



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

March 27, 2019

On this day: In 1952, the film *Singin' in the Rain* premiered at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

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MAKING HEADLINES

March *Alki*: Overwhelm/Overcome



The March 2019 issue of *Alki*, the journal of the Washington Library Association, is **now available online!**

Libraries, library staff, and our patrons are overwhelmed. Shrinking budgets, changing demographics, different expectations, political and social uncertainty, you name it. This issue of *Alki* is about how we cope, and how to face these challenges head on. We start things off with a look at the increasingly used e-collection at SPL, where budgets are struggling to keep up with demand. We also take a look at how the Bellingham Public Library responded to a shelter crisis with open arms. Further in, you'll find pieces on yoga, self-care, innovative programs, and much more. There's even a meditative poem! And of course, we check in on our regular

features, "I'd Rather Be Reading," "Read This Book," and "Dispatches from Swellville." Enjoy all this and more in the new issue of *Alki*!

Washington Library Snapshot Day

Join us in celebrating Library Snapshot Day, **April 7-20**, two weeks of advocacy for our libraries, archives and special collections across the state! Show us a "day in the life" at your library or repository! We want to see your programs, your collections, your people (with their permission, of course!), your catalogs, your shelves, your study spaces, your meetings... ALL THE THINGS, shared in whatever social media format you choose.

All you need to know to participate is found [here](#). Remember to tag #LibrarySnapshot and @WaLibAssn in any posts so we'll be able to curate your photos and posts.

Got questions or want to help tell our Snapshot Story? Contact the [WLA office](#) or [Craig Seasholes](#) with any questions.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

The Anacortes Public Library is seeking a [Library Public Serves Manager](#). The position is open until April 3.

The Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner is seeking a [Functional Program Analyst 3](#). The position is open until March 28.

Tacoma Community College is seeking an [Archivist](#). The position is open until filled.

The Northwest School is seeking a [Director of Library Services](#). The position is open until filled.

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

Funding Opportunity from National Network of Libraries of Medicine

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Conference Crunch: Three Weeks Until OLA-WLA 2019!



2019 OLA-WLA Conference, Vancouver, WA

The **2019 OLA-WLA Conference** is almost upon us! Now is the time to review the [schedule of events](#), read about your favorite [sessions](#), or plan your route through our exhibit hall with almost **70 exhibitors**. There is still time to [register](#) for the conference or to add a [preconference](#) to an

Under cooperative agreement with the U.S. National Library of Medicine and in partnership with the National Institutes of Health *All of Us* Research Program, the NNLM PNR is pleased to announce two new **funding opportunities**: the **NNLM All of Us Community Engagement Award** for up to \$100,000; and the **NNLM All of Us Health Literacy Outreach Award** for up to \$19,000. These opportunities will support outreach projects to increase health literacy and community engagement about health, and increase awareness of the **NIH All of Us Research Program**.

The deadline for completed applications for either award is May 1 at 3:00 PT. Applicants planning to submit an application must send a Letter of Intent to nnlm@uw.edu no later than Wednesday, April 3. **More information** is available on NNLM's blog.

Please contact us at nnlm@uw.edu if you have questions.

Grant Opportunity: Diversity Research

The American Library Association (ALA) Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services seeks proposals for the **Diversity Research Grant** program. Applications may address any diversity-related topic that addresses critical gaps in the knowledge of diversity, equity and outreach issues within library and information science. Proposals are due by midnight on Monday April 15, 2019.

Washington State Library Free Book Project: Books Available

The Washington State Library has new and old titles available as part of its Free Book Project. These are gently used books donated by Washington libraries for redistribution to libraries in Washington State. The Washington State Library uses Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds to ship the books to the requesting library. This program is intended to help libraries of all kinds keep up to date collections and receive books they may not be able to buy themselves.

A minimum of five mixed and matched titles per order is required. This is a first-come, first-served process.

Learn more about the program and see which titles are available [here](#).

existing registration. Those looking for **lodging** can spend the weekend at the upscale and rustic **Heathman Lodge**, and to make the most of your trip to Vancouver visit our **local information** page, including a customized **destination microsite** created by Visit Vancouver.

Preconference Spotlight: Talking About Race and Racism with Young Children

Research shows that children not only recognize race from a very young age, but also develop racial biases by ages three to five. So how does one talk about race with young children? In this preconference the presenters will be discussing why it is important to be having conversations about race and racism with children at a young age, and how to start having these conversations. They will look at individual and systemic racism, intersectionality, and white fragility. Hands-on, interactive activities and smaller group discussions will give the participants experience and firsthand knowledge to bring back to their daily work and the communities they serve.

This **preconference workshop** will be presented on Wednesday, April 17 at the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference. Presented by Danielle Jones, Youth librarian, Multnomah County library and Kirby McCurtis, Branch manager, Multnomah County Library; Sponsored by OLA Children's Services Division (CSD) and WLA Children and Young Adult Services (CAYAS) Section.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Defeating Bullies and Trolls



Nicole A. Cooke, associate professor and MS/LIS program director at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), held the day-long conference, "Defeating Bullies and

Orcas Island Lit Fest

The **Orcas Island Lit Fest** (OILF) is an annual celebration of literature and community held in an inspiring beautiful place. April 5–7 2019, we'll bring together renowned authors and avid readers, visitors and locals, for three days of panels, readings and events that highlight the vibrant literary culture of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. OILF is your opportunity to engage with world-class writers and their work in an intimate, inclusive setting that welcomes everyone who loves books.

Attend the Book Launch for New Novel from Mitali Perkins



Did you love hearing from Mitali Perkins at the 2018 WLA Conference? You're invited to attend the launch party for her forthcoming novel, *Forward Me Back to You*. The event will be held Monday, April 15 at 6:00 pm at Brick & Mortar Books in Redmond, Washington. The author will be present for a talk and signings. Read more about the event [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.

Trolls in the Library: Developing Strategies to Protect our Rights and Personhood," at Skokie Public Library in Illinois. She recounted her experiences being harassed and bullied by conservative groups because of her research project. **This article** spotlights the sort of harassment that can stem from research and ways to combat it on an institutional and personal level.

Building a Positive Social Media Presence

Over 70% of adults are now using a social networking site of some kind, and these online interactions can have real-life implications. This course provides guidelines for what should and should not be shared online, how to build social capital and how to put your best foot forward when using social media.

This self-paced course will take about one hour to complete. Enroll [here](#).

Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community for Public Libraries Online Course

Do your patrons have questions about health and wellness? Do they ask about medications or alternative treatments? Are you unsure where to find reliable and authoritative information to assist them?

This class is specifically for public library staff to help increase knowledge and confidence in health information services. Over four weeks we will explore consumer health, health reference in a public library environment, free health resources for library staff and patrons, and developing health and wellness related programming.

New content is released each week and consists of assigned readings, discussion with your fellow cohort members, and an assignment, all of which should take about three hours. Class runs from May 20–June 16. [Register here](#).

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