship**
- **Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship**
- **Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship**

Picture Book Parade: New Titles from Small Presses

Spring is finally here, and what better time to refresh your picture-book shelves? Please join Booklist's Books for Youth Associate Editor, Julia Smith, in this free, hour-long webinar, featuring new picture books from the publishers Clavis, Kane Press, Minedition, Phaidon, and Zonderkidz. Don't let these small-press titles for little readers pass you by!

Tune in Thursday, June 7 at 11:00 am PT. **Register here.**



Last March, Governor Jay Inslee signed **SB 6362**, which improves on the McCleary school funding plan that the Washington Legislature approved last year. WLA worked hard to get a line item added to the bill that allocates \$20 per student for "school library materials."

The line item is an allocation, not a mandate. The WLA Board **sent a letter** to all superintendents in Washington to urge them to work with their school librarians to ensure efficient and adequate planning for dollars to be spent in the library. Our hope is that when the 2019 MSOC reports go to the school boards, districts will have clearly outlined spending for libraries to show how these dollars are improving student success.

WCCPBA Work Session

Each year, the WLA Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award (WCCPBA) creates fun and educational materials for each of their nominated titles, including response booklets, battle questions, agenda boards, checklists, and more. This year, the WCCPBA Committee will host a **work session** to create these materials together for their **2019 nominees**. More hands mean less work! This is also a great way to work with librarians from around the Sound.

To join in, **register here** and head to the Covington Library on Tuesday, June 26, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm PT. It's free and there will be pizza!

CAYAS Books & Brews

Have you been wondering what **CAYAS** is all about? Now is your chance to find out! Head to **Airways Tap Room & Brewery** in Kent on Thursday, June 14, 6:00-8:00 pm, to chat books with colleagues.

Fighting Fake: Digital Forensics and News Literacy Education

Preparing students to navigate the landscape of news media is perhaps the most urgent challenge for educators today. From satire and hoaxes to partisan rumors and outright disinformation, today's information landscape is the most challenging and complex in human history. News literacy—the skills for interpreting and critically analyzing news and information—is nothing less than fundamental to the future success of students and the world they're responsible for shaping.

In this edWebinar, Peter Adams, Senior Vice President of Education at the News Literacy Project, provides an overview of the field of news literacy, including the most current trends and research, and offers concrete tools and strategies for addressing these skills in the classroom.

Tune in Thursday, June 12 at 1:00 pm PT.
Register here.

We're Here, We're Queer, and We're in the Public Record: Federal Government Documents on the LGBT Movement

This webinar from the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) highlights primary sources on the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) movement from all branches of the Federal Government.

Tune in Tuesday, June 19 at 10:00 am PT.
Register here.

Poets in the Park 2018: Poetry Festival, Picnic, and Book Fair

Poets in the Park in 2018 will once again offer 25-minute reading slots, 55-minute workshops, a book fair, vendors, open-mic readings, and more—and it's all free! The event will be Saturday, June 7, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm PT, at Anderson Park in Redmond.

Activities include poetry putt-putt (mini-golf), chalk poetry, hula hoops, Haiku on Sticks, art/craft activities for kids and adults (sponsored by VALA Art Center and Jim Teeters), RASP poetry anthology poems on sticks, and more. And great summer weather too! If you have questions or want to get involved, please contact **Michael Dylan Welch**.

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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