



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

December 11, 2019

On this day: In 1913, Leonardo Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* was recovered after it was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### Alki Seeking Editor



WLA is seeking an Editor for *Alki*! A minimum two-year commitment is requested, and the position will begin by March 2020. The Alki Editor is responsible for providing a balanced mixture of relevant and thoughtful articles and features on the interests, responsibilities, and concerns of all library personnel. Editor receives a \$3,000 annual honorarium to be delivered in three equal installments, plus approved expenses. **Apply** by December 17.

### WLA School Library Division Funding Opportunity on Legislative Day (February 5, 2020)

The WLA School Library Division (ScLD) is offering funding assistance for travel and lodging to attend the **WLA Library Legislative Day** in Olympia on Wednesday, February 5. Interested School Librarians from around the state are encouraged to apply to represent WLA ScLD and your region of the state. We are looking for 10 WLA ScLD members from the 5 regions of Washington (Northwest, Southwest, Olympic Peninsula, Central, Eastern).

This is a great opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state and meet with state legislators and their staff to

discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them. Make sure your voice gets heard and your library community is represented! Please **complete this form** by Monday, January 6, 2020 to be considered. The WLA ScLD Steering Committee will make decisions and notify applicants on Friday, January 10, 2020.

For school libraries, the top 2020 State Legislative Priority is to encourage certified teacher librarians as a requirement for staffing models and ensure districts are not able to eliminate school library information technology programs.

It's ALL about Advocacy Skills:

1. Building relationships
2. Starting conversations
3. Sharing your stories
4. Data that backs up those stories

WLA School Library Division is looking to ALL regions of our state to support bringing School Librarians to Olympia for Legislative Day on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Interested in raising your voice and sharing with your regional representatives and senator? Apply to attend and represent your region of the state.

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### **Virtual Conference Session Spotlight** **Defy Distance: How to Use Virtual Reality to Engage Youth**

Are your patrons craving connection? Are you looking for ways to engage middle and high school students through global awareness? Virtual Reality provides an opportunity to have agency, experience the world, and learn emerging technologies in public, school, and academic libraries. Laura McGinty and TuesD Chambers are staff members at Ballard High School with a goal of building community and encouraging global awareness by defying distance through VR. They will share protocols, lesson ideas, and ways to engage family and community members in virtual reality. And, in the process, create ways for people to connect with one another.

TuesD Chambers and Laura McGinty from Seattle Public Schools will deliver this session at the upcoming **WLA Virtual Conference** on January 15. **Registration** is open now!

## **LOOK WHO'S HIRING**

Gonzaga University is seeking an **Associate Dean of Scholarly Resources**. The position is open until January 3.

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a **Managing Librarian**. the position is open until filled.

The Tacoma Public Library is seeking a **Children's Librarian**. the position is open until December 30.

## **CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE**

### **Virtual Library Conference**

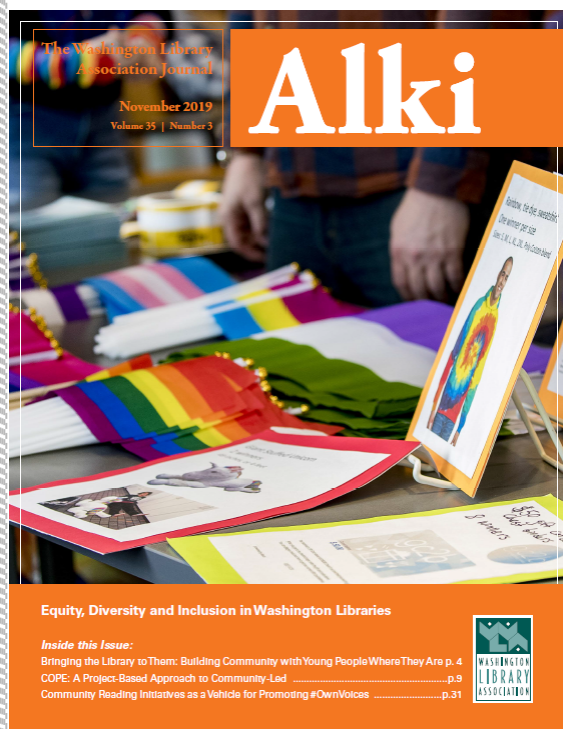
Edmonds School District is seeking a **Paraeducator I- Library**. The position is open until December 20.

