



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

May 23, 2018

On this day: In 1785, Benjamin Franklin announces his invention of the bifocals.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### 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:** \$1000 - \$3000 to one or more WLA members enrolled in an ALA-accredited master's degree program and has completed at least one semester or quarter.
- **Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.
- **John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a current WLA member of color toward a degree, certificate, or graduate level study in the Library or Education fields.
- **Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library paraprofessional and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.
- **Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library employee and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop or educational event. Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.

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**WLA Intern Wins 2018 Conable Conference Scholarship**



Congratulations to Dovi Mae Patino, the recipient of the 2018 **Gordon M. Conable Conference Scholarship**! As the student intern to the WLA Legislative Committee, Dovi works hard to advocate for Washington libraries. Next month, she will get the opportunity to travel to the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, where she will attend intellectual freedom meetings and programs.

"Dovi was an outstanding applicant." said Conable Scholarship Committee chair Katie Chamberlain Kritios. "The committee was impressed with her commitment to intellectual freedom and diversity."

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Spokane Public Schools is seeking an **Elementary Teacher - Library Media Specialist**. The position closes May 25.

Seattle Central College is seeking a **Library and Archives Paraprofessional 4**. The position closes June 1.

King County Library System is seeking an **Outreach Services Specialist - Traveling Library Center**. The position closes May 31.

Gonzaga University is seeking a **Cataloging and User Services Specialist**. The position closes May 29.

Royal School District is seeking an **Elementary School Media Specialist**. The position is open until filled.

North Thurston Public Schools is seeking a **Librarian**. Applications are due May 24.

Pacific Lutheran University is seeking an **Assistant Professor/Archives and Special Collections Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

**The Pacific Northwest Library Association** (PNLA) lists job openings

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### 2018 WLA Conference Logo Reveal



**WLA** | *cultivating  
communities*  
**2018** | *harvesting  
ideas*

**Yakima, October 17-20**

The **2018 Conference Planning Committee** is excited to reveal the logo for this year's

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

### Submit to *Alki's* "Milestones"

*Alki's* "Milestones" column focuses on significant moments for libraries statewide - recognizing notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed. We're looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged. Please send information to [Sheri Boggs](#), *Alki* editor, by June 4.

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### 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.

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### Grants for Artist Projects

**Artist Trust's Grants for Artist Projects** is now open! 61 Washington State artists will receive \$1,500 towards materials, artist fees, studio time, travel – the possibilities are endless.

The deadline to apply for GAP is June 25, and you can find application guidelines [here](#). To support artists who are new to applying for grants or generally have questions about the process, Artist Trust will be holding Office Hours, webinars, and workshops over the next few months, more information about these events is available on the [application page](#). They have also compiled an updated [reference guide](#) that breaks down different approaches to the various components of the GAP application in hopes of making applying as straightforward as possible.

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### LMCC18 Conference: Submit Your Proposals

conference! The theme, "Cultivating Communities, Harvesting Ideas," honors the bridge-building and innovation happening in and outside of libraries, as well as gives a nod to Yakima's autumnal agriculture.

Don't forget to mark your calendars! [Registration](#) opens July 24.

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### Reimagining Transgender 'Inclusion' for Libraries

Are you interested in increasing your understanding of transgender issues, changing your use of gendered language, and thinking about your library's policies of inclusion? This session focuses on providing a basic understanding of the rich variety of gender identities and experiences, best practices for working with transgender patrons and communities, and tips on where to begin thinking about the impact of library policies on queer and transgender people. Participants will be introduced to trans-inclusive language and basic concepts of gender and sexuality, improved services for transgender patrons, and the opportunity to move beyond basic respect and inclusion to affirmation and representation. This session is appropriate for all types of library and public service workers and will give you practical tips, tools and takeaways to improve your interactions and services for transgender patrons and co-workers.

Tune in to this [free First Tuesdays webinar](#) from the Washington State Library on Tuesday, June 5 at 9:00 am PT.

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### Washington Medical Librarians Association Annual Meeting & Conference

The Washington Medical Librarians Association (WMLA) is having its annual meeting and conference on July 20 at the Odegaard Library on the University of Washington Campus. This one-day conference is open to all and includes breakfast and lunch in addition to some great presentations. Registration opens May 30 (WMLA Member \$45; Student/retired \$25; Non-member \$65). Additional details available on the [WMLA website](#) where you can also join or renew your membership).

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Showcase your best work at **2018 Library Marketing and Communications Conference**. Only a couple days are left to submit your proposals.

The 2018 Library Marketing and Communications Conference (LMCC) Planning Committee invites you to submit presentation proposals for consideration to our 4th Annual LMCC Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The conference will be held November 14-15, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch.

Successful proposals will showcase the tried and true, the latest trends, and the best practices in marketing and communications. Provide practical tips and takeaways that can be immediately applied to any library's communication and marketing efforts. We're looking for speakers who have done this work long enough to have experiences and lessons to share. You should be able to discuss the theory behind your decisions, as well as your actions themselves, and your results. Ideally, your presentation will be applicable and transferable to other types and sizes of libraries.

Have an idea? Please apply! The deadline is May 25, 2018.

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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.

## **Pride at the Library: LGBTQ Programming for All Ages**

The LGBTQ community is an underserved and vulnerable population, often facing misinformation and censorship. Libraries have a unique capability to reach out to this group, providing a safe space to access materials and gather together, as well as provide education to the larger community. This talk will discuss how to develop engaging LGBTQ programming for all ages, gain the support of your administration, locate community partners, promote your programs, deal with media attention, and manage complaints.

Tune in to this **free webinar** on Thursday, June 7 at 11:00am PT.

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## **Creative Coding and Circuits for Classrooms and Libraries, and Makerspaces**

Creative circuitry and coding are at the heart of progressive technology lessons. Join the Northwest Educational Service District for **this one-day course** on Wednesday, August 15. Teachers interested in extending their coding instruction and maker lessons will learn how to use common components to encourage computational thinking and artistic design. The majority of the activities will use the Arduino microcontroller for programming circuit systems. Lessons will feature easy to implement strategies aligned with CCSS and NGSS.

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