



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

October 9, 2019

On this day: In 1446, the document describing Hangul, a new and native script for the Korean language, was published. Hangul Day is celebrated in South Korea on this day.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

**WLA Awards Reception is October 5!**



Join us for the [WLA Awards Reception](#)! All members are welcomed to join your colleagues from around the state to celebrate Merit Award winners, incoming and outgoing WLA leadership, and scholarship winners. Beer, wine, and appetizers will be served. Registration is free for all WLA Members. We hope to see you this Saturday in Wenatchee!

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**Call for Program Proposals: WLA Academic Library Conference**

We're now accepting program proposals for the **WLA Academic Library Conference!** CLAWS (College Libraries Across Washington State) and ALD (Academic Library Division) will come together with their first-ever conference. This all-day event will be held on March 20, 2020, at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. [Submit your proposals here!](#)

The conference theme of "Deep Roots, New Growth" seeks to cultivate the fruit of academic library work while staying grounded in an ever-changing library environment. We find ourselves at a crossroads of new and emerging ways of accessing information in academic libraries and continuously challenging the library image on campus, while also staying connected to the bedrock principles of libraries. How do we remain responsive to a changing student population, as well as increasing focus on diversity and inclusion? How can we grow with the culture of our campus patrons and rise to meet the future needs of teaching and learning?

Proposals are due no later than Tuesday, October 29. Applicants will be notified of their proposal status by Tuesday, November 12.

Please direct questions to the WLA office at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) or (206) 823-1138.

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Western Washington University Library is seeking an **Acquisitions/Interlibrary Loan Specialist**. The position is open until October 10.

Central Skagit Library District is seeking a **Head of Public Services**. The position is open until October 26.

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a **Youth Services Librarian**. The position is open until October 14.

Tigard Public Library is seeking an **Adult Services Reference Assistant**. The position is open until October 8.

**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

## 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

## 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](mailto: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.

### Jason Reynolds Lecture in Tacoma: These Three Words

Author Jason Reynolds will be at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma on Wednesday, October 30, to discuss the three words he keeps at the forefront of his mind when writing stories for young people. They serve as his compass to ensure the stories connect and feel like true representations of young life, leading to a more engaged reading. This lecture is free and open to the public. Read more information [here](#).

### Survey: Attitudes Towards Homelessness

Librarians and library paraprofessionals are asked to take a national online survey from ALA's Social Responsibilities Round Table and

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!

### 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**

Texas A&M University: **Attitudes towards homelessness and public library services among public and academic libraries**. The purpose of this multi-institution study is to gather information on how public and academic libraries are serving their library users who are experiencing homelessness, the challenges that libraries are encountering, and the kinds of information, resources and support they would like to have to facilitate this work.

As a participant, you will be asked to complete an online questionnaire lasting approximately 15 minutes or less.

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### Career and Technical Scholarship

The Career and Technical Scholarship is now open! This scholarship supports Washington residents of any age on their path to high-demand, family wage careers in the trades, STEM and health care. If you work directly with potential applicants who are in the workforce, seeking work or currently in college, please share the news! Read more information [here](#).

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### The Top 10 Best Debut Novels of the Decade

"Friends, it's true: the end of the decade approaches. It's been a difficult, anxiety-provoking, morally compromised decade, but at least it's been populated by some fine literature. We'll take our silver linings where we can." Read more about *Literary Hub's* top ten debut novels from the 2010s [here](#).

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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.

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](#).

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### Webinar: The Future of Reading Is Social

It's never been easier to buy, read, and read about books we want to buy, so why is reading on the decline? Because, all too often, more screen means less reading time. It doesn't have to be that way. Rather than resist screen time altogether, let's harness the power of these devices by tuning into what makes them so compelling for today's young digital natives. This asset-based approach to device-based reading is helping re-shape what the future of reading looks like.

This one-hour webinar will take place Thursday, October 3 from 12:00 am–1:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register for [here](#).

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### Special Libraries Association Virtual Career Fair

Connect with special library employers, explore career opportunities, engage directly with employers online via one-on-one chats, and make new connections to broaden your network directly from your home or office.

This online opportunity will take place Tuesday, October 15 from 9:00 am–12:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register [here](#).

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