



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

February 6, 2019

On this day: In 1971, the first golf ball is hit on the moon by Alan Shepard.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### Virtual WA Library Advocacy Day Is TODAY!



Today, Washington Library Association members and supporters will visit the state legislature at **2019 WA Library Legislative Day**. This year, we are asking you to help amplify our message by reaching out to your own elected officials and asking them to support WLA's legislative agenda.

We've made it easy for you! Simply click on this **Take Action** link to send an email to your state representative and senator. You will have a chance to personalize the email before submitting it. Every message helps our legislators understand that high quality libraries are essential in every district, and that they are a priority for constituents in every district.

Thank you for taking action today!

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

The City of Kalama is hiring a part-time **Library Director**. The position is open until February 19.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Manager of Community Impact**. The position is open until February 24.

The Seattle Public Library is seeking a **Library Associate I**. The position is open until February 14.

**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

### Deadline Extended: *Alki* Call for Submissions

*Alki*, the journal of the Washington Library Association, is currently accepting submissions for the upcoming spring issue: Overwhelm/Overcome. The deadline to submit has been extended to February 17, 2019.

Libraries, library staff, and our patrons are overwhelmed. Shrinking budgets, changing demographics, different expectations, political and social uncertainty, you name it. With the resurgence of movements like self-care, mindfulness, civic engagement, and community activism in the zeitgeist, libraries are in a prime position to meet the challenges of a changing world, starting from within. How are we coping, and how are we facing these challenges head on? If you have examples of overcoming being overwhelmed, this is a chance to share your stories and strategies with colleagues throughout Washington.

Please send your article idea(s) to [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto: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

### 2019 OLA-WLA Conference: Registration Is Live!



2019 OLA-WLA Conference, Vancouver, WA

Registration is open 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, patrons, and students. It also honors the spirit of exploration in the Pacific Northwest and the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. Together, we're hopeful that our collaboration and camaraderie can help us navigate 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!

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### iYouth 2019 Conference: Departures & Disruptions



This year, the iYouth Conference will highlight the incredible work of local librarians and LIS students who are making meaningful change

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.

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### Washington Author Tour to Libraries

The Washington Center for the Book is rolling out an exciting new program to bring authors to smaller and rural public libraries across the state. The "Washington Author Tour" will match award-winning Washington authors with libraries for events at no charge to the hosting library. The authors are all excited to travel around Washington and to speak with your patrons about books. Please take a look at the **Washington Center for the Book webpage** for more information and then follow the links to see a list of adult, teen and children's authors. The application process is simple; the deadline to apply for a free author visit is February 20.

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### American Library Association Youth Media Awards Announced

The American Library Association (ALA) today announced the top books, video and audio books for children and young adults – including the Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Newbery and Printz awards – at its Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, Washington. You can see this year's award winners **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.

in their communities. Whether by departing from traditional methods/ideas of librarianship or disrupting current systems that aren't working for the communities they serve, there are incredible change-makers in our libraries working to make them better for children, youth, and teens. **Registration** is free and now open. The conference will take place on March 9, 2019 at the University of Washington.

If you have questions about the conference, **contact iYouth**.

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### PNLA Conference in Spokane (August 7 to 9)

Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) is currently accepting proposals for conference programs for the summer 2019 **conference** in Spokane. Some good ones are rolling in, but there's still time for you to submit. Deadline to submit is February 28. Planning on attending the conference? Information on registration and hotel rates are up now.

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### Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing Conference in Portland, OR (September 12 to 13)

The Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing Conference is now accepting proposals for its annual conference, which will include Nancy Pearl as its keynote speaker. The NWILL Conference Program Committee invites proposals for lightning rounds (7 minutes) and regular sessions (45 minutes) of interest to interlibrary loan and resource sharing practitioners. You can find the full call for proposals **here**.

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