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On this day: In 1894, the five-second film “Edison Kinetoscopic Record of a Sneeze”—the oldest surviving motion picture with a copyright—was released in theaters.

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MAKING HEADLINES

2019 OLA-WLA Conference: Registration Launches Monday!

Registration will open Monday, January 14 for the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference! 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.

Check out the conference website for program information, and
stay tuned for more keynote and event reveals. On behalf of the Conference Committee, we hope to see you in Vancouver!

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### 2019 WA Library Legislative Day: Registration Launches Friday!

Join us in Olympia on February 6 for the WA Library Legislative Day, sponsored by WLA! This is a great opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state and meet with State Legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them. This event will be free to attend. Registration will open this Friday, January 11.

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### LOOK WHO’S HIRING

- **Walla Walla County Rural Library District** is seeking a **Branch Manager**. The position closes February 1.
- **Auburn School District** is seeking an **Elementary Librarian**. The position is open until filled.
- The **Seattle Public Library** is seeking a **Supervising Librarian**. The position closes January 18.
- The University of Washington Bothell and Cascadia College Campus Library is seeking a **Circulation Supervisor**. The position closes January 22.
- Whatcom County Library System is seeking a **Collection Development Librarian**. The position closes January 31.
- **Washington State University** is seeking a **Science Librarian**. The position closes February 3.
- **North Central Regional Library** is seeking a **STEM Services Manager**. The position closes January 17.
- **Pacific Lutheran University** is seeking

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### CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

#### Last Chance to Register for WLA Workshop @ ALA Midwinter

WLA is excited to offer "Transgender Inclusion in Libraries" at ALA Midwinter on Friday, January 25, 8:30am–12:30pm. Learn more [here](https://wala.memberclicks.net/administrator/index.php?option=com_mccore&view=contactcenter) and register [here](https://wala.memberclicks.net/administrator/index.php?option=com_mccore&view=contactcenter)!

Are you interested in increasing your understanding of transgender issues and how those can play out in the library environment? In this workshop, presenters will begin by making sure everyone has a common framework from which to work, before diving deeper and giving attendees the opportunity to evaluate their own libraries and how policies impact the accessibility of their institutions to transgender patrons. Tips and best practices will be shared. Together, we will brainstorm ways to approach library administrators and create more equitable and accessible libraries.
Cataloging and Metadata Specialist. 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.

Letters About Literature — Writing Contest from Library of Congress

The deadline for entering Letters About Literature, a youth reading/writing contest, is Friday, January 11. Students grades 4-12 are asked to write to an author (who may be living or dead) about how one of their books affected them personally. Find more information and how students can enter at the Washington Center for the Book website. Learn more here.

Looking for WSU Alums Working in Washington’s Public Libraries

Are you a graduate of Washington State University? The Washington State University Magazine is planning a story on today’s public libraries and how they’re responding to community needs. They’d like to do an infographic showing which libraries across the state have Cougs there. If you’re a Coug and you work for a library, in any position, please email Rebecca Phillips.

Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces

OCLC’s WebJunction program is accepting applications of the next round of Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces project! Small/rural libraries serving communities of fewer than 25,000 are eligible to apply. This article has information, including a participant overview and links to the application.

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.