



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 3, 2019

On this day: In 1928, John Logie Baird demonstrates the first color television transmission in London.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### WLA Office Closed July 4–5

The WLA Office will be closed for Independence Day on Thursday, July 4, and will reopen on Monday, July 8.

### Nominations Open for WLA Merit Awards

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](#)! Nominations are due August 15. Merit Award winners will be recognized at the Awards Gala in Wenatchee on October 5.

### Nominations Open for WLA Elections

Are you...

- seeking leadership experience?
- looking for a reason to meet new library people and expand your network?
- interested in building community and professional development opportunities to empower library staff to lead?
- passionate about advocating for libraries and library professionals?

If this sounds like you, then throw your hat in the ring for a WLA leadership position! Or, if this sounds like someone you know, nominate them today!

**Nominations are now open** 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. Incoming leaders will be recognized at the Awards Gala in Wenatchee on October 5.

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

The Washington State Library has two openings for **Library & Archival Professional 2**. The positions are open until filled.

Seattle World School is seeking a **High School Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

University of Puget Sound is seeking an **Interim Fine and Performing Arts/Humanities Liaison Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Bethel School District is seeking a **Teacher-Librarian**. The position is open until July 10.

**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

### Applications Open for 2019-20 WLA Scholarships

Applications are open for **WLA scholarships**, awarded by the **Professional Development Committee** to support the education and professional development of WLA members. Applications are due August 1, and winners will be announced September 4. Recipients will be recognized at the Awards Gala in Wenatchee on October 5.

### Elections Spotlight: Join CLAWS!

If you work in Community or Technical College Libraries and are looking for leadership experience and networking opportunities, CLAWS is looking for you! The WLA Section has three open positions: Chair, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect (serves as chair in 2021) and Secretary. Check out the position descriptions [here](#). To nominate yourself or

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### Save the Date: 2020 WLA Conference



Save the date for the **2020 WLA Conference!**

When: October 7-10, 2020

Where: Spokane Convention Center

A request for conference proposals will be sent out in early 2020. Stay tuned for more details.

### PNLA Conference Registration: Early Bird Rates through July 7

Register at the early bird rate until Sunday, July 7 for the Pacific Northwest Library Association Conference (Aug. 7-9) in Spokane. Registration is \$250 for PNLA members, \$275 for nonmembers. Lodging at the Centennial Hotel is right on the river and extremely affordable. Take a look at conference details and the lineup [here](#).

### Northwest Genealogy Conference

The Northwest Genealogy Conference is being held August 14-17 in Arlington, Washington. This three-day event at the Arlington High School has many classes, some free, with expert speakers sharing their knowledge. Learn more [here](#).

another WLA member, please fill out the **nomination form** by August 15, 2019, with the candidate's name, employer or connection to libraries, email address and phone number.

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### Niche Academy Now Provided by the Washington State Library

Washington State Library (WSL) is pleased to announce the addition of Niche Academy to the training tools available. **WSL's Niche Academy** is an online learning platform providing tutorials on a variety of common library services such as customer services, specific database training, early learning, and social media help.

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### PNLA Elections Open

The Pacific Northwest Library Association is holding elections for Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary. Members of PNLA can visit **PNLA.org** for more information and voting.

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### Fall CAYAS Workshop

WLA's Children and Young Adult Services (CAYAS) Section is offering a one-day workshop on November 15 at the Lacey Timberland Regional Library to help you focus on the young members of your library community. This is a great opportunity to connect with youth-oriented librarians from across the state as you attend workshops, book talks, and presentations.

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### Participate in a School Library Journal Survey

**SLJ** is fielding a short, 10-minute **survey** about school library involvement in providing technology resources and instruction to students. Your response will help gauge important benchmarks that school librarians nationwide can use to assess their level of service and advocate for increased resources. **SLJ** will report the survey findings in a feature article this fall.

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.

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### New Toolkits Available from ALA

The American Library Association has released **two new tools** to help library advocates and libraries across the country share their stories on digital platforms: a Live Stream and Video Storytelling Checklist and a Social Media Advocacy Toolkit. These are being rolled out in conjunction with the **#MyLibraryMyStory** initiative.

ALA has also released a **Critical Thinking Toolkit** through a collaboration with SAGE Publishing. Included are free graphics and messaging for libraries to raise awareness of their efforts to promote critical thinking.

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### Webinar: Small Press Speed-Dating Extravaganza

Meet the small press of your dreams during this scintillating hour of succinct presentations by six exciting indie presses in the United States and Canada. Donna Seaman, *Booklist's* editor for Adult Books and a big fan of small-press books, will run the show. Here's the line-up: Casemate Publishers; Dead Reckoning, an imprint of the Naval Institute Press; Dundurn Press; ECW Press; Nimbus Publishing; and Restless Books. Join us and learn about forthcoming titles from dynamic small presses that will bring rich variety and fresh energy to your collections.

This webinar will take place Tuesday, July 16 from 11:00–12:00 PM PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar **here**.

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### Library and Information Science Certificate from CWU

The Brooks Library of Central Washington University offers both a Library and Information Science Certificate and Minor for paraprofessionals interested in developing their skill set in the field of librarianship. Courses in the program range in topic and include research, public service, organization, library technology, archives, and general information management. Courses and program tracks are offered online with some in-person options. Open enrollment begins August 1.

**Visit the website** to find out more about these

programs and read course descriptions or  
contact [Elizabeth Brown](#).

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