



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

February 27, 2019

On this day: In 2014, chaos erupts after the Swedish Public Employment Service mistakenly invites 61,000 people to a job interview in Stockholm.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Early Bird Discount Ends March 6



2019 OLA-WLA Conference, Vancouver, WA

Attention procrastinators: Early Bird registration closes in **one week** 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.

On behalf of the Conference Committee, we hope to see you in Vancouver!

Deadline Approaching for Exhibitor & Sponsor Registration

Do you know a library vendor, nonprofit, or small business that wants to connect with libraries and library professionals in the Pacific Northwest? Spaces are filling up quickly, but there are still booths available at the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference! Register by March 6 to be recognized in the conference program.

Details on exhibiting, sponsoring, and advertising, including the 2019 OLA-WLA Exhibitor & Sponsor Prospectus, can be found [here](#). Discounted rates are available for small businesses and nonprofits.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Renton School District is seeking a **Librarian** for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. The position is open until filled.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Circulation Coordinator**. The position is open until March 3.

Joint Base Lewis-McChord is seeking a **Library Technician**. The position is open until March 4.

The Little School is seeking a **Library Learning Center Specialist**. The position is open until filled.

The University of Washington is seeking an **Assistant Librarian or Senior Assistant Librarian - Media Preservation Librarian**. This position is open until March 25.

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

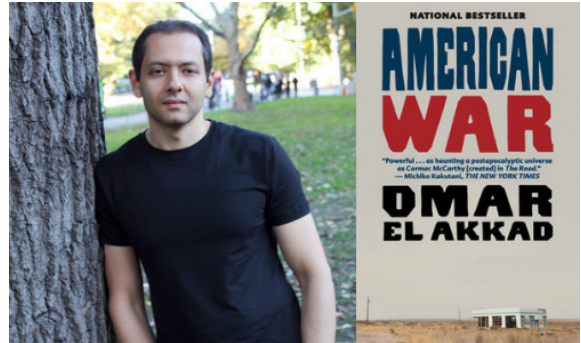
Applications for Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award Are Open

The **Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming** recognizes excellence in humanities programming in libraries that serve children in grades K-8.

The \$5,000 award is presented annually by the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office in cooperation with the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). School, public or private libraries that serve K-8 students are eligible. Nominated

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

2019 OLA-WLA Conference Spotlight: Lilac City Live!



Lilac City Live! is an award-winning "late-night" talk show produced by Spokane Public Library. They're taking their show on the road for us at the **2019 OLA-WLA Conference**. The show will feature an interview and reading with author Omar El Akkad, musical performances by the Bushwick Book Club, and the comedy stylings of Alayna Becker. Come see how SPL showcases local talent and brings hundreds of people of all ages into the library each month.

Preconference Spotlight: Beyond Scratch: Learn2Code with Patrons

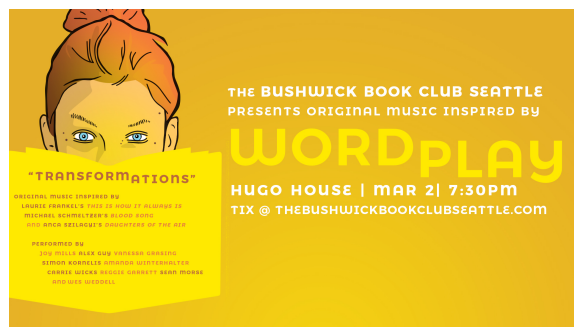
Learn how to lead coding workshops that introduce library patrons to a variety of programming languages, without a degree in computer science! Get comfortable with the unknown and build an environment of collaboration within your coding workshops to encourage patrons to collaborate and experiment to gain better understanding of language mechanics. We'll look at a number of online environments to practice building skills in CoffeeScript, Python, JavaScript and more! Participants should bring their own laptop or Chromebook to the session for hands-on coding exercises. A limited amount of laptops will be provided.

This **preconference workshop** will be presented on Wednesday, April 17 and Saturday, April 20 at the 2019 OLA-WLA

programs must have taken place during the current school year (2018-19). Programs that are still in progress as of the award deadline are eligible, and libraries are encouraged to self-nominate.

Eligible humanities programs may be focused in many subject areas, including social studies, poetry, drama, art, music, language arts, foreign language and culture. Programs should focus on broadening perspectives and helping students understand the world and their place in it. They should be initiated and coordinated by the school librarian and exemplify the role of the library program in advancing the overall educational goals of the school. Applications are due May 3, 2019.

Bushwick Northwest to Give Free Tickets to Library Staff at Next Event



Bushwick Northwest recognizes the critical role library staff play in our communities as facilitators, curators, and preservers of the written word in all its forms and mediums. Thank you for the valuable work you do to steward access to free literary resources and guide children and adults alike through navigating those resources. Bushwick Northwest has been so grateful to partner with Washington's regional and city library systems to enact their mission of delivering literature, music, and songwriting to the Seattle and Washington community while building the next generation of musicians and readers.

