



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

June 10, 2020

On this day: in 1963, US Equal Pay Act signed into law by President John F. Kennedy

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MAKING HEADLINES

WLA Office Closed Friday, June 12

The WLA office will be closed this Friday, June 12, so that staff members may participate in the statewide day of action that has been called for by **Black Lives Matter Seattle-King County**. BLM reports that the day of action will include "a general strike and a silent march to honor and mourn the lives lost to police brutality and institutional racism." Emails and phone messages received after office hours on Thursday will be tended to first thing on Monday.

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 Closes TODAY

Thank you for the valuable feedback provided so far! 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. As we approach the final hours, The WLA Member Services Committee invites you to take the **WLA 2020 Member Needs Assessment**. 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.

Kent School District is seeking a **Teacher, Librarian/Technology Integration Specialist**. The position is open until June 15.

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

Everett Community College is seeking a **Public Services Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

The City of Seaside is seeking an **Assistant Library Director**. The position is open until filled.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Library System is seeking a **Young Adult Librarian**. The position is open until June 17.

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!

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

ALA Goes Virtual



From June 24-26, join the American Library Association at **ALA Virtual**, a new virtual event. There will be 50+ educational sessions, notable featured speakers, and more than 500 exhibitors. Attendees will enjoy participating in live-chats, networking opportunities, and free swag!

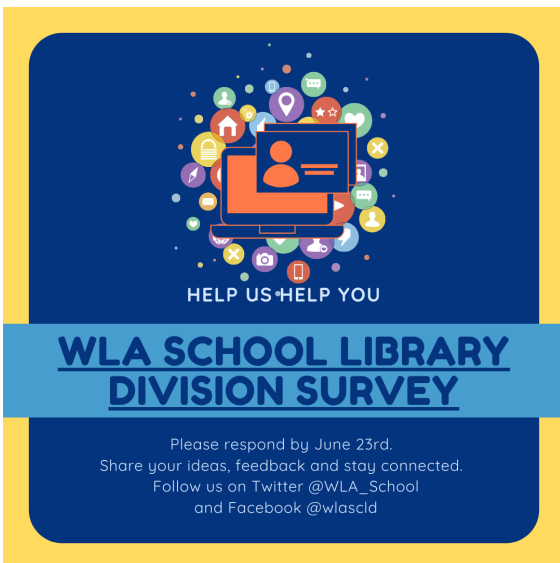
Thanks to our generous sponsors, ALA Members can register for only \$60 and Members who have been furloughed, laid off, or are experiencing reduced work hours are invited at no cost!

The best part is that much of the event will be recorded and will be made available to all registrants for one year!

View our **Program Scheduler** that is consistently updated with new and exciting activities. Registration closes Wednesday, June 17 at 12pm CT. Register [here](#).

NEWS & NOTES

WLA School Library Division Book Award Release 2019-2020



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](#).

2020 Evergreen Teen Book Award Winners

The Evergreen Teen Book Award Committee is pleased to announce the winners for the 2020 Evergreen Teen Book Awards.

2020 High School List Winner: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

2020 Middle School List Winner: *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds

The Evergreen Teen Book Award is Washington State's oldest readers' choice award. Nominees are selected from titles that are, or can be, popular with young adults and which deserve to be celebrated. Nominations are submitted by students, educators, and librarians. The committee is accepting nominations for the 2022 Cycle. Books considered for this cycle must have been published in 2019. Submit nominations [here](#).

For more information about our new nominees, Booktalks, bookmarks, and other



Congratulations to the 2020 Washington Library Association Book Award Winners! See which title won the Otter, the Sasquatch, the Towner and the WCCPBA! Learn more [here](#).

Apply for WLA Scholarships

WLA scholarships are memorial scholarships, created and funded by families and friends in memory of their loved ones to honor each person's service to libraries. Scholarship applications are due June 8. We will be highlighting each of these scholarships in the coming weeks.

This week we'd like to spotlight the John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship which pledges \$1000 to a current WLA member of color toward a degree, certificate, or graduate level study in the Library or Education fields.

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.

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

resources, visit the Evergreen Teen Book Award website [here](#).

Together Wherever: A Free Virtual Event From ACRL

Sad about missing your colleagues in Chicago this summer? Don't fret! ACRL is pleased to host ACRL Together Wherever, a week of virtual programming and networking opportunities for the academic and research library community. Keep up with what's going on in the profession at a time when it has never been more critical. Our programming is still going strong because of your ideas, messages, and support. At a difficult time for us all, you make a world of difference. This series will take place June 8-12. Learn more [here](#).

Stand With the Facts

KUOW and UW's Center for an Informed Public have launched a new project: *Stand with the Facts*. This collaboration addresses the spread of misinformation – How do we spot it? How can we stop it? The urgency of this project could not be greater in light of both the political climate and the current health crisis. Learn more [here](#).

Still Searching for One Health: Information Services that Support Prevention of Emerging Zoonotic Disease

Join this PNR Rendezvous webinar session where Suzanne Fricke, Animal Health Sciences Librarian at Washington State University Pullman, will discuss some of the One Health initiatives that seek to prevent and control pathogen spillover at the animal/human/ecosystem interface and the role information specialists play in developing sustainable One Health cultures and mindsets at local, regional, national and international levels. Attendance at the lives session is encouraged and a recording will be made available.

This webinar will take place June 17 from 1-2 pm PT. Register for this webinar [here](#).

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 or services that support distancing?
- What types of outreach to youth are you engaging in to maintain literacy levels (virtual storytime, book delivery, etc.)?

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](#).

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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