



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

May 20, 2020

On this day: in 1927 at 7:40 AM, Charles Lindbergh takes off from New York to cross the Atlantic for Paris, aboard Spirit of St Louis (1st non-stop flight)

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MAKING HEADLINES

Together Again: WLA to Offer Grants for Conference Attendance

Libraries are facing difficult budget cuts, and we know that this will leave many with financial barriers to professional development. To support our library community, WLA will offer attendance grants for the **2020 WLA Conference** to our members who have been financially impacted by COVID-19.

Grants may cover conference registration, travel, and/or lodging, depending on the financial needs of the applicant. WLA members who demonstrate a financial need resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible. Grant funds must be used to attend the 2020 WLA Conference, October 7–10 at the Spokane Convention Center.

Learn more and apply [here](#) by Wednesday, July 8. Recipients will be announced Wednesday, August 5.

Now more than ever, we know our library community needs opportunities to learn, build connections, and tackle the new challenges we're facing. With the help of our vendors, partner organizations, and members, we hope we can see much of our WLA community together again in Spokane!

WLA 2020 Member Needs Assessment

The WLA Member Services Committee would like to invite you to take the **WLA 2020 Member Needs Assessment**. This is a great opportunity for the association to understand WLA's membership and for members and non-members alike to take part in shaping the future of WLA. The deadline is **June 10**.

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 hiring and has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email info@wla.org and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a **Library Finance Manager**. The position is open until May 29.

North Central Regional Library is seeking a **Finance Director**. The position is open until filled.

Issaquah School District is seeking a **Teaching and Learning Services Technician**. The position is open until filled.

Linfield College is seeking a **Visiting Information Literacy Librarian**. The position is open until May 25.

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) lists job openings frequently. You can also browse WLA institutional members' postings [here](#).

THE LEARNING CURVE

Alki Library Reflections

COVID-19 has altered everyone's daily sense of being and working. The **Alki Editorial Committee** would like to document the experiences of library workers and students in WA State during COVID-19. We are collecting any and all experiences, through word or photograph, that reflect on your (remote) library work during COVID-19. These can be a set of feelings, sharing how you've pivoted your programming, reflecting on hopes for the future of libraries, etc.

By submitting your entries, you are agreeing that your submission(s) may be picked for publication in the Summer 2020 Issue of Alki. Submit your experiences [here](#).

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

#WLA2020: Programs are Live!



Session descriptions and schedule of events for **WLA 2020 Annual Conference** are live!

The conference planning committee selected programs intended to be of interest and value to a diverse range of professionals working in or with academic, public, school, and special libraries. It is our hope that all presentations will be audience-focused, that attendees will leave each program feeling they have learned something new, and that it was an enjoyable, interactive experience.

The WLA Board and office are closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on future events. At this time, we are planning to hold an in-person conference this fall in Spokane. We will follow the recommendations from government and health officials, and we are prepared to pivot to an online event if necessary. While some libraries may experience budget cuts as a result of the current crisis, we also know how much our library community will need this opportunity to network, learn, and problem solve together. We hope to see you in Spokane!

NEWS & NOTES

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The Washington Library Association's *Alki* is seeking articles for its Summer 2020 issue with the broad theme of "**Resilience and Resolve**". We want to hear from all library types and from all library workers, including

Survey on Experience of Interim Middle Managers in Libraries

Kennesaw State University invites you to take a survey to investigate the impact of interim leadership service on professional relationships, career, personal relationships, and individual well-being. The goal of the study is to learn how serving in an interim leadership role impacts librarians and gather advice on how to approach these positions. This study has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board at Kennesaw State University. Take survey [here](#).

Sign up to be a Temporary Youth Worker During the COVID-19 Crisis

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families is seeking a pool of **temporary, on-call full-time staff** to work at various youth Behavior Rehabilitation Services facilities on a per-shift basis. For more information, contact their **COVID-19 response team**.

Novel Ideas: Weekly Book Discussions

The Holocaust Center for Humanity is offering ongoing book discussions. Open to teachers, students, parents and anyone else. These informal chats are intended to examine enduring text-based questions and themes, teaching approaches and strategies, and anything else you wish to share and discuss regarding the text of the week.

MY SOUL IS FILLED WITH JOY, by Karen Treiger | Wednesday, May 27 | 1pm-2pm PST

DIARY OF ANNE FRANK - Graphic Adaptation, Diary, or Play | Wednesday, May June 10 | 1pm-2pm PST

Learn more [here](#).

students!

Alki wants to showcase your library's resilience and resolve, while also acknowledging the challenges and upheaval that come at us, particularly during crises. How prepared are we for crises? How sustainable, scalable, and adaptable are our services, from instruction to circulation, from programming to collection development? This is an amazing opportunity to share stories and strategies with your colleagues.

Please send your article to alkieditor@wla.org and include:

- Your name and contact information
- A brief, third-person bio that includes your affiliation and job title, if applicable
- Any graphics (logos, photos, charts, etc.) in .jpg or .png format
- A working title
- Word count
- The article as a word document or google document. **Please follow this template.**

The deadline to submit articles for the Spring issue is June 1st, 2020. Please see the [Instructions for Contributors](#) for more details. Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman, the editor of *Alki*, is happy to discuss ideas and expectations with you as well. We always consider articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

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.