



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

June 3, 2020

On this day: in 1943, a mob of 60 from the Los Angeles Naval Reserve Armory beat up everyone perceived to be Hispanic, starting the week-long Zoot Suit Riots

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MAKING HEADLINES

WLA Statement on Anti-Racism

The Washington Library Association decries the brutality Black communities experience from those charged to protect and serve. Libraries are providers of vital resources for historically underserved communities, and this work has never been more important than it is now. We are responsible for continuing to do this difficult, sometimes painful work that demands we address our biases and how they impact our ability to serve our communities equitably. We urge library professionals across Washington to fight for Black lives, actively oppose systemic oppression and police brutality, and prioritize anti-racism in all that we do. The WLA Board is committed to doing this anti-racist work within our association. To be silent is to be complicit.

The Urban Libraries Council has also released a poignant statement on race and social equity, which serves as a baseline for libraries to build policies and actions designed to make their communities more inclusive and just. The statement has been signed by 163 public libraries across North America. Learn more [here](#).

Additional Resources

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.

Pierce County Library System is seeking a **Customer Experience Coordinator**. The position is open until June 8.

Pierce County Library System is seeking a **Finance Assistant**. The position is open until June 5.

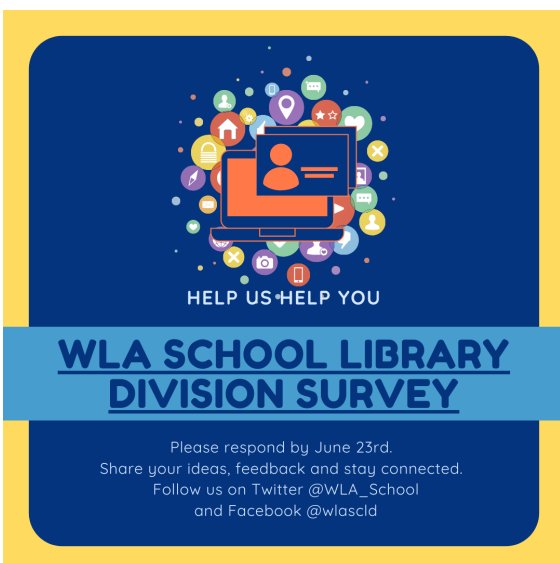
Pierce County Library System is seeking a **Coordinating Librarian, Enjoyment Services**. The position is open until June 8.

Valley School District is seeking a **Paraprofessional**. The position is open until June 5.

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

THE LEARNING CURVE

The School Library Division Needs to Hear From you!



HELP US HELP YOU

WLA SCHOOL LIBRARY DIVISION SURVEY

Please respond by June 23rd.
Share your ideas, feedback and stay connected.
Follow us on Twitter @WLA_School
and Facebook @wlasclid

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

Academic Library Division Newsletter Submission

The Academic Library Division is accepting submissions for their second quarterly newsletter of the year. The deadline for submissions is Monday June 22, with the newsletter being sent to the listserv the following week on Monday June 29.

Below are guidelines regarding submissions:

WLA ScLD would like your input regarding the needs of learners and teachers as the pandemic impacts schools and education. With a specific focus on digital and remote learning, we want to know where your teachers need support. This feedback will help inform a variety of existing and new initiatives to better support Washington State educators and learners. As teacher librarians, you have a unique perspective on the needs of your school during this unprecedented pandemic and we'd appreciate your input. Learn more [here](#).

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](#).

Fall 2020 Bookbuzz

Summer will be over before we know it! Join this powerhouse panel of publishing insiders for a lively conversation highlighting inspiring titles that are sure to become favorites. Here is just a taste of what will have your readers FALL-ing in love:

Our Little Kitchen | is the latest picture book from Caldecott honor winner Jillian Tamaki. Readers follow a crew of resourceful neighbors coming together to prepare a meal for their community. It's a celebration of full bellies and looking out for one another.

If You Come to Earth | A glorious guide to our home planet, and a call for us to take care of both Earth and each other. This stunning book is inspired by the thousands of children Sophie Blackall has met during her travels around the world in support of UNICEF and Save the Children.

All submissions should have:

- Your name and contact information
- A sentence or two why this is interesting or may be of interest to the readers
- A note letting ALD know that you want to remain anonymous with your submission (if applicable)
- Be submitted via email to either Steve or Amy no later than the week prior to the newsletter. This means the deadlines for submission this year are **June 22, September 21, and December 21.**
- Please use the following email addresses for submission: soverfelt@wsu.edu OR amy.thielen@wsu.edu.

Newsletter submissions can focus on a variety of topics, so if there is something you would like to share, feel free to submit! Submission content ideas are below:

ALD would love to have contributions that range from; conference announcements, patron/customer service stories, recipes, a book review (you must have read it), general news for the good of the whole, a project you are working on or want feedback on, a completed project everyone should hear about, and any number of other library or human interest stories, anecdotes, or interesting library news. This is for you to share and contribute at the division level!

The Pacific Northwest Library Association Virtual Poster Session

The Pacific Northwest Library Association invites proposals for its free Virtual Poster Session, to be held **August 4-7, 2020**. Proposals are due **June 12, 2020**.

PNLA is accepting proposals from all types of libraries in the Pacific Northwest that discuss the ways that you and your institutions are responding to challenges caused by COVID-19, but are particularly interested in proposals that address the following:

- How is your library demonstrating compassion and empathy from a distance?
- How is your library recreating a sense of community through virtual channels

The Wanderer | A little paper boat journeys across the ocean, past reefs and between icebergs, through schools of fish, swaying water plants, and terrifying sea monsters. We hope that readers young and old will find the strength and inspiration that we did in this quietly powerful story by Peter Van den Ende about growing, learning, and life's ups and downs.

This webinar will take place Thursday, June 4 from 11am-12:30pm PST. 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.

or services that support distancing?

- What types of outreach to youth are you engaging in to maintain literacy levels (virtual storytime, book delivery, etc.)?
- What leadership skills have you drawn on to create or continue projects and services during this time, and what leadership skills are you currently developing (and how)?

Presenter names will be entered into a drawing to receive a free one-year PNLA membership. Up to 5 names will be drawn. Learn more [here](#).

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