



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

September 4, 2019

On this day: In 1893, English author Beatrix Potter first writes the story of Peter Rabbit in an illustrated letter.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Congratulations to Our 2019 Scholarship Winners!

On behalf of the WLA Professional Development Committee, we're excited to announce the winners of the **2019 WLA Scholarships!**

- **Daniel Tate** – Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship (\$1,000)
- **Hanna White** – Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship (\$1,000)
- **Marissa Rydzewski** – Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship (\$1,000)
- **Pearl McCrea** – Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship (\$500)
- **Belva Tyska** – Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship (\$1,000)
- **Jennifer Altena** – Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship (\$1,000)

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the **WLA Awards Reception** in Wenatchee, October 5.

Save the Date: WLA Awards Reception



Come celebrate with your colleagues from around the state at the **WLA Awards Reception!** WLA members and their guests are invited to the NCRL Distribution Center in Wenatchee on October 10 to celebrate Merit Award winners, incoming and outgoing WLA leadership, and scholarship winners, who received a total of \$5,500!

Due to the timing of the 2019 OLA-WLA Conference, we didn't have the opportunity to hold our traditional awards lunch after the elections and awards cycle. This reception will allow us to recognize those leaders and go-getters during the usual timing of WLA's annual conference.

Call for Alki Submissions: The Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Issue

It's time to submit article ideas for the next issue of *Alki*! The theme for Fall 2019 is "Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." In these challenging times, our profession has an opportunity and a responsibility to rethink how we engage communities that are using our libraries, and also those that are not. Many organizations and library staff are setting bold visions, policies, programs, and examples for creating spaces of inclusion, empowerment, and belonging for everyone, particularly those who are underrepresented and marginalized. This issue is devoted to this goal and the ongoing work needed to achieve it. If you or someone you know are doing this work, and would like to write about it, please consider sending your article idea(s) to alkieditor@wla.org and include:

- Your name and position/library
- Description of the article
- Suggested title
- Estimated length (in pages); each page = 750 words (or fewer with graphics)
- Intent to include graphics (photo, logo, other)
- Contact information

The deadline to submit articles for the Fall issue is October 18, 2019. Please see the **Instructions for Contributors** for more details. Di Zhang, the editor of *Alki*, is happy to discuss ideas and

expectations with you as well. We are also accepting articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Edmonds School District is seeking a **Library & Instructional Technology Coach/Coordinator**. The position is open until filled.

Pierce County Library System is seeking a **Youth Services Librarian**. The position is open until September 5.

Eastern Washington University is seeking a **University Archivist & Special Collections Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

The Tacoma Public Library is seeking a **Library Network & Systems Administrator**. The position is open until filled.

OCLC is seeking an **Instructional Designer**. The part time, temporary position is open until September 13.

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

New WLA Listserv Policy Approved

The WLA Board voted in August to approve a new **Listsrv Policy** for all WLA listservs, open to WLA members. This and all policies for the Washington Library Association can be found on the **Policies & Governing Documents** page of the WLA website.

WLA Elections Are Open Through September 23!

Members of WLA are invited to vote in the 2020 Elections! Voting is open August 27–

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. Programs 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: WLA Academic Library Conference



WLA's CLAWS (College Libraries Across Washington State) Section and ALD (Academic Library Division) will come together for the **2020 WLA Academic Library Conference**. This all-day event will be held at on March 20, 2020, at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. Stay tuned for more details!

September 23, 2019. All current WLA members may vote for WLA Board positions, and ballots for WLA Divisions and Sections are restricted to current members of those groups.

Take a look at our candidates [here](#)!

Winners will be announced September 25 in the WLA Wednesday newsletter, and incoming and outgoing leadership will be recognized at the **Awards Reception** on October 5 in Wenatchee. The new elected terms will begin January 1.

IFLA WLIC 2019: A Dialogue for Change

More than 3,300 delegates from over 130 countries came to Athens, Greece, for the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress (WLIC). Read about it [here](#).

Special Library Association Virtual Career Fair

Connect with employers seeking to hire top talent at the **Special Libraries Association Virtual Career Fair**. Taking place completely online, the virtual career fair allows you to explore career opportunities available to you in all areas of the field, engage directly with employers online via one-on-one web chats, and make new connections and broaden your network directly from your home or office.

This online event will take place Tuesday, October 15 from 9:00 am–12:00 pm PT.

September/October 2019 Issue of *American Libraries* now available



The **September/October 2019** Issue of *American Libraries* is now available. This

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

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

Registration is now open for the CAYAS Fall Workshop! Join public and school library professionals for a day of learning! 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. Learn more and register [here](#).

Assessment in Action Fall Research Symposium

Join college technical and academic librarian colleagues as they share their research process and what they've learned at the Assessment in Action Fall Research Symposium! Keynote Dr. Lori Wamsley will share her experiences on library assessment

yearly **Library Design Showcase** features innovative and unique buildings, including sustainable design, new construction, renovations, expansions, and re-purposed spaces.

Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship Accepting Applications

The Louise Seaman Bechtel Fellowship provides a grant up to \$4,000 to a qualified children's librarian to spend up to four weeks reading and studying at the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature of the George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville. The Baldwin Library contains a special collection of 130,000 volumes of children's literature published mostly before 1950. The fellowship is endowed in memory of Louise Seaman Bechtel and Ruth M. Baldwin. Applicants must be members of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). Learn more and apply [here](#) by October 15.

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 how to demonstrate library value to outside audiences via foundation boards, college administration, and state boards.

This symposium, free for CTC library faculty and staff, will take place Friday, September 27 from 8:30 am–4:00 pm PT. Register [here](#) by Friday, September 6.

Seattle Children's Book Festival



Mark your calendars the first-ever **Seattle Children's Book Festival**! This event will take place at Greenwood Elementary on September 28 from 11:00 am–3:00 pm and feature authors and illustrations like Ben Clanton, LeUyen Pham, and Varian Johnson.

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