**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

### November *Alki*: Equity, Diversity, Inclusion



The **November Issue of *Alki*** is now available! Our latest edition of *Alki* focuses on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Libraries. When it comes to libraries, racial equity and social justice need to be front and center. In this issue, we set out to highlight some of the fantastic work that library staff and organizations are engaged in and also ways that we can challenge ourselves to do better and to think bigger. This is certainly not an endpoint, but rather a starting place to share ideas, tools, and perspectives on how to be more inclusive, to share more power, and ultimately create a place of belonging for those that we serve.

#WLAVirtual2020



Registration is now open 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. **Register today!**

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. Programs are focused three topic tracks: *Emergent Technologies*, *Career & Professional Development*, and *Marketing & Communications*. Read more about our programs [here](#).

### 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

## Privacy Advocacy Guides for Libraries: Invitation to Become a Test Library

The project team of the IMLS-funded **Privacy Advocacy Guides for Libraries** project is looking for a few school, public, and academic libraries to test out and provide feedback on one or more of the newly-created guides. Topics of guides so far include privacy audits, data life cycle, and staff training. You can see more details in the IMLS **proposal** submission; email [bonnie.tijerina@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.tijerina@gmail.com) or [erinberman@aclibrary.org](mailto:erinberman@aclibrary.org); or visit the project in the ALA Midwinter exhibit hall in January.

## Legislative Day 2020: Registration Open

Join us in Olympia on February 5 for the **WA Library Legislative Day**, sponsored by WLA! This is a great opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state and meet with state legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them. Make sure your voice gets heard and your library community is represented.

WA Library Legislative Day is free to attend. This year, WLA will be setting up meetings between attendees and legislators. **Online registration is now open!**

## Woodinville Mobile Food Pantry

King County Library System recently partnered with Hopelink and the City of Woodinville to bring a bi-monthly mobile food truck pantry to the local public library. Read more [here](#).

## 5 Locally-Written Books that will Expand your Horizons

Seattle Public librarian Misha Stone compiled five novels from locally-written authors. "Washington Authors have been at the forefront of important conversations in their work for a long time now," she says. "These are some books that feature new voices and insights that will open your eyes and get you thinking." Read more [here](#).

## What Were Your Favorite Books of 2019?

Washington University in Ellensburg.

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?

## 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.

## Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) Conference Scholarships

The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) offers scholarships to subsidize conference attendance by professional librarians, paraprofessionals, and students. RBMS is currently accepting scholarship applications



Inquiring minds at the Washington State Library want to know! **Submit your favorite books of 2019**, from picture books to adult reads.

### **New \$2,000 Grant from ALA to Support Community Engagement Work**

The American Library Association (ALA) invites library workers to apply for a new annual grant to support innovative and meaningful community engagement efforts in libraries. The **Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant** will provide \$2,000 for a school, public, academic, tribal or special library to expand its community engagement efforts. Libraries are invited to apply by designing and outlining activities for a library-led community engagement project. Applications will be accepted between Dec. 2, 2019, and Feb. 3, 2020. View the full award guidelines and apply online [here](#).

for **RBMS 2020: Power, Resistance, and Leadership** to be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN from June 23-26, 2020. Learn more and apply [here](#).

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### **Webinar: Summer Reading Program 2020: Imagine Your Story**

Get ready for next summer by learning about quality books to consider for your library's collection and start planning for Imagine Your Story. Kids will be clamoring for both fiction and nonfiction titles as they explore the worlds of fairy tales, myths, legends, and even their families' own stories of their history.

This free webinar will take place Tuesday, December 31 from 8:00–9:00 am PT. You can learn more or register [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.

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