



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

June 17, 2020

On this day: in 1885, The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York Harbor

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### **2021 WLA Elections: Nominations Open Today!**

Are you looking for leadership experience to help with your career? Need a reason to meet new library people and expand your network? Want to give back to Washington's library communities? WLA wants you!

Nominations open June 17 for all vacant 2020 WLA leadership positions, from the WLA Board of Directors to our Division and Section steering committees. If you have questions about any position, you may contact the WLA Office, or go to the current Board, Division, or Section roster to find contact information for the person that currently fills the position, or to whom the position reports. Please note that WLA Committee Chairs are appointed by the Board President and do not need to go through this election process.

### **2020 Elections Timeline**

June 17 – nominations open (may nominate self or others)  
Aug 19 – nominations deadline  
Aug 26-Sept 23 – online elections are open to all WLA members  
Sept 24 – winners notified  
Sept 30 – winners announced in WLA Wednesday newsletter  
Jan 1 – new leadership terms begin

To nominate yourself or another WLA member, please fill out the nomination form by August 19, 2020, with the candidate's name, employer or connection to libraries, email address and phone number. All candidates must complete the following three candidate questions in the nomination form and provide a headshot photo. Your answers will be used to create your candidate statement. Please submit your headshot photo to the WLA Office via email at [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) by August 19, 2020. You may want to consider the following guiding questions:

What skills would you bring to the position?

What qualifications make you a viable candidate for the position?

Where would you like to see WLA and the Division/Section in the future, and what would you do to move it toward that vision?

You may refer to the **candidate statements** from the 2020 WLA elections as examples. Please also include a professional headshot for use on the WLA website. Nominate yourself or another WLA member [here](#).

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### 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

## 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](mailto:info@wla.org) and indicate "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a **Learning Coordinator**. The position is open until July 10.

North Central Regional Library District is seeking a **Finance Director**. The position is

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### ALA Goes Virtual



ALA American Library Association

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!

open until filled.

Seattle Public Library is seeking a **Director of Administrative Services**. The position is open until filled.

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

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### Book Bingo For Grown Ups

Looking for a way to connect your adult patrons with the joy of a summer reading program? The Washington Center for the Book has Book Bingo cards you can customize for your library, to either download/print or to share on social media. Available in English and in Spanish. Learn more [here](#).

### Sheltered in Place: COVID-19 Zine Diaries Project

The Washington Center for the Book invites Washingtonians of all ages to send us your COVID-19 stories! Our goal is to help preserve and share the experiences of everyday Washingtonians to help us connect and comfort each other now and so that future readers can immerse themselves in our experiences today. Learn more [here](#).

### Shifting the Center: Transforming Academic Libraries through Generous Accountability

Inspired by the work of critical scholars, artists and activists within and outside libraries, the 2020 President's Program, "Shifting the Center: Transforming Academic Libraries through Generous Accountability," asks participants to imagine a world where holding ourselves truly accountable for systemic inequity in our profession and institutions is a welcome opportunity for growth.

The program asks attendees to understand that the inequitable systems governing institutions are not broken, but are functioning as they were designed to do. In light of today's global pandemic, we find these inequities even more severe for many in our communities. To rebuild these institutions, we

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



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. Learn more about all scholarships [here](#).

This week we'd like to spotlight the **Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship** which pledges \$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.

### Academic Library Division Newsletter Submission

must pay close attention to the voices and needs of people experiencing inequity, and enact change according to what we hear. The program was recorded and is available for free [here](#).

### **Penguin Random House Open License Online Story Time and Classroom Read- Aloud Videos and Live Events**

In order to encourage reading and classroom read-aloud experiences, and to support schools and public libraries forced to close by the escalating COVID-19 outbreak, Penguin Random House is permitting teachers, librarians and booksellers to create and share story time and read-aloud videos and live events, according to the following guidelines which have been extended to August 31st, 2020. Learn more [here](#).

### **Corona Multimedia Showcase: A Celebration of Creativity in Pandemic Times.**

The Kent School District in collaboration with media literacy nonprofit Action 4 Media Education invites children and families for a showcase around the COVID-19 pandemic. If you could share your thoughts and feelings about COVID-19 with others around the world, what would you create? What have you already been creating during this time of COVID-19?

The Corona Multimedia Showcase provides a platform for children, youth and families to utilize free expression to create and display media projects in a variety of formats that reflect their lives in this time. These projects will be digitally published for young people and families around the world. Each entry will be unique and provide insight into our lives. Sharing our creativity around our shared experiences unites us across borders.

Learn how to create and submit your entry for the Corona Multimedia Showcase [here](#).

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 **June 22, September 21, and December 21.**
- Please use the following email addresses for submission: [soverfelt@wsu.edu](mailto:soverfelt@wsu.edu) OR [amy.thielen@wsu.edu](mailto: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!

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.