



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

April 10, 2019

On this day: In 1925, Scribner publishes *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

**Conference Crunch: One Week 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 **70 exhibitors**. Those still looking for **lodging** can spend the weekend at the elegant 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.

Connect with other conference goers by using the tag **#OLAWLA19** on social media and mark that you are "going" on our **Facebook event page**.

# 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

North Central Regional Library is seeking a **Branch Group Manager**. The position is open until April 18.

Clark College is seeking an **Reference and Instruction Librarian**. The position is open until April 25.

The Office of the Secretary of State is hiring a **Library and Archives Paraprofessional 2**. The position is open until April 17.

Hamlin Robinson School is seeking a **Library Media Specialist**. 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

### National Library Workers Day



## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### Preconference Spotlight: Promoting Democracy Through Civic & Political Reference Services: What Every Adult & Youth Librarian Should Know

Civic engagement is low, which is problematic for Democracy. Often it is because citizens (including library staff!) are mystified about the basics of politics and fundamental advocacy skills and opportunities—of which there are SO many. Libraries should be the focal point for gaining this knowledge. This hands-on workshop covers fundamental skills for adult and youth librarians, such as how to find and track bills, how to know who is giving money to campaigns, and how to make your voice heard by the government—in short, how to advocate for yourself and your community. Bring your computer! Resource sheet will be provided.

This **preconference workshop** will be presented on Wednesday, April 17 at the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference. Presented by Donna L Cohen MLIS Med, Librarian and Teacher. Sponsored by Legislative Committee (LDLC), the Reference Round Table (RRT), and Legal Reference Round Table (LRRT), WLA Legislative Committee.

## THE LEARNING CURVE

NLWD is a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. NLWD is a part of National Library Week and was on Tuesday, April 9. Nominations from all over the state poured in for our hard-working library staff in Washington to be recognized as Library Worker Stars. Read them all [here!](#)

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### National Library Giving Day



Library Giving Day started as an idea generated by the Seattle Public Library Foundation. The concept was to create a national day of giving that public libraries would rally around and that the public would embrace. Seattle Public Library partnered with their strategic library fundraising partner, Carl Bloom Associates, to turn the idea into a reality.

As we know, public libraries are known for books and research materials, but they also offer many programs that promote lifelong learning, connect patrons to technology, and advance our knowledge.

#LibraryGivingDay is a one-day fundraising event during **National Library Week** with the goal of encouraging people who depend on and enjoy public libraries to donate to their individual library system. And in turn, that support will go toward the incredible programs, services and materials provided by local libraries all over the country.

The day to celebrate #LibraryGivingDay is April 10, 2019. Join the movement, [download the campaign tools](#) and start planning.

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### Lopez Island Library Selected for 2019 Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces Project

Fifteen public libraries that serve small U.S. communities, including Lopez Island Library, have been selected to participate in the "Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces" project led by

### Get Lit! Festival April 22-28, 2019



Get Lit! Programs is a non-profit literary arts organization housed within Eastern Washington University. Our program is responsible for Get Lit! Festival, the region's only annual week-long literary festival.

Get Lit! has grown over the last twenty years from a single day of back-to-back readings to a seven-day celebration of literature that brings a diverse line up of highly sought-after authors to our region, while also highlighting our talented local literary community.

The festival offers free and low-cost readings, writing workshops, craft classes, poetry slams, panel discussions.

Learn more and buy your tickets [here](#).

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### Creating a Community of Readers: Academic Librarians Promoting Reading on Campus Webinar

How can academic librarians help the campus community build awareness of our leisure reading collections and connect to other readers on campus? Two academic librarians will share successful programming strategies on a difficulty spectrum from easy to ambitious. Past successful programs include silent reading parties, pop-up libraries, online book talks from campus community members, a Nerd Nite focused on books and reading, partnerships with public libraries and campus organizations, a community-wide reading program, and more! Attendees from all types of libraries will be able to adapt these approaches for their own contexts.

This webinar will take place Tuesday, April 23 from 10:00 am PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

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### AnyAbility: Serving Adults with Disabilities Webinar

OCLC in partnership with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.

This will be the second cohort to participate, thanks to an award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to expand the 2016 National Leadership Grant project. The project team received 120 applications from 38 states. The selected libraries represent 15 states and serve communities ranging in size from 900 to 15,500 people.

**Learn more about the project**, including the inspiring transformation stories from the first Smart Spaces cohort. The WebJunction project team will share updates on the libraries and their exciting new spaces.

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### Special Issue of American Libraries: *The State of America's Libraries*



During National Library Week, April 7–13, Americans take time to recognize libraries and library workers and the many ways they provide free access to materials, online resources, and family programming. The State of America's Libraries 2019: A Report from the American Library Association, a special American Libraries digital supplement, affirms the invaluable role libraries play in supporting their communities and offering a safe space for everyone.

You can read this special issue [here](#).

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Have news to share? Please send it to the [WLA office](#) by Monday to be included in

Learn about one library's experience creating programs that have grown into engaging experiences where adults with disabilities connect with their community, interact with peers, and utilize library resources. As a result of the AnyAbility program, library staff are more comfortable using people-first language, have rewarding interactions with customers with disabilities, and have positively changed the dynamic of the library. By the end of this webinar, participants will be able to recognize the importance of people-first language, design programs for adults with disabilities, and develop enriching and accepting spaces where adults with disabilities can flourish.

This webinar will take place Tuesday, April 16 from 11:30 am–12:30 pm PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

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### Collection Development in the School Library Webinar

A dynamic and relevant collection draws students and teachers into the library and keeps them coming back. But how do you ensure that your library's collection has the right mix of resources and authors for your unique school community? Join Melissa Thom for this webinar, where she'll share practical strategies to help you identify and fill gaps in your collection, from print, to eBooks, to audiobooks, keeping diversity at the forefront of decision-making. Plus, she'll discuss best practices to share the collection with students, staff, and the larger community so that you can be sure your carefully curated resources are used to their fullest potential!

This webinar will take place Thursday, April 18 from 2:00–3:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

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### Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do

Stanford University psychologist Jennifer Eberhardt will explain the science of implicit racial bias in all its forms, overt or low-key, and the resultant impacts on people of color in everything from education to criminal justice. She'll read from her new book, *Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do*.

This reading and discussion will be Tuesday, April 16 at University Temple United Methodist Church in Seattle. [Buy tickets here](#).

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