



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 10, 2019

On this day: In 1553, Lady Jane Grey took the throne of England for nine days.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### WLA Assistant Director Announced



The Washington Library Association is pleased to announce that Brianna Hoffman has been named Assistant Director of WLA. Working with WLA's management company, Primary Source, Brianna will assist in the day-to-day operations of the association including the coordination of conferences and WLA's internal groups and committees.

Brianna brings 13 years of public library experience and three years of national project coordination experience to the Assistant Director role, and she received her MLS from Emporia State University in 2013. A longtime member, Brianna served as a WLA board director from 2013-2015 and as Vice-President/President/Past-President from 2015-2018. Brianna has also co-chaired several WLA conferences and internal WLA groups.

WLA Executive Director, Kate Laughlin, is excited to bring this former role back to the WLA management team, and Brianna's in-depth knowledge and experience will be a true asset to the association.

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### 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 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.

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### 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.

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## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Colville Public Library is seeking a **Library Manager**. The position is open until filled.

Seattle Colleges is seeking librarians for their **Part Time Faculty Pool**. The positions are open until July 19.

Pierce County Library System is seeking a **Senior Librarian**. The position is open until July 22.

The University of Washington is seeking a **Southeast Asia Library Specialist**. The position is open until July 29.

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 the School Library Division!

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

### 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.

## 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.

### 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](#).

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

### Webinar: Art of the (Graphic) Novel

Pow! *Booklist's* Graphic Novels in Libraries Month campaign, a program devoted to providing librarians with the tools they need to select, curate, and promote graphic titles for patrons of all ages, is still going strong . . . and this graphic novel-packed webinar (the second in a two-part series) is here to prove it. Join representatives from DC Comics, Fantagraphics Books, Oni Press, and Viz Media for this free, one-hour program featuring upcoming graphic novels for adult,

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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.

teen, and young readers—and get ready to [#ReadGraphic](#) all year long! Moderated by *Booklist* Books for Youth associate editor Ronny Khuri.

This webinar will take place Friday, July 26 from 10:00–11:00 PM PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

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**International Zine Month by the Numbers**

July is International Zine Month, a celebration of independently published and underground magazines and fanzines—a medium that is growing more and more popular in libraries. Zine culture has spanned science fiction, the riot grrrl movement of the 1990s, and the efforts of people of color and those in the LGBTQ+ community, tackling large-scale personal and political matters in small circulations. Read more about their place in libraries in [this article](#) in *American Libraries*.

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