



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

January 1, 2020

On this day: In 1892, Ellis Island opens as a US immigration inspection station. It would go on to be the gateway to the US for more than 12 million people.

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MAKING HEADLINES

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.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Seattle Children's Research Institute is seeking a **Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Richland Library is seeking a **Librarian I**. The position is open until filled.

Western Washington University is seeking a **Faculty Librarian**. The position is open until January 31.

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

Advocacy Corner: New Year, New Advocacy Resolutions

"It's hard to believe that we're entering a new year—the perfect time to build new habits into your life. This year, consider focusing on everyday acts of advocacy. Each month, the WLA Advocacy Committee will highlight an advocacy resource, training or a call to action.

In January, even if you can't attend the entire **WLA Virtual Conference** on January 14, consider taking part in the closing keynote at 3:40 p.m., From Advocate to Activist, featuring John Chrastka & Patrick "PC" Sweeney of EveryLibrary.

What actions, large or small, have you been doing to advocate for libraries or the communities we serve? The **WLA Advocacy Committee** would love to hear from you."

—Kristin Piepho (*she/her/hers*)
WLA Advocacy Committee Chair

Legislative Day 2020: Registration Open

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Virtual Library Conference: Two Weeks Left to Register!

#WLAVirtual2020



There are only two weeks left until 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!**

WLA Academic Library Conference



wla academic library conference

March 20, 2020 | Ellensburg, WA

deep roots, new growth

WLA's CLAWS (College Libraries Across Washington State) Section and ALD (Academic Library Division) will come together for the **2020 WLA Academic**

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!**

Urban Librarians Unite

Urban Librarians Unite is **soliciting speaking proposals** for its 7th annual Urban Librarians Conference to be held on May 1, 2020 in Brooklyn, NY. The 2020 Urban Librarians Conference, "Caution: Librarians at Work!" will be focusing on the pragmatic realities of working urban librarians, including topics like working conditions, trauma in the workplace, mid-career development, badass library workers, diversity in the library workforce, rights and protections for staff, and philosophies of work and management. **Proposals are due by December 31st.**

Washington State Book Awards Seeking Judges

The Washington Center for the Book is looking for librarians to judge youth and adult categories for the 2020 Washington State Book Awards (for books published in 2019). Judges read and evaluate books by Washington authors and collaborate with each other to determine finalists and winners. This is a significant time commitment – last year more than 300 books were evaluated – but it can also be rewarding work. If you'd like to be considered, please read **more here** and complete the online application **by January 10, 2020.**

ACRL Call for Participation 2021

The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) invites you to share your research and creative endeavors with your colleagues at ACRL 2021, April 14–17, 2021, in Seattle, Washington. The theme is Ascending into An Open Future.

Important deadlines: Friday, May 8, 2020, for

Library Conference. This all-day event will be held at on March 20, 2020, at Central 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.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Webinar: Librarian as a Verb

Making connections and being an active part of the community you serve is especially important in small and rural libraries. It makes your library more visible and also enhances the quality of life in the community. Learn how a rural library director transformed library services over one summer, by getting out and growing awareness in the community. With the help of two enthusiastic staff, one simple idea grew into so much more. Explore different ways to engage your community, spark young readers, and build relationships

Contributed Paper, Panel, Preconference, and Workshop; and Friday, October 9, 2020, for Lightning Talk, Poster, Roundtable, TechConnect, and Webcast. Submit your ideas for presentations [here](#).

UW iSchool Library Expo Is February 7

The University of Washington iSchool will be hosting its **library expo** on Friday, February 7. This event is a great opportunity for libraries, non-profits, corporations and library-related associations to meet with UW MLIS students.

Attendees are encouraged to engage with students and share information about their organizations, professional associations, and potential job, directed-field work and volunteer opportunities. This event is free, but spaces are limited.

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.

with families. Hear tips, tools, and personal stories about how the library implemented outreach services and created ways to positively impact the entire community! Learn how to make "librarian" not only your job title, but what you *actively* do. This webinar is hosted in collaboration with the **Association for Rural and Small Libraries** (ARSL).

This free webinar will take place Wednesday, February 5 from 12:00–1:00 pm PT. You can learn more or register [here](#).

OrcaCon Tabletop Games Convention

January 10–12, **OrcaCon** will be held at the Hilton Bellevue. OrcaCon is a tabletop games convention, which includes board and card games, role-playing games, and miniatures games. OrcaCon is focused on creating a safe and welcoming space for promoting the tabletop games hobby, supporting diversity in tabletop games, and building a community of both novice and experienced game players. Check out the **programming and gaming schedule**.

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