WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

October 16, 2019

On this day: In 1847, Charlotte Brontë's novel *Jane Eyre* was published.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Deadline Approaching for *Alki* Article Submissions

It's time to submit article ideas for the next issue of *Alki*! The theme for Fall 2019 is "Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." In these challenging times, our profession has an opportunity and a responsibility to rethink how we engage communities that are using our libraries, and also those that are not. Many organizations and library staff are setting bold visions, policies, programs, and examples for creating spaces of inclusion, empowerment, and belonging for everyone, particularly those who are underrepresented and marginalized. This issue is devoted to this goal and the ongoing work needed to achieve it. If you or someone you know are doing this work, and would like to write about it, please consider sending your article idea(s) to **alkieditor@wla.org** and include:

- Your name and position/library
- Description of the article
- Suggested title
- Estimated length (in pages); each page = 750 words (or fewer with graphics)
- Intent to include graphics (photo, logo, other)
- Contact information

The deadline to submit articles for the Fall issue is October 18, 2019. Please see the **Instructions for Contributors** for more details. Di Zhang, the editor of *Alki*, is happy to discuss ideas and expectations with you as well. We are also accepting articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

Call for Program Proposals: WLA Virtual Conference

Do you work in Marketing & Communications, in Professional Development, or with Emergent Technologies? We are now accepting proposals from experts in the fields for our first-ever **WLA Virtual Conference** on Tuesday, January 14, 2020! There are limited program slots for this all-day conference, and so we are looking for innovators in the fields of Marketing & Communications, Professional Development, and Emergent Technologies to propose topics tailored to the needs of Small & Rural libraries. Proposals should be in by October 29.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

King County Library System is seeking a **Children's Services Librarian**. The position is open until October 17.

ProQuest is seeking an **Account Manager**. The position is open until filled.

Peninsula College is seeking a **Library Paraprofessional 3**. The position is open until filled.

Kent School District is seeking an **Elementary Library Paraeducator**. The position is open until October 17.

Highline Public Schools is seeking a **Paraeducator and Library Assistant**. The position is open until October 21.

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

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Call for Program Proposals: WLA Academic Library Conference

We're now accepting program proposals for the **WLA Academic Library Conference**! CLAWS (College Libraries Across Washington State) and ALD (Academic Library Division) will come together with their first-ever conference. This all-day event will be held on March 20, 2020, at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. **Submit your proposals here!**

The conference theme of "Deep Roots, New Growth" seeks to cultivate the fruit of academic library work while staying grounded in an ever-changing library environment. We find ourselves at a crossroads of new and emerging ways of accessing information in academic libraries and continuously challenging the library image on campus, while also staying connected to the bedrock principles of libraries. How do we remain responsive to a changing student population, as well as increasing focus on diversity and

WLA community you would like to submit, please **email** us and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

State Public Words Board Accepting Grant Applications for Broadband Project Studies

The **Washington State Public Works Board** will be accepting applications for planning-feasibility study grants for broadband infrastructure between Oct. 11 and midnight November 14. $500K is available for new grants to fund planning and feasibility studies aimed at expanding broadband infrastructure to unserved communities throughout Washington state. Visit the **Public Works Board broadband financing** webpage for more information, and to complete the online application.

OSPI Media Literacy Grant

Don't miss out on this chance to improve student learning in the areas of media literacy and digital citizenship! There is $150,000 in state funds for 2019-2020. These funds will be awarded to 6-10 school teams to develop and share openly-licensed 2-4 week curriculum units that are integrated into social studies, English languages arts, or health classes. Grant applications are now available on iGrants Form Package 922 and are due by 4:00 pm on October 21, 2019. If you have questions, contact Dennis Small, Educational Technology Director, 360-725-6384, **dennis.small@k12.wa.us**

Media Literacy Week October 21: Use Games to Instruct Students in Digital Citizenship & Media Literacy

Game-based learning has several benefits that can be used to build awareness and increase student learning around a variety of media literacy concepts. Students actively engage with content while playing, which results in foundational knowledge but without students feeling like they are studying or drilling the concepts. Instructors move from the sage on the stage role to one of learning alongside students while monitoring and engaging in their learning. Self-differentiating within the game allows students to learn at their own pace. Motivation is also increased

inclusion? How can we grow with the culture of our campus patrons and rise to meet the future needs of teaching and learning?

Proposals are due no later than Tuesday, October 29. Applicants will be notified of their proposal status by Tuesday, November 12.

Please direct questions to the WLA office at **info@wla.org** or (206) 823-1138.

Save the Date: 2020 WLA Conference

Save the date for the **2020 WLA Conference**!

When: October 7-10, 2020
Where: Spokane Convention Center

A request for conference proposals will be sent out in early 2020. Stay tuned for more details.

CAYAS Fall Workshop: Diversify Your Services, Refocus Your STEM Lens

Registration is now open for the CAYAS Fall Workshop! Join public and school library professionals for a day of learning! Discover strategies for using Children's & Young Adult Literature to engage readers of all ages with discussions about diversity, equity, and inclusion. Be introduced to new story time practices and new books for youth. Learn about providing STEM programming in a library setting. This workshop is appropriate for anyone serving ages 0 through 18 in libraries. Breakfast and snacks provided.

while working to outwit their competitors. Learn more at **Media Smarts**.

New WSL Listserv for School Libraries

If you would like to join the Washington State Library's newly created email and discussion list for teacher librarians and other school library staff, please join list **here**.

Washington State Book Award Winners Announced

On Saturday, the **2019 Washington State Book Award winners** were awarded at the Seattle Public Library's Central Library. Check out the full list of finalists **here**.

Olympia Zine Fest

The fifth annual Olympia Zine Fest is October 25-27, 2019! The expo is on Saturday, October 26, at the Olympia Center. **The full event schedule is up**. Check out this year's **guests of honor** (two!) and **featured artist.**

Tables are currently full, but they will continue to accept waitlist applications. **Apply here.** Local and POC tablers receive priority on the waitlist.

Lunch on your own. Learn more and register **here**.

Webinar: Three Steps to Thriving in Chaos

The turbulence of current events increases stress, drains energy and reduces productivity. In this webinar you'll learn three essential steps for not only surviving but thriving in the chaos. As a result of participating in this session you will: Identify the three phases of change and how to manage them effectively; discover how behavior style impacts the change process; apply three tools to increase your ability to thrive.

This free webinar will take place Friday, October 18 from 11:00 am–12:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register **here**.

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5 Reasons why Winter is the Next Summer

"Read More Books" is the fifth most popular New Year's resolution for people of all ages. Meanwhile, data pulled from the Beanstack software and mobile app confirms that the month of January is the second best month of the year to run a reading challenge. This webcast will share 5 best practices for employing a winter reading challenge to increase circulation and grow a culture of reading.

This free webcast will take place Thursday, October 17 from 12:00 pm–1:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register **here**.

Webinar: Graphic Novels for Fall and Beyond

Blending sweeping illustrations and powerful narratives, graphic novels offer fast-paced entertainment and educational opportunities for readers of all ages—and continue to be a high-circulating section in libraries everywhere. In this free, hour-long webinar, representatives from Dark Horse Comics, Dead Reckoning, Diamond Book Distributors, and Fantagraphics Books will showcase forthcoming children's, middle-grade, YA, and adult graphic novel releases. Sarah Hunter, *Booklist*'s Books for Youth editor, will moderate.

This free webinar will take place Tuesday, November 5 from 11:00 am–12:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register **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.