



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

March 25, 2020

On this day: In 1965, Civil Rights Activists on the March from Selma to Montgomery reached the State Capitol Building in Alabama.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Resources for Libraries during COVID-19 Closures

On Monday, March 23, Governor Jay Inslee issued a **stay-at-home order** for Washington State. Many schools and libraries had already closed for the safety of their staff and patrons, a move encouraged by the **Washington Library Association**, the **American Library Association**, the **Association for Rural & Small Libraries**, and many more.

Here are some free resources, webinars, and information that may help in the weeks ahead:

Service Resource

Serving Homeless Patrons in the COVID-19

Shutdown (*American Libraries*)

Full List of Washington State Public Library Services Affected by COVID-19 (*Washington State Library*)

Fighting Fake News in the Pandemic (*American Libraries*)

Survey: Academic Library Response to COVID-19 (*Ithaka S+R*)

Resources for Higher Education and Academic Libraries (*Ithaka S+R*)

Remote Learning Resources

STYLE Remote Learning Program

Eight Digital Education Resources from the Smithsonian

Virtual Author Activities (*We Are Teachers*)

Let's Do Fun Stuff Together Online Activities with Drew

Brockington (Author of *CatStronauts*)

Author Read-Alouds (*Children's Book Council*)

Professional Development

Advice for Those at Home, Working or Otherwise (*Librarian By Day*)

Publishers Adapting Policies for Online Read-Alouds (*School Library Journal*)

Standards and Limitations for Distance Read-Alouds (*Knowledge Quest, AASL*)
Webinar Recording: Navigating the Impact of COVID-19

Personal Well-Being

Virtual Book Channel (*Lit Hub*)

Food, Childcare, Mental Health Support and More: Resources to support the community during the coronavirus outbreak (*Seattle Times*, state-wide resources)

For Workers Affected by COVID-19 (*Washington Employment Security Department*)

Monterey Bay Aquarium Live Cams

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.

The available scholarships are:

- **Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship:** \$1000 - \$3000 to one or more WLA members who is enrolled in an ALA-accredited Masters degree program and has completed at least one semester or quarter.
- **Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.
- **John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a current WLA member of color toward a degree, certificate, or graduate level study in the Library or Education fields.
- **Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library paraprofessional and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. *Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.*
- **Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library employee and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop or educational event. *Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.*

WALE (Washington Library Employees) to Offer Scholarships for 2020-21

WALE, a section of WLA, is offering two scholarships for members of WALE:

- **WALE Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a WALE member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.
- **WALE Library Paraprofessional Scholarship:** up to \$1000 to a current library paraprofessional and WALE member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event.

WLA Members can join any section for free here. Applications are due May 6, and winners will be announced June 3.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

Please note: while the WLA Office has tried to confirm the status of job postings, there may be hiring freezes in place. Please contact the institutions directly for the most up to date information.

If your institution is still currently hiring, and has 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.

Bellevue College is seeking a **Reference Librarian**. The position is open until March 26.

Fresh Consulting is seeking a **PCB Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

The Seattle Public Library is seeking a **Director of Administrative Services**. The position is open until filled. They are also seeking a **Public Relations Specialist**. The position is open until March 27.

The Washington State library is seeking a **Branch Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory is seeking a **Research Librarian - Computer Sciences and Data Literacy**. The position is open until April 17.

NEWS & NOTES

#LibrarySnapshot Day

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!

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

**WLA Academic Library Conference:
Thank You!**



wla academic library conference

March 20, 2020 | Ellensburg, WA

deep roots, new growth

Thank you to all who attended the **2020 WLA Academic Library Conference!** WLA's CLAWS (College Libraries Across Washington State) Section and ALD (Academic Library Division) was pleased to host academic library professionals online for a day of learning. Recordings will be available for attendees and to purchase for later viewing.

American Library Association to Cancel 2020 Annual Conference

In a **press release** on March 24, ALA announced plans to cancel their June 25-30 conference in Chicago, IL due to the spread of the Coronavirus.

"ALA's priority is the health and safety of the library community, including our members, staff, supporters, vendors and volunteers," said Wanda K. Brown, ALA president. "As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds, it's become clear that in the face of an unprecedented situation, we need to make tough choices."

2020 will mark the first time in 75 years that ALA has not held an Annual Conference. The last cancellation took place in 1945 as World War II neared its end.

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!

PNLA LEADS Survey

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) LEADS committee is beginning to plan the next **institute** and would like your input on how to proceed with future LEADS sessions. Members of the Pacific Northwest Library Association are asked to complete **this survey** by April 1.

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.

THE LEARNING CURVE

Association for Rural & Small Libraries: Request for Program Proposals Deadline Extended

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 27, 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.