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On this day: In 1939, Batman first appears in *Detective Comics* #27.

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**MAKING HEADLINES**

Meet CLAWS: CLAMS to Merge with WLA, Form New Section

WLA is excited to announce that CLAMS (College Librarians and Media Specialists of Washington) has voted to dissolve and join WLA. They will form a new WLA Section with a catchy new name: College Libraries Across Washington State (CLAWS). CLAWS will continue to serve as a hub for library professionals in the Community and Technical Colleges system of Washington State. Let's give CLAWS a warm WLA welcome!

The conversation with CLAMS began in 2017, and since then leaders from WLA and CLAMS have worked closely to make sure both sides are fairly and clearly represented in a memorandum of understanding. During the April 17 board meeting at the OLA-WLA Conference in Vancouver, the WLA Board voted to approve both
The Pierce County Library System is seeking a Collection Management Librarian. The position is open until May 6.

Cornish College of the Arts Library is seeking a Performing Arts Librarian. The position is open until filled.

The Washington State Library is seeking a Library Associate located in Medical Lake. The position is open until filled.

The Washington State Law Library is seeking a Law Librarian I. The position is open until May 6.

Tacoma Community College is seeking a Temporary Library Archivist. The position is open until filled.

The Mukilteo School District is seeking a Teacher Librarian. The position is open until filled.

University of Washington Libraries is seeking an Associate Dean for Research and Learning 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.

WSSDA, AWSP, and WASA are partnering to offer the fourth annual Equity Conference. The overall goal of this conference is to increase organizational leadership capacity by providing systemic strategies for equity and access so all students can achieve at a high level. Participants from school districts, ESDs, and state agencies will focus on research-based, high-leverage core practices necessary for organizational growth in leadership for equity.

This one-day conference will take place Wednesday, May 22, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM in Seattle. For more information and to register, click here.

Learn how to more effectively serve teens with a wide range of disabilities in public and school libraries. We will cover best practices for interacting with this population, how to help them access information that is relevant to them, programming ideas, how to build accessible and inclusive spaces, and funding.
Voting deadlines are approaching for WLA’s 2019 book awards, and 2020 nominees have been announced!

Sponsored by WLA’s School Library Division, these committee-selected, student-voted awards spotlight books from different genres and age ranges. Check out each award page for a list of stellar books, lesson plan tie-ins, activities, and more!

**Towner Award**
The Towner Award is an informational texts award for grades 2-6. Voting for the 2019 Award closes Wednesday, May 15. Check out the 2020 nominees here!

**Washington Children’s Choice Picture Book Award**
The Washington Children’s Choice Picture Book Award (WCCPBA) is a picture book award for grades K-3. Voting for the 2019 award closes Saturday, May 4. Check out the 2020 nominees here!

**Sasquatch Award**
The Sasquatch Award is a chapter book award for grades 4-6. Voting for the 2019 Sasquatch Award closes Friday, May 3. Check out the 2020 nominees here!

**OTTER Award**
The OTTER Award is an award for transitional readers in grades 1-3. Voting for the 2019 OTTER Award closes Friday, May 10. Check out the 2020 nominees here!

**WLA Merit Award Nominations Open June 5**

This hour-long webinar will take place Friday, May 3 at 11:00 am PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar here. Presented by Stephanie Allen, Kinsey Campbell, Samuel Faulk, and Ashley Gregory, as part of their UW iSchool capstone project.

**Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing Conference**

Registration is now open for the 18th Annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference! The conference will take place September 12-13 at Portland Community College - Sylvania.

The keynote speaker is Nancy Pearl, the well-known Seattle-based librarian, literary critic, author, and action-figure!

This year’s program topics include:

- International borrowing and lending
- Incorporating accessibility into ILL
- Budget and data analysis
- Free borrowing
- New and emerging ILL resources
- Rethinking ILL policies, workflows, and procedures
- Ask Anything sessions
- And more!

Visit the conference website to register. Look for a full program later this month!

NWILL scholarships are available. Scholarships will include a waived registration fee and $500 to cover travel expenses.

**ARSL Conference: Scholarships Available for Small & Rural Library Staff in Washington**

The Washington State Library will fund two scholarships to the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) 2019 Conference in Burlington, Vermont. Preference will be given
Do you know any rockstar library professionals, advocates, students, or groups that deserve to be recognized for their support of or contributions to libraries in Washington? Nominate them for a WLA Merit Award! We will begin accepting nominations June 5.

Chose Privacy Week 2019

This year’s theme for Choose Privacy Week (May 1-7, 2019), “Inclusive Privacy: Closing the Gap,” draws attention to the privacy inequities imposed on vulnerable and historically underrepresented populations and highlights how libraries can close the privacy gap for those who need it most.

During Choose Privacy Week, library workers, trustees, and library users are all invited to join a week-long online conversation featuring commentaries by librarians, educators, and privacy experts addressing these issues on the front lines of librarianship. Learn more here.

Why Being Bad Is So Good: The Limits of Vocational Awe

At the 2019 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference, Fobazi M. Ettaah spoke about vocational awe, how it affects library workers, and what she does to combat its negative side effects.

“Vocational awe underpins the narrative of librarianship,” she began. “It defines the set of ideas, values, and assumptions librarians have about themselves and the profession that result in beliefs that libraries as institutions are inherently good and sacred and therefore beyond critique.” Read more 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.