



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

May 22, 2019

On this day: In 1849, Abraham Lincoln receives Patent No. 6469 for a device to lift a boat over shoals and obstruction. While it was never manufactured, it made him the only U.S. president to receive a patent.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Call for Submissions: Summer 2019 *Alki*



It's time to submit article ideas for the next issue of *Alki*!

The theme for Summer 2019 is "literacy." Libraries have been in the business of building literacy for years... What projects, practices and programs have you worked on or want to work on to improve literacy in your libraries and communities? Do you have an innovative summer reading program to showcase? Are you working to reduce the digital divide? Perhaps countering misinformation with news and media literacy? What about game literacy or financial literacy? There's so many types of literacy and we want to hear about which ones you're passionate about!

Please send your article idea(s) to alkieditor@wla.org and include:

- Your name and position/library
- Description of the article
- Suggested title

- Estimated length (in pages); each page = 750 words (or fewer with graphics)
- Intent to include graphics (photo, logo, other)
- Contact information

The deadline to submit articles for the Summer issue is June 28, 2019. Please see the [Instructions for Contributors](#) for more details. Di Zhang, the editor of *Alki*, is happy to discuss ideas and expectations with you as well. We are also accepting articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

Submit to Alki Milestones

Alki is also seeking submissions for the Milestones section. Milestones focuses on significant moments for libraries statewide—recognizing notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed. We're looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged. Please send information to [Di Zhang](#), *Alki* editor.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Shoreline Schools is seeking a [Middle School Librarian](#). They are also seeking a [Part-Time Elementary Librarian](#). The positions are open until filled.

Western Washington University Libraries is seeking a [Resource Access Manager](#). The position is open until filled.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate](#). The position is open until June 2.

Tacoma Community College is seeking a [Reference Specialist](#). They are also seeking a [Library Assistant — Library & Archives Paraprofessional 2](#). The positions are open until filled.

[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

Call for WLA Committee Members

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Register by June 10 for the Washington Medical Librarians Association Conference

"Taking Health to New Heights" is the theme for this year's Washington Medical Librarians Association's conference which will be held at the Bavarian Lodge in Leavenworth, WA on Friday, July 12. Don't delay as the deadline to register is June 10!

The conference will feature 3 guest presentations:

- Partners in Crime: A Crime of Passion for Quality Clinical Research
- Migrant Health Inequalities (in Central Washington)
- Integrating a "Digital Formulary" into the EHR

Also, join us for dinner the evening before on July 11 at the Kingfisher Restaurant at Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort and morning yoga the next day.

You don't have to be a health sciences librarian to attend. Register and learn more about the conference on the [WMLA website](#).

Seattle Children's Book Festival: Spots Open for Featured Authors & Illustrators

Several WLA committees are currently seeking new committee members:

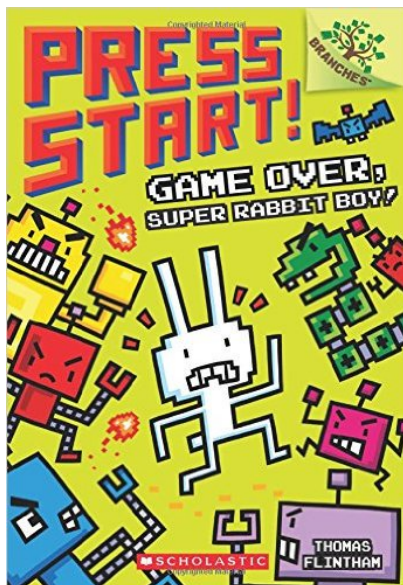
- Advocacy Committee
- Alki Editorial Committee
- Conference Committee (2020 WLA Conference, Spokane)
- Marketing Committee
- Member Services Committee

Whether you're new to WLA or a longtime volunteer, we would love for you to get involved! If you're interested in any of the above committees, or in getting more involved in WLA in general, please [fill out this short form](#) by Friday, May 24. If you would like to get involved but are uncertain which committee would be best, tell us a little bit about your experience and interests in the survey and we will recommend a good match.

Participation on a major WLA committee involves at least a one year commitment to attend online meetings and participate in email discussions. Meeting frequency is typically once every one or two months, and meetings generally last up to one hour.

2019 OTTER Book Award Winner Announced

WLA's [OTTER Book Award](#) Committee is thrilled to announce that the young people of Washington State have elected *Game Over, Super Rabbit Boy!* by Thomas Flintham as the 2019 OTTER Award Winner.



"Thomas works digitally, drawing straight into his computer with his Wacom tablet, and in the old fashioned way on paper with brush and ink



Mark your calendars the first-ever [Seattle Children's Book Festival](#)! Do you or anyone you know want to be a part of the list of authors and illustrators featured at Greenwood Elementary on September 28? Applications are open until May 31!

THE LEARNING CURVE

Applications for WLA Scholarships Open May 27

Applications open May 27 for [WLA scholarships](#), awarded by the [Professional Development Committee](#) to support the professional development of WLA members. Applications are due August 1, and winners will be announced September 4 in the WLA Wednesday newsletter.

