



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

January 22, 2020

On this day: In 1973, *Roe vs. Wade* was decided.

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MAKING HEADLINES

**ALKI Now Accepting Proposals for March Issue 2020:
Keeping Count**



The Washington Library Association's *Alki* journal is seeking proposals for its March 2020 edition, with the broad theme of "Keeping Count." We are looking for proposals from all library types and from all library workers!

How is your library considering the 2020 U.S. Census? Have you created courses to educate students to think critically about privacy? How are you dealing with budget shortfalls? What big (open?) data initiatives are you proud of? What are the benefits and/or pitfalls of our culture of assessment? How is your library dealing with its vendor relationships? This is an amazing opportunity to share stories and strategies with your colleagues.

Proposals will be accepted by Sunday, February 16. Find instructions on how to submit [here](#).

2020 WLA Conference Program RFP Spotlight: Night Tracks

2020 VISION

WLA CONFERENCE
SPOKANE, WA

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The **2020 WLA Conference Committee** invites you to submit a program proposal to the **2020 WLA Conference** in Spokane, Washington, October 7–10!

New this year, WLA will offer 45-minute Night Track sessions for programs that are more irreverent, fun, or provocative than our standard conference fare. For example, a conference session that teaches how to put on an escape room might host an escape room as a night track. If you or someone you know can present on a topic or run a program that would be a good fit for a Night Track session, **submit here** by Wednesday, February 19!

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

La Conner Regional Library is seeking a **Library Director**. The position is open until January 31.

The Timberland Regional Library is seeking a **Library Assistant**. The position is open until February 2.

The Seattle Public Library is seeking three **Children's Services Librarians**. The positions are open until January 27.

The Valley School is seeking a **Librarian**. The position is open until February 3.

The Washington State Library is seeking a **Digital Scholarship Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

The Washington State Library, Institutional Library Services is seeking a **Branch Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

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,

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

WLA Academic Library Conference
Registration Now Open!



**wla
academic
library
conference**

March 20, 2020 | Ellensburg, WA

deep roots, new growth

Registration for our WLA Academic Library Conference is now open! 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

please **email** us and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

NEWS & NOTES

CLAWS Logo Contest

Want to be a part of history? Consider creating a logo for **CLAWS** (College Librarians Across Washington State). We are seeking a fun, claws-themed logo that can visually represent both "claws" and college libraries. All WLA members can submit.

Please have a logo submitted in a scalable format (PNG). Please submit in color and black and white, or only in black and white. Only one submission per entry is allowed.

The winner will be credited as the logo designed on the CLAWS page and in the announcement. The winner will receive free registration to the **WLA Academic Library Conference** or equivalent discount to the **WLA Annual Conference**.

The deadline for mock-ups is midnight, January 30, 2020. Voting will take place between February 1 and February 7. The winner will be announced February 14. Please upload entries to **this Google Drive folder**.

WLA Library Legislative Day 2020

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!**

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?

THE LEARNING CURVE

Library 2.020: Wholehearted Communities

This mini-conference will explore the human side of 21st-Century information work. It will define what soft skills are, how and when to use various soft skills, types of training that can improve soft skills, and how to share emotionally engaging stories. Learn what libraries are doing now to extend services, create welcoming spaces, and engage users with soft skills such as compassion, empathy, creativity, curiosity, and finding balance. Sessions will focus on how we can nurture a positive mindset in our employees, use the power of stories to promote understanding, and extend our reach into our global communities. Soft skills are heart skills.

This free mini-conference will take place Tuesday, March 10 from 12:00–3:30 pm 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.