



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

March 4, 2020

On this day: Until 1937, March 4 was Inauguration Day for the United States. 25 Presidents were sworn in on this day.

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MAKING HEADLINES

WLA 2020-21 Scholarship Applications Now Open

Applications are open for **WLA scholarships**, awarded by the **Professional Development Committee** to support the education and professional development of WLA members. Applications are due May 6, and winners will be announced June 3.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Primary Source is seeking an **Administrative Assistant**. They are also seeking a **Bookkeeper**. The positions are open until filled.

Seattle Public Schools is seeking a **High School Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Shoreline Community College is seeking a **Faculty Pool Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Library Circulation Supervisor**. The position is open until March 11.

Blue Origin is seeking a **Project Manager - Technical Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

**WLA Academic Library Conference:
Session Spotlight
The Library Is a Growing Organism
Closing Keynote with Lauren Pressley**



wla academic library conference

March 20, 2020 | Ellensburg, WA

deep roots, new growth

The Seattle Public Library is seeking an **Adult Services Librarian**. The position is open until March 9.

Terrace Heights Library is seeking a **Library Assistant 2**. The position is open until filled.

The University of Washington is seeking an **Assistant Librarian or Senior Assistant Librarian - E-Resources Metadata**. The position is open until March 16.

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

WLA Advocacy Wednesday: The Power of Storytelling

"When it comes to advocating for the value of libraries, it is critical that we are able to clearly demonstrate their worth to our communities and stakeholders. We often think of data detailing foot traffic, circulation statistics, and other figures as the primary way to do this. However, there is another powerful tool that we can utilize to communicate the value of libraries—storytelling. Although statistics can look impressive, they fall short of demonstrating the amazing things libraries make possible every day, whether it be assisting a senior citizen find information on affordable housing, or making a young reader's day with the perfect book. Storytelling allows us to both highlight those impactful moments that hard numbers cannot capture, and to easily share it with our community.

The State Library of Pennsylvania in partnership with the Altoona Area Public Library and Get Stories, have created a **comprehensive toolkit** for crafting your library's story. This is a powerful tool for advocating for your library with powerful stories that happen every day."

— Rickey Barnett, Teen & Adult Librarian, Edmonds Library, Sno-Isle Libraries, WLA Advocacy Committee

Library Snapshot Day

It's less than one month until the **2020 WLA Academic Library Conference!** WLA's CLAWS (College Libraries Across Washington State) Section and ALD (Academic Library Division) will come together for this all-day event held at on March 20, 2020, at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

Libraries remain grounded in traditional values and services, while evolving to serve new and emerging needs in our information environments and communities. This presentation will explore how libraries, and those that work in them, grow and adapt while remaining true to the foundations of our work.

Association for Rural & Small Libraries: Request for Program Proposals Now Open

ARSL is now accepting program proposals for the 2020 ARSL Conference, September 30-October 3, in Wichita, Kansas! The conference theme is "SOAR with Libraries: Sharing Our Amazing Resources."

Please submit your proposals for both pre-conferences and breakout sessions using the **online form**. Proposals are due by 10pm CST, Sunday, March 15, 2020. Submitters will be notified by May 1. Questions? Contact Holly Mercer, 2020 Program Chair, via email hmercerc@swkls.org or phone (620)225-1231.

Free Comic Con Sessions at Seattle Public Library

Emerald City Comic Con presents six free sessions at Seattle Public Library's Central Library on Thursday, March 12. Here's a chance to see Ngozi Ukazu, Kazu Kibuishi, Maia Kobabe, Yehudi Mercado and many other creators. The day is designed for librarians, educators, and comic fans. No registration needed. You can learn more about the event **here**.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Free ACRL Workshop

The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Scholarly Communications Roadshow is coming to Central Washington University. CWU and Eastern Washington University are co-sponsoring the first roadshow to come to the state of

Washington Library Snapshot Day

Join the Washington Library Association and the Washington State Library in celebrating **Library Snapshot Day, April 19-25**, a full week of advocacy for our libraries, archives, and special collections across the state!

Show us a "day in the life" at your library or repository! We want to see your programs, your collections, your people (with their permission, of course!), your catalogs, your shelves, your study spaces, your meetings... All library things!

Puget Sound Council Meeting

Love getting your hands on newly published books for your library? Love it even more when they are FREE? Join local librarians at this month's Puget Sound Council meeting on Saturday, March 7 from 9-11am at the Shoreline Conference Center Professional Library (back by the playing fields). Share oral reviews of hot titles, snag books to writing online reviews of, and nibble on treats. Find info [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.

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This one-day workshop will take place Thursday, May 1. You can learn more or register for this event [here](#).

Edible Book Festival

The Edible Book Festival brings people together for a lighthearted culinary, artistic, and literary celebration in Lake Forest Park. Creations made from food and inspired by works of literature will be displayed. (Past entries have included works titled *Gourd of the Rings*, *War and Peas*, and *The Life of Pie*.) Contestants are asked to bring a copy of the book that inspired them as well as a serving utensil—because at the end of the day, all the creations will be eaten.

Article: Reaching the Hard to Count

"Toledo, Ohio—once a manufacturing hub, now losing population for lack of jobs—does not want to be undercounted in the 2020 Census and miss out on critical resources. So in May 2019, the mayor and Lucas County commissioners sent area businesses and organizations a letter asking them to join a Complete Count Committee (CCC)." Read more about reaching underrepresented populations in the 2020 Census in *American Libraries*.