WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

May 8, 2019

On this day: In 1835, the first installment of Hans Christian Andersen "Fairy Tales" published by C. A. Reitzel in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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MAKING HEADLINES

2019 WCCPBA Winner Announced

The winner of the 2019 Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award (WCCPBA) is The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors!

Congratulations to Drew Daywalt, Adam Rex, and publisher Balzer and Bray! This year, 134,336 children in the state of Washington participated.

Since 1982, the WCCPBA has been decided by K-3 Washington state students. Check out the 2020 WCCPBA nominees here!

WLA Book Awards: 2019 Voting & 2020 Nominees
Voting has closed for the WCCPBA and Sasquatch Award, but there’s still time to cast your votes for OTTER and Towner!

The **OTTER Award** is an award for transitional readers in grades 1-3. Voting for the 2019 OTTER Award closes Friday, May 10. Check out the 2020 nominees [here](#).

The **Towner Award** is an informational texts award for grades 2-6. Voting for the 2019 Award closes Wednesday, May 15. Check out the 2020 nominees [here](#).

Voting has closed for the **Sasquatch Award**, a chapter book award for grades 4-6. Stay tuned for award announcements, and check out the 2020 nominees [here](#) while you wait!

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**LOOK WHO’S HIRING**

Bellevue College Library Media Center is seeking an **Administrative Assistant**. The position is open until May 23.

The Washington State Library is seeking a **Library and Archival Professional 4**. The position is open until filled.

The Western Washington University Libraries is seeking a **Resource Access Manager**. The position closes May 20.

Bethel School District is seeking a **Librarian**. The position closes May 10.

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.

**CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE**

**ARSL Conference: Scholarships Available for Small and Rural Library Workers**

The Washington State Library will fund two scholarships to the **Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) 2019 Conference** in Burlington, Vermont. This conference has sold out, so this may your chance to attend!

Preference will be given to applicants who have not won this scholarship before. The value of the scholarship is approximately $2,000. The scholarship will fund travel, lodging, and conference registration. ARSL Conference dates are September 4-7, 2019. **Apply** by May 31.

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must be from a public or tribal library or library branch serving a population of 10,000 or less in Washington State.
- Scholarship awardees must commit to a doing follow-up project.

You can find more information about the ARSL grant application [here](#).

**NEWS & NOTES**

**American Libraries: May 2019 Issue Available Now**
Marshall Breeding’s annual “Library Systems Report” returns in the May 2019 issue of American Libraries, exploring the industry’s cycles of innovation. In the report, Breeding looks at company consolidations, sales numbers, and technological advances, adding insightful analysis. Also of interest is the release of ALA’s 2019 Class of Emerging Leaders, an interview with author Sandra Cisneros, and more.

WLA Merit Award Nominations Open June 5

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! We will begin accepting nominations June 5.

Teacher Librarian Trainers Wanted

Washington State Library and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction are seeking applicants to develop training curriculum and/or present trainings to other teacher librarians and school library staff. They are currently looking for teacher librarians to develop and present two training curricula, one to cover the new Social Studies Standards (curriculum development August 7-8) and another to support the development of maker space programs in school libraries.

The Association of Rural and Small Libraries is also funding four scholarships to attend the ARSL Conference in Burlington, Vermont. These scholarships are for first-time attendees to ARSL. Each has different criteria, please visit the ARSL Scholarship Page to learn more about each and choose one that is right for you. Applications must be submitted by 3:00 PM PT May 24.

Webinar: Is That Real? A Crash Course in Verifying Online Content

Dive into the tools and skills that you and your patrons need to verify the authenticity of user-generated content, and learn how to create engaging fact-checking investigations that will empower learners to detect and debunk misinformation online. News Literacy Project (NLP) covers topics such as developing keen observation skills that help detect images circulating in a false context; using reverse image searches to find the origins of a digital image; using webpage archivers to explore deleted or changed content; and using Google Street View to explore and confirm details of locations around the world. This webinar will help you boost your own skills and give you confidence to help patrons evaluate their sources, too.

This free one-hour webinar will take place Wednesday, May 22 from 12:00-1:00PM PT.
You can learn more or register for this webinar here.

Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing Conference

Registration is now open for the 18th Annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference! The conference will take place September 12-13 at Portland Community College - Sylvania.

The keynote speaker is Nancy Pearl, the well-
Training is a yearlong commitment. Training sessions must take place outside of paid time. Compensation for trainers will be funded in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act. Apply for the Social Studies Standards Training here, and the MakerSpace Curriculum Development here.

Successful Legislative Session for Washington Libraries

The Senate’s 41-7 vote Thursday to pass House Bill 2015, which cleared the House 92-5 on April 9, moves Washington forward on the much-needed project for a new library-archives building for Washington state. This legislation, which now awaits Governor Inslee’s signature, authorizes the Office of Secretary of State to charge an additional $2 for recording documents with counties, an increase that will revert back once the building is paid off. Read more from state librarian Cindy Aden here.

Survey: Community Engagement Work

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office is looking for stories from libraries who have done, or are doing, community engagement work. They are interested in learning what that experience has looked like in your library and what the results have been for your institution or community. Take the survey here.

Examples of community engagement are, but are definitely not limited to:

- hosting a conversation with residents to discuss a divisive topic
- an information campaign to educate residents about a topic before an election or referendum
- learning what services or programs a certain segment of the community needs and revising library offerings/activities based on what you heard

Visit the conference website to register. Look for a full program later this month!

NWILL scholarships are available. Scholarships will include a waived registration fee and $500 to cover travel expenses.

Workshop: Quick and Snappy Professional Web Sites

Antioch University Seattle is sponsoring a workshop to help aspiring and experience teacher librarians create an effective professional web presence. Facilitated by Stephen Goodwin, former instructor at the iSchool, University of Washington, free Google tools will be used to create a straightforward website.

This two-hour workshop will be held Wednesday, May 22 4:30-6:30 PM at Antioch University Seattle Campus (2400 3rd Ave). The workshop is free to attend, or $15 for two Clock Hours. To apply, contact Christie Kaaland, School Library Endorsement Program, School of Education, Antioch University Seattle.

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.