



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

January 8, 2020

On this day: In 1656, the oldest surviving commercial newspaper begins in Haarlem, Netherlands.

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MAKING HEADLINES

**WLA Academic Library Conference Registration
Opens in One Week!**



wla academic library conference

March 20, 2020 | Ellensburg, WA

deep roots, new growth

Registration for our WLA Academic Library Conference opens on Wednesday, January 15! 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.

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?

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Highline College is seeking a **Library & Archives Paraprofessional 4**. The position is open until January 16.

La Conner is seeking a **Library Director**. The position is open until January 21.

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.

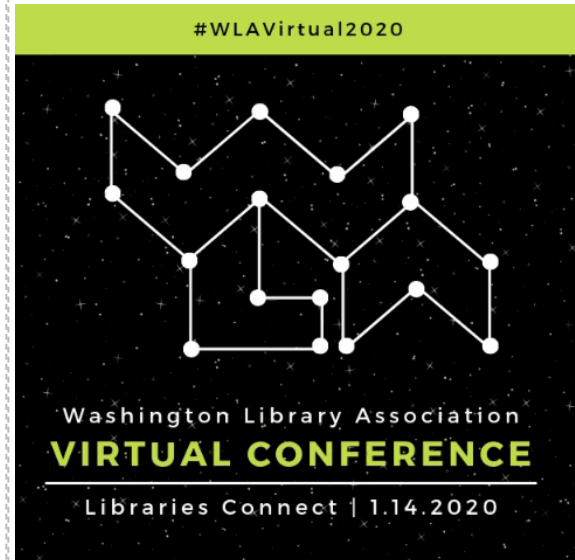
What actions, large or small, have you been doing to advocate for libraries or the communities we serve? The **WLA Advocacy Committee** would love to hear from you."

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

Legislative Day 2020: Registration Open

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Virtual Library Conference: Two Weeks Left to Register!



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!**

Save the Date: 2020 WLA Conference



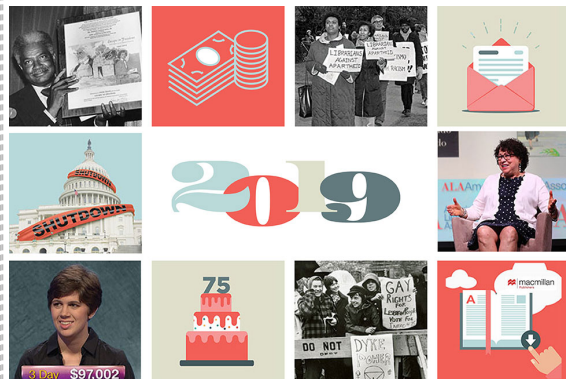
Save the date for the **2020 WLA Conference!**

When: October 7-10, 2020
Where: Spokane Convention Center

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!**

2019 Year in Review



Take a look at *American Libraries'* **Year in Review** for 2019!

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**.

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 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**.

ALA 2020 Midwinter Preview

This year, American Library Association's (ALA) Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits returns to the Pennsylvania Convention Center January 24–28 to give librarians a chance to make connections, discuss ideas, and discover new research to help build a strong future for libraries, even in the face of overwhelming odds. Take a look at the **featured speakers** and **other exciting spotlights**.

Important deadlines: Friday, May 8, 2020, for 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](#).

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.

YALSA Names 2020 Great Graphic Novels for Teens

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has announced its **2020 Great Graphic Novels for Teens** list. The top ten list stems from a list of 103 titles selected from 178 official nominations.

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