



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

August 14, 2019

On this day: In 1967, Vidal Sassoon was photographed giving actress Mia Farrow her famous \$5,000 pixie cut for *Rosemary's Baby*. Years later, Farrow would Tweet that it was a publicity stunt and she had cut her own hair two years prior.

## In the Issue

1. [Making Headlines](#)
2. [Look Who's Hiring](#)
3. [News & Notes](#)
4. [Conference Communiqué](#)
5. [The Learning Curve](#)

## MAKING HEADLINES

### Last Call for WLA Elections

Nominate yourself or a colleague for a WLA leadership position by this Thursday, August 15!

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.

---

### Last Call 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.

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Bethel School District is seeking a **Teacher-Librarian**. They are also seeking a **Teacher-Library Media Specialist**. The positions close August 16.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Library Associate**. The Position closes August 21. They are also seeking a **Public Services Assistant I**. The position closes August 23.

Gonzaga University Law Library is seeking a **Cataloging Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Seattle Public Library is seeking an **Assistant Director-Public Services**. The position is open until September 30.

Community Colleges of Spokane is seeking a **Library Supervisor**. The position closes August 26.

Everett Public Library System is seeking a **Digital Services & Information Technology Specialist**. The position closes August 26.

**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

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

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### ACRL-WA Conference Scholarships & Awards

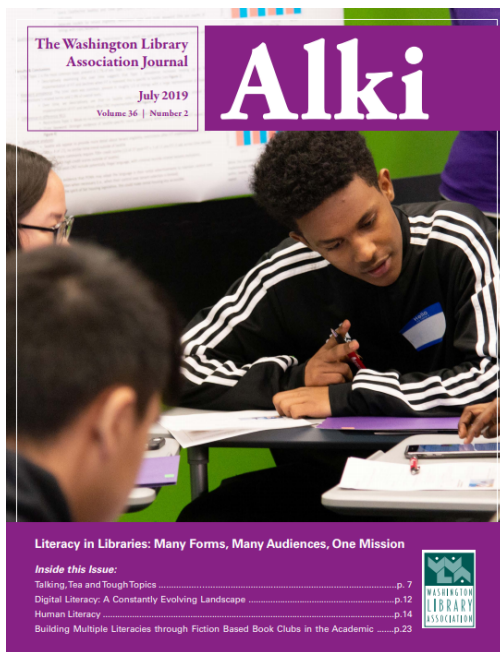
ACRL is offering scholarships to attend the Joint ACRL Conference between Washington and Oregon October 24-25 in Pack Forest, Eatonville, WA. Two scholarships will be awarded, one to new librarians and one to graduate students, to cover the cost of attendance, meals, and lodging, plus a travel stipend. Learn more about this opportunity [here](#). The deadline for applications is September 6.

### 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



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*!

### Seattle City of Literature Seeking New Board Members

Seattle City of Literature, the nonprofit responsible for securing Seattle's UNESCO City of Literature designation in 2017, is looking for new board members. Are you passionate about books and reading? Committed to supporting the work of the literary community in Seattle? Interested in making meaningful change in and around the city? if so, **Apply now!**

### Prioritizing Accessibility & Disability Inclusion in Your Library

Opportunities to make libraries more accessible can include decisions about your



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: 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 Friday, 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, 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. Presented by Dr. Michelle H. Martin, J. Elizabeth Mills, Megan Burton, and Shelby Barnes.

### Course: Wikipedia + Libraries: Health & Medical Information

collections, offering technology that improves the patron experience, designing or improving a physical building, and managing the library's online presence to be accessible and inclusive. Read [this article](#) from WebJunction to learn more.

---

### ALA 2020 Emerging Leaders

ALA is still accepting applications for the 2020 class of [Emerging Leaders](#). The deadline to [apply](#) is August 30. Emerging Leaders is a leadership development program that enables newer library workers from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity.

---

### OLA Quarterly Now Available

Volume 24, No. 4 of Oregon Library Association Quarterly is now available to download and read. The Guest Editor is Maureen Flanagan Battistella of Southern Oregon University and the theme is Digital Repositories and Data Harvester. For the full issue, see [here](#).

---

### Call for Applications for Lois Ann Gregory-Wood Fellows Program

The American Library Association reminds members of its call for applications for its inaugural year of the Lois Ann Gregory-Wood Fellows Program in 2020. One individual will be selected to receive a grant totaling \$2,500 to cover costs of attending two conferences: the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia and Annual Conference in Chicago. The Fellow will work with a mentor and attend various governance meetings over the course of the conferences to observe and to learn. [Click here](#) for more information about the application process.

---

### Performance Evaluations: What Not to Do

Performance evaluations can be stressful not just for the employee on the receiving end, but for managers as well. As is the case with many managerial topics, elements of a successful review are typically not included in library school curricula. This means many new managers enter the process with little to no idea of what is expected of them or helpful for their employees. While it can be tempting to

When public library staff assist patrons seeking information on health and medical topics, Wikipedia may not be the first place they go. However, as a free and readily accessible encyclopedia, Wikipedia is among the largest and most frequently used online references for health and medical information seekers, not just for patients and their families and friends, but also for doctors, medical students, and policy makers. Knowledge of the inner workings of Wikipedia can help library staff critically evaluate and search this free resource.

This free, online, four-week course begins Tuesday, October 8. Learn more and enroll [here](#).

---

### Webinar: Libraries Connecting Communities to Vaccine Information & Resources

August is National Immunization Awareness Month and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine is hosting a webinar that will provide practical information, resources, and tools for public library staff to help empower and inform their communities around vaccines. The presentation will also equip libraries to help their patrons speak with their pharmacist and other members of the care team about vaccines as well as additional health information needs.

This free webinar will take place Wednesday, August 21 at 1:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register for this webinar [here](#).

---

### Webinar: Bilingual Zines Workshop

Learn how to make 6-fold zines and incorporate bilingual aspects into your zine-making practice. Engage participants by providing a zine template and generating new templates. This webinar will showcase zine samples created by participants. Presented by the Los Angeles Chapter of REFORMA and Yago Cura, Bilingual Outreach Librarian, Los Angeles Public Library.

This half-hour online webinar will take place Monday, August 26, at 9:30 am PT. You can learn more or register for this program [here](#).

---

### Webinar: SEL in Action: Proven Solutions to Improve Student Mental Health

just skip reviews entirely in this scenario, that is not helpful to staff either. Instead, it pays to learn about what goes into a proper evaluation. Learn more in [this article](#) from Public Libraries Online.

---

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.

Attend this web seminar to learn how to integrate SEL programs and digital resources into everyday instruction and make a lasting impact on youth mental health and school safety. Panelists will share their experiences and discuss how to effectively help students facing anxiety, depression, and other mood disorders, by implementing real-world, actionable best practices and strategies.

This free online webinar will take place Thursday, August 22, at 11:00 am PT. You can learn more or register for this program [here](#).

---

Washington Library Association | PO Box 33808 Seattle, WA 98133 | 206-823-1138 | [www.wla.org](http://www.wla.org)  
Questions? Email us at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org)