



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 17, 2019

On this day: In 1935, *Variety* publishes the famous headline "**Sticks Nix Hick Pix**," referring to the reaction of rural audiences to movies depicting rural life.

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MAKING HEADLINES

WLA Future Events Survey

Whether you attend every conference or you've never attended any WLA events, we want to hear from you! Please fill out **this short anonymous survey** about your wants, needs, and hopes for WLA's future conferences and events. This information will help us make our events more accessible, inclusive, and relevant to all of our members.

The survey should take only 5-10 minutes, and the deadline to respond is Sunday, July 28.

Deadline Approaching 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.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

The Washington State Library is seeking a **Library and Archival Professional 2**. The position is open until filled.

Central Washington University is seeking an **Associate Dean of Libraries - Library Services**. The position is open until filled.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Save the Date: WLA Virtual Conference

Mark your calendars for the first ever WLA Virtual Conference on Tuesday, January 14, 2020! This all-day event will bring together library professionals from around Washington and the world to build connections and

Upper Skagit Library District is seeking a **Library Director**. The position is 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

2019 Washington State Book Award Finalists Announced



Yesterday the Washington Center for the Book **announced the finalists** for the 2019 Washington State Book Awards (WSBA) for outstanding books published by Washington authors in 2018.

Finalists in all eight categories will be celebrated (and winners in each category announced) at a public awards ceremony (hosted by Paul Constant of *Seattle Review of Books*) and reception on Saturday, October 12, 7:00 pm, at the Seattle Public Library, Central Branch. The awards celebration is free and open to all.

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?

envision the future of libraries.

By holding this conference online, we're able to lower the barriers of attending and presenting that many face due to limited staffing, funding, or location. Stay tuned for more information about the schedule, keynotes, registration, and opportunities for group viewings. The request for session proposals will be sent out in October and will be focused on three topic tracks: *Emergent Technologies*, *Career & Professional Development*, and *Marketing & Communications*. Special consideration will be given to programs relevant to small and rural libraries.

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.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Fall CAYAS Workshop

WLA's Children and Young Adult Services (CAYAS) Section is offering a one-day workshop on Tuesday, 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

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.

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.

Pronouns Now in WLA Member Profiles

A new pronouns field is now available in WLA member profiles. We encourage members to log into your profile to add your pronouns. Specifying pronouns will help WLA members refer to each other accurately without having to make assumptions about gender identities.

This information will be viewable by other members in the member directory, and you can choose to have your pronouns printed on your name badge at WLA events.

ALA Releases National Study of Library Public Programming

The American Library Association (ALA) has **released a report** outlining the findings of an intensive research study that explored the characteristics, audiences, outcomes and value of U.S. library programming, as well as the competencies required to succeed in the field.

The report, "National Impact of Library Public Programs Assessment: Phase 1: A White Paper on the Dimensions of Library Programs and the Skills and Training for Library Program Professionals," is the result of a two-year project funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

across the state as you attend workshops, book talks, and presentations.

Call for ACRL WA-OR Conference Proposals: Whiteness and Racism in Academic Libraries

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) WA-OR 2019 Conference is an effort to openly acknowledge the ways that whiteness and racism are supported in libraries, and strategies for practicing anti-racism across the breadth of our work. The goal is to explicitly name the racial hegemony that underpins libraries and library work.

ACRL OR and WA **invite proposals** to join and extend these conversations. Sessions will consist of presentations, facilitated conversations, or trainings and workshops. While theory and praxis are central to this work, they seek sessions that help library workers to examine and name racialized power dynamics, and to practice building anti-oppressive communities and services.

Submit your proposals using the **online form** by August 9. Presenters will be notified by August 23.

Seattle Design Festival: Balance



2019 is the year of Balance. From August 16–25, the **Seattle Design Festival** will gather together designers, community members and civic leaders to explore how we design for Balance.

Achieving and maintaining balance is essential for the well-being of our planet, our society, and ourselves. Yet our world right now is fundamentally out of balance. Whether we are weighing the impact of our daily decisions on the future of our planet, working towards greater equity in our cities, or striving for greater balance between our work life and

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.

personal life, we are in a constant state of negotiation. Balance is needed for our earth, our communities, and our families, but how do we achieve it?

Now in its ninth year, SDF is the largest design-related event in the Pacific Northwest, gathering 120+ partners and over 30,000 attendees to 80+ citywide events.

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