To express their appreciation, Bushwick Northwest is offering library professionals **FREE** tickets to their next event on March 2: **Original Music Inspired by The Seattle7Writers** at Hugo House on Capitol Hill. This show will feature performances from some of Seattle's leading songwriters including Wes Weddell, Joy Mills, Sean Morse Alex Guy and many more. **Click here** to RSVP for **FREE** tickets to this event with the special code: 'librarians' or 'teachers.'

Conference. Jamie Bair, Experiential Learning Librarian, Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Information Literacy Advisory Group of Oregon (ILAGO) Call for Conference Proposals



ILAGO invites a diverse range of presentations across library environments (e.g. academic, public, school), curriculum, and/or examples of successful collaboration between librarians and external stakeholders to submit program proposals for the upcoming conference on May 11. Programs can be of various formats including, for example: interactive workshops, guided discussions, panels, or poster presentations. Presentations are 45 minutes each, including Q & A. Longer programs/workshops will be considered on a case-by-case basis. You may submit your proposal [here](#).

Webinar: Strategic Planning in a Deeply Weird World: The Flexible Roadmap Field Guide Approach

It's a big task to define the library's future over the next three or five years, and strategic planning is becoming less and less effective in a rapidly changing world. The Salt Lake City Public Library (SLCPL) has created a new approach that is flexible, staff-driven, and human-centered. SCLPL's Strategic Roadmap is not a 100-page plan in a binder-on-a-shelf; it's an experiential learning tool that invites all staff to participate in the co-creation of meaningful outcomes and experiences for the community. The Roadmap focuses less on planning and more on building capacity of staff to adopt a human-centered service design mindset and skillset. SLCPL staff are adopting a new perspective, continually experimenting with and adapting spaces, collections, services, programs, and their own roles, to responsively address community needs and aspirations in an ever-changing landscape. Join us for this webinar to learn how to cultivate new skills to help bring the Roadmap

Emerald City Comic Con: Free Professional Development Opportunities

On March 14, **Emerald City Comic Con** and The Seattle Public Library will host a number of panels geared towards **professional librarians and educators** at the Central Library in downtown Seattle. Panels will run all day with sessions focusing on #OwnVoices, building community, literacy through graphic novels, and much more. Additional panels, partners, and registration information will be announced leading up to the show. These programs are free and open to professionals by [registering here](#).

Evergreen Teen Book Awards: Vote Now!

The **Evergreen Teen Book Award** is chosen annually by Washington State students in 7th through 12th grades from a list generated by teen librarians. The lists feature books with teen appeal and cover a wide variety of interests. Voting closes April 1.

American Library Association Gears Up for 2019 ALA Election

The American Library Association is gearing up for its upcoming election. Polls will open at 9 a.m. Central time on March 11, 2019 for the American Library Association's annual election and will close on Wednesday, April 3 at 11:59 pm Central time. This year members are asked to vote for the next ALA president-elect, ALA treasurer, and for 34 Councilor-at-Large candidates to serve a three-year term (2019-2022).

The American Library Association elections take place exclusively online. On February 21, members began receiving notification by email confirming their eligibility to vote. To be eligible to vote, individuals must have been members in good standing as of January 31, 2019.

Learn more about the ALA Elections and read about the candidates [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.

to life for your library's strategic planning.

This free webinar will take place Tuesday, March 26 from 12:00-1:00pm PT. [Register Here](#).

Webinar: Supercharge Your Storytime Assessment: Using Data to Tell Your Story

It's critical to keep telling the story of your impact and advocating for the value of storytimes for early learning, and having data to back it up will reinforce your message. In this webinar, you'll hear from practitioners who have overcome their hesitancy around storytime assessment and have discovered the power of data to tell their library story. Get answers to how the Project Outcome early learning assessment tools can make data collection and reporting easy. With feedback from your storytime families, you can improve your services and gather stories that give life to the impact you and your library are having.

This workshop will take place Tuesday, March 5 from 3:00-4:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

2019 ALA Leadership Institute

Through reflective and active learning, the ALA Leadership Institute offers participants an opportunity to delve into leadership practices, concepts, and frameworks, and to shape their own sustainable leadership vision and ethos, at the same time as building a learning community and network. The 2019 theme is "Leading to the Future" and will take place from August 5-8, 2019.

With content based on real-world cases and nuanced situations, participants explore topics related to the greatest challenges and possibilities of leading into a future marked by turbulence and ambiguity.

The application deadline is March 8. You can learn more about this opportunity [here](#).

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