



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

March 6, 2019

On this day: In 1475, Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni, famous Italian sculptor, architect, painter, and poet of the Renaissance, was born.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

**Early Bird Discount Ends Today!**



**2019 OLA-WLA Conference, Vancouver, WA**

Attention procrastinators: Early Bird registration closes in **today** for the **2019 OLA-WLA Conference**! Here are some of the exciting things the Conference Committee has planned:

- Choose from **10 preconference workshops** and **80+ sessions**
- Play Drag Queen Bingo, hosted by Poison Waters
- Enjoy the dinner banquet with Lilac City Live! and special guests, including *American War* author Omar El Akkad, comedian Alayna Becker, and Bushwick Book Club
- Hear from Global Libraries director Deborah Jacobs
- Learn how to serve homeless patrons from Ryan Dowd, author of *The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness*
- Take advantage of more meals included with your conference registration
- Network, explore Vancouver, and win prizes at the Bar Crawl
- Get moving with the OLA-WLA Scholarship Fund Run 5K

- Meet with vendors and grab some swag in our packed **Exhibit Hall**
- And so much more!

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

### Deadline for Exhibitor & Sponsor Registration Is Today

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 a few booths available at the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference! Register by today, 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

The Department of Corrections is seeking an **Administrative Assistant 3 - Law Library** in Spokane. The position is open until March 17.

Pierce County Library is seeking a **Year Round Storyteller**. The position is open until March 15.

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is seeking a **Branch Manager 2**. The position is open until filled.

Grays Harbor College is seeking an **Associate Dean for Library, E-Learning, and Learning Support Services**. The position is open until filled.

Kent School District is seeking a temporary **Library System Liaison**. The position is open until March 14.

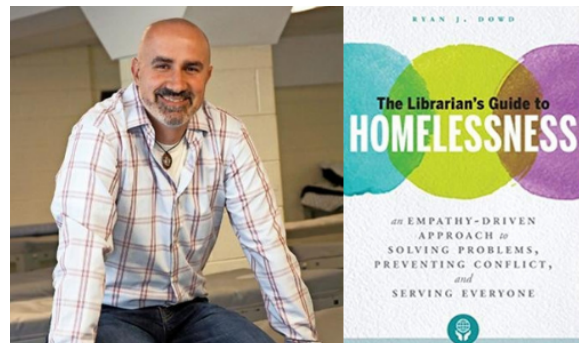
**The Pacific Northwest Library Association** (PNLA) lists job openings frequently. You can also browse WLA institutional members' postings **here**.

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

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### 2019 OLA-WLA Conference Spotlight: Ryan Dowd!



Join Ryan Dowd at our Saturday Lunch for his presentation on Serving Those with Homelessness with Compassion and Confidence. Ryan J. Dowd is executive director of Hesed House, a homeless shelter in Aurora, IL, and author of *The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness: An Empathy-Driven Approach to Solving Problems, Preventing Conflict, and Serving Everyone*, and will be presenting a more in depth presentation during a session on Saturday following lunch.

Learn more about our **Keynotes and Events** on our Conference homepage.

### Preconference Spotlight: Copyright Outreach, Education & Advocacy on Campus

## The Seattle Public Library and Community Partners Launch New Somali Book



After the tremendous success of the first book, *Baro Af-Soomaali*, published last year by The Seattle Public Library, along with Somali Family Safety Task Force, Seattle Public Schools, and the Seattle Housing Authority, they replicated the project with 5 new Somali families from the High Point and NewHolly neighborhoods.

This year's book is a counting book, featuring fruits and vegetables. The families made all major decisions about the book and created 100% of the artwork. This time the book is bilingual, so that everyone can enjoy it together as they learn to count in Somali and English!

**The launch** will be Friday, March 29, 5:30–7 pm at the **NewHolly Gathering Hall** in Seattle.

### Freedom to Read Foundation Offers 2019 Banned Books Week Grants

Each year Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) distributes grants to non-profit organizations to support activities which raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during the annual Banned Books Week celebration (September 22-28, 2019). Libraries, schools, universities, and community organizations are encouraged to apply. Grants are awarded at two levels, \$1,000 and \$2,500. To be eligible for a grant, organizations must not have been a recipient of an FTRF grant within the past five years.

The grant application deadline is April 30, 2019. More information about the application and about the Freedom To Read Foundation can be found [here](#).

Academic library staff often have formal or informal copyright responsibilities on their campuses. Whether you are charged with creating copyright education for your campus community or just want some tools to chip away at the misinformation regarding copyright that you encounter from staff, students, and faculty, this interactive workshop is designed to help you design copyright outreach efforts that will work. Participants will leave with plans to either begin or extend copyright-related outreach from whatever role they occupy at their institution.

This **preconference workshop** will be presented on Wednesday, April 17 and Saturday, April 20 at the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference. Presented by Rachel Bridgewater, Copyright Librarian, Portland Community College; Patrick Wohlmüt, Teaching and Research Librarian, Linfield College; Sue Kunda, Scholarly Communications Librarian, Western Oregon University and sponsored by the Association of College & Research Libraries (ARCL) Oregon.

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### Public Library Association Now Accepting Proposals for 2020 Conference



The Public Library Association (PLA) has officially opened the Call for Proposals for educational sessions to be presented at its next biennial conference, to be held Feb. 25-29, 2020 in Nashville, Tennessee. The PLA 2020 Conference will highlight innovative work and ideas that address the core challenges facing public libraries and their communities today. It will feature more than 100 top-quality continuing education programs, several social events, networking opportunities and a bustling exhibition hall.

The deadline for submitting proposals is April 26, 2019 at 9:00 pm PT. You can read more about submitting a proposal [here](#).

### Supporting Student Success Beyond High School

## Vashon Lit Con

**Vashon Lit Con** is a four-day celebration of literary arts that will take place at Vashon Center for the Arts and other Vashon Island venues on April 11-14, 2019. This literary conference will feature workshops, lectures, a Lit Crawl, panel discussions, a Children's and Teen's Lit Con (on Saturday), performances, visual art, and a variety of activities for all-ages, designed for writers and those who love to read.

## 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: Voting Now Open!

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.

## March/April Issue of *American Libraries* Is Now Available



In this new issue, *American Libraries* explores emerging technologies that could change the future of libraries. Five librarians and

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) is hosting workshops aimed at supporting student success through partnerships with libraries. The spring menu of in-person workshops is available on **WSAC's website**.

Registration is open for the **Guiding Students Forward** and **Financial Aid Train the Trainer** workshops and the regularly scheduled **Wednesday Webinars**.

## Webinar: 5 Ways to Promote Digital Equity in Your Library



Libraries have committed to addressing the digital divide as part of our mission, but addressing this issue today requires more than providing PC access or email classes. How can libraries ensure that access to services like coding workshops and 3D printers are available to the whole community? These are 5 ways you work to make sure that your community is getting the tools, resources, and training that they need. Join Booklist and author Lauren Comito who will be discussing her book "Tech for All: Moving beyond the Digital Divide".

This webinar will take place Friday, March 22 at 11:00am PT. **Register Here**.

## 2019 ALA Leadership Institute: Application Deadline Approaching

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

information professionals talk about blockchain technology and what library workers need to know about it. Read this issue [here](#).

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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.

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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