



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 31, 2019

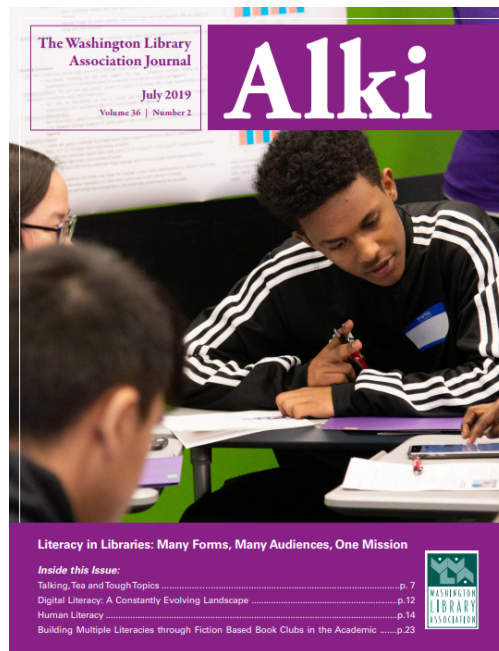
On this day: In 1965, *Harry Potter* author J.K. Rowling is born.

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MAKING HEADLINES

July Alki – Literacy in Libraries: Many Forms, Many Audiences, One Mission



The July 2019 issue of *Alki*, the journal of the Washington Library Association, is **now available!**

When we talk about literacy in libraries, it's more than just reading and writing. This issue is about the many (but not all) forms of literacy that libraries and librarians in Washington are exploring and co-creating with patrons. The world has shifted beneath our feet, and our profession continues to grow to encompass greater levels and types of expertise needed for 21st century challenges. In this issue, you'll likely encounter literacies that you never thought of as literacy, and that's great! Those light bulb moments are what make

literacy so special. So, please celebrate and learn about literacy by reading our newest issue of *Alki*!

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

Big Bend Community College is seeking an [eLearning Coordinator](#). The position is open until August 12.

Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) is seeking an [Ebooks Outreach Representative \(remote\)](#). The position is open until filled.

Washington State University is seeking a [Business and Economics Librarian](#). The position is open until August 25.

Northwest University is seeking a [Cataloging Supervisor](#). The position is open until filled.

King County Library System is seeking an [Adult Services Librarian](#). The position is open until August 1.

Seattle College is seeking a [Library Circulation Supervisor](#). The position is open until August 12.

[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

Nominations Open for WLA Elections

Are you...

- seeking leadership experience?

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 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

- 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.

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.

After 20 years with Emporia State University's School of Library & Information Management (SLIM), Oregon Program Director, Perri Parise, will be retiring on August 31st.

Emporia Announces New Oregon SLIM Program Director

After 20 years with Emporia State University's School of Library & Information Management (SLIM), Oregon Program Director, Perri Parise, will be retiring on August 31.

SLIM would like to introduce the new Oregon SLIM Program Director, Jeana Menger, to the Washington library community. Her Emporia email address is jmenger@emporia.edu, and her phone number is 503-223-8280.

Jeana is a 2014 Oregon SLIM alum, and she is coming back to SLIM after having worked as a knowledge manager in the IT dept at Portland General Electric (PGE). She is also passionate about children's services and resources and is finishing up her year as co-chair of the Children's Services Division (CSD) of the Oregon Library Association.



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.

Library Instruction West 2020 Call for Proposals

Library Instruction West is seeking proposals for its 14th conference to be held July 22-24, 2020 at the University of Washington Seattle. The conference theme is Justice. The concept of justice raises more questions than answers: justice for whom, and when? What does justice look like when done well? Is justice something that can ever be achieved, or is it the goal toward which we continually work?

Proposals are due by end of the day on Monday, September 23. [Visit their website](#) for more information.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Fall CAYAS Workshop: Diversify Your Services, Refocus your STEM Lens

Join public and school library professionals for a day of learning! 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.

Discover strategies for using Children's & Young Adult Literature to engage readers of all ages with discussions about diversity, equity,

Please welcome Jeana Menger and know that the Emporia MLS Program will be in very strong and capable hands.

August Is for Advocacy

Here's the truth about the dog days of summer: August is prime time for advocacy. With members of Congress on recess, it is the perfect time to invite legislators to visit your library and let them see for themselves all the ways libraries bring value to their communities. Read [this article](#) in *American Libraries* about advocacy for libraries.

ALA Releases Recommendations for Improved Public Library Services to New Americans

As immigration rises to the forefront of public discourse, public libraries continue to be a trusted resource for new Americans seeking to gain familiarity and skills in a new land. To help libraries better serve these populations, the American Library Association (ALA) has released a white paper exploring how U.S. public libraries can provide the services new Americans need to thrive.

The report, "[Library Programs and New Americans: A White Paper](#)," is the result of a six-month research project conducted by ALA's Public Programs Office and a team of public library workers and partner organizations.

Read more about this report [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.

and inclusion. Be introduced to new story time practices and new books for youth. Learn about providing STEM programming in a library setting. This workshop is appropriate for anyone serving ages 0 through 18 in libraries. Breakfast and snacks provided. Lunch on your own. Feel free to share the [workshop flyer](#) and distribute it to everyone you know who might benefit. Stay tuned for registration information.

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 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. Submit your proposals using the [online form](#) by August 9. Presenters will be notified by August 23.

Webinar: Supporting Connected Learning for Youth in Libraries with the ConnectedLib Toolkit

The connected learning educational framework is an approach to creating learning experiences driven by teen interests and supported by their peer relationships. The ConnectedLib Toolkit is a free resource aimed at building library staff capacity to engage and promote connected learning and 21st century skills among today's digital youth.

This session will introduce the connected learning framework, orient you to the Toolkit's content and features, and discuss how it can be customized for your community's needs. Learn more about connected learning and how you can use the Toolkit to create programming that engages teens in learning that aligns with their goals.

This webinar will take place Thursday, September 12, from 12-1 pm PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

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