On this day: In 1919, the first Pan-African Congress is held for its first of three days in Paris, France. W. E. B. Du Bois and Ida Gibbs Hunt organized the Congress of 57 delegates from 15 countries to petition the Versailles Peace Conference, to which they were not invited.

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### Making Headlines
2020 WLA Conference Program RFP Closes Today!

The **2020 WLA Conference Committee** invites you to submit a program proposal to the **2020 WLA Conference** in Spokane, Washington, October 7–10! If you or someone you know would like to present at the 2020 WLA Conference, [submit here](#) by Wednesday, February 19!

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**WLA Academic Library Conference: Early Bird Registration Closes February 20**
Early Bird Registration for our WLA Academic Library Conference is closing tomorrow, February 20! 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

The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory is seeking a Research Librarian - Computer Sciences and Data Literacy. The position is open until March 19.

Primary Source is seeking a Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant. The position is open until filled.

Seattle Central College is seeking Part-Time Library Faculty. The positions are open until June 19.

The University of Washington is seeking an E-Resources Metadata Librarian. The position is open until March 16. They are also seeking a Bothel Cascadia Library Manager. The position is open until filled.

Everett Public Schools is seeking a Librarian. The position is open until March 6.

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUÉ

### Public Library Association Conference: Attend PLA Virtually!

PLA offers a great way to participate in and enjoy the PLA Conference, even if you can’t be there in Nashville. The PLA 2020 Virtual Conference will consist of live programming on Thursday, February 27 and Friday, February 28, including five 60-minute programs each day, plus author interviews and opportunities for networking. Programs are chosen from among the highest rated in PLA’s session preference survey.

The deadline to register for the PLA 2020 Virtual Conference has been extended until 4:30 PM Central on Monday, February 24, 2020. Learn more and register [here](#)!
Ryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP is seeking a Research Librarian. The position is open until filled.

Bellevue College is seeking an Assistant Student Success 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.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library has many positions available, all open until filled:

- Branch Manager
- Public Services Librarian
- Public Services Librarian (Bilingual: Spanish/English)
- Public Services Librarian, In-Training

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.

Workshop: Engaging with the Community: Learning and Applying the Essentials of Cultural Humility to Improve Health Information Outreach

Travelling to PLA 2020 in Nashville, TN? Collaborate with colleagues to learn more about serving underserved communities in a culturally humble and inclusive manner. Learn about trusted health information resources from the National Library of Medicine and how you can partner with NNLM to support the All of Us Research Program.

This free workshop will take place Tuesday, February 25 from 1:30–5:00pm Eastern Time. You can learn more or register for this event here.

The Learning Curve

Webinar: Library Safety & Security 2020: Keeping Your Staff, Patrons, & Facilities Safe

As libraries add new programs and services, some things stay the same: the need to keep library employees, patrons, and the buildings safe. Start 2020 with this tool-filled webinar with information and (often entertaining) stories from Dr. Steve Albrecht.

This webinar will cover how to best protect staff from harassment, threats, or assaults; how to manage various challenging patron behaviors; and how to both assess and protect your library facilities from crimes or other situations that could shut down operations.

This 90-minute webinar will take place Thursday, February 20 from 1:00 pm–2:30 pm Pacific Time. You can learn more or register for this event 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.