Unused TV Spectrum Offers Libraries Potential for Rural Broadband

In [this article](#) in the May 2019 Issue of *American Libraries*, Greg Landgraf talks about the ways that rural libraries can use "White Space" in the TV Spectrum to provide broadband for their patrons. Libraries in four states, including the Yakama Nation Library in Toppenish, Washington, have started installing equipment allowing them to extend Wi-Fi beyond the library buildings.

Continuing Education Opportunity: Time Management Skills

Emporia State University is offering a Continuing Education class, Time Management Skills led by Brenda Hough, a nationally well-known educator in library management areas. This is a good opportunity to reflect on effective time management, or to facilitate your staff's time management for your library's effective services.

and drawing pens. He enjoys disappearing into his own imagination in search of new characters, worlds and ideas to draw. His work is influenced by his interest in all kinds of books, films, comics and video games. He loves Christmas and chocolate. He now lives in Cornwall with his wife and Ziggy the dog."

For more information about Thomas please see his [website](#). Thank you to everyone who read and voted!

WLA Election Nominations Open June 5

Are you looking for leadership experience? Need a reason to meet new library people and expand your network? Want to give back to Washington's library communities? WLA wants you!

Nominations open June 5 for all vacant 2020 WLA leadership positions, from the WLA Board of Directors to our Division and Section steering committees. Nominate yourself or another WLA member by August 15.

WLA Merit Award Nominations Open June 5



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.

Collaborative Summer Library Program 2019 Teen Video Challenge

This is an online, asynchronous six-week course that runs from July 1–August 6. Learn more and register [here](#).

Webinar: Bringing a Geographic Perspective to Libraries and K-12



Geography matters in every organization and every discipline. For anyone trying to evaluate information, the most intuitive way to view it is on a map. In this webinar we will discuss how three agencies in Washington State are using GIS technology to bring a new perspective to learning and understanding data from the world around us. Included will be Enabling Local Government Transparency. Jason will discuss the benefits of Kittitas County's Open Data Hub, the technology and infrastructure behind it and the benefits to having data available for public access.

This webinar will take place Tuesday, June 4 from 9:00-10:00 AM PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

Webinar: Voter Perceptions of Libraries: Results and Methodology of the 2018 From Awareness to Funding Study

What motivates people to vote in favor of library funding? OCLC posed this question a decade ago, which led to the 2008 report, From Awareness to Funding, which provided ground-breaking insights into voter support for libraries. Ten years later, OCLC and ALA partnered to conduct a follow-up study to understand what may have changed in voter attitudes and behaviors over the past decade. In this webinar, the OCLC research team will discuss the key results, suggest areas for action, and then will describe the methods used to create the survey, collect and analyze the survey data.

This webinar will take place Thursday, May 23 from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

Summer Book Bingo for Adults!



Do the teens in your library like to make videos? Encourage them to participate in the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) 2019 Teen Video Challenge this summer!

This year's Teen Video Challenge will be a national contest and five winners will be chosen to receive a \$200 cash prize plus \$50 worth of summer reading materials for their library. The challenge will run through the summer, so you can hold video making programs in June and July. Videos can be submitted June 1 to August 2. These 60 second-or-less videos should be their interpretation of the 2019 slogan "A Universe of Stories."

For more information and complete contest rules go to [CSLP Teen Video Challenge](#).

Amazon Literary Partnership Awards Funding to 66 Literary Organizations

More than \$1 million in grants have been awarded to 66 Literary Organizations through Amazon's [Literary Partnership Award](#). Of these 66, 15 organizations are from Washington State, including [Washington Center for the Book](#), [The Seattle Public Library Foundation](#), and [Humanities Washington](#).

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.

Looking for an easy, free program for book-loving adults this summer? The Washington Center for the Book has created a [summer book bingo card](#) you can download for you and your patrons.

NCCE's Maker Camps = Learning + Fun!

NCCE's popular [Maker Camp](#) returns with two sessions in August 2019! Join some of NCCE's most popular trainers for two days of hands-on exploration and fun at the beautiful Pack Forest Conference Center in Eatonville, Washington (just 90 minutes south of Seattle). Conn McQuinn and other experienced Maker educators will provide you with rich classroom-friendly Making experiences in a relaxing and picturesque setting. Rustic cabin lodging and delicious meals are included in the registration fee. Sign up for both camps for an even more powerful experience!

The first camp is "Budget-Friendly Makerspaces" (August 6-7). Makerspaces often focus on expensive, high-tech options, but you can create exciting and engaging experiences for your students with inexpensive tools and materials. Leave this camp armed with ready-to-use activities and ideas.

The second camp is "Tech-Ful Makerspaces" (August 8-9). The cost of many technical Makerspace tools and resources continues to drop, providing schools with many exciting opportunities for empowering students with 21st Century learning experiences. These higher-tech systems often require more time to explore effectively, and this camp will let you dive more deeply into discovering the possibilities for you and your students.

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