



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

June 24, 2020

On this day: in 1896, Booker T. Washington becomes the first African American to receive an honorary MA degree from Harvard University.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### WLA Merit Awards Now Accepting Nominations!

Do you know any amazing library professionals, advocates, students, or groups that deserve to be recognized for their support of or contributions to libraries in Washington? Of course you do!

Nominate a colleague today for one of the following awards:

- Emeritus Membership(s)
- Honorary Membership(s)
- Advances in Library Services Award
- Outstanding Performance Award
- Trustee Award
- Friends/Foundation Award
- Candace Morgan Intellectual Freedom Award
- Outstanding Teacher Librarian of the Year Award
- Superintendent of the Year Award
- Principal of the Year Award
- Small District/Private School Administrator of the Year Award
- Supervisor of the Year Award
- CAYAS Visionary Service Award
- WALE Outstanding Employee Award

Nominators may nominate more than one person for any given award, or one person for multiple awards. A separate nomination form is required for each nomination. Nominations are due September 2. Learn more about each award [here](#). Submit your nomination [here](#).

### 2021 WLA Election Nominations are Live!

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 are open 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 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.

North Idaho College is seeking a **Library Circulation/Interlibrary Loan Supervisor**. The position is open until June 26.

Pierce County Library System is seeking a **Supervising Librarian**. The position is open until June 29.

City of Seattle is seeking a **Systems Librarian**. The position is open until filled.

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe is seeking a **Teacher/Librarian**. 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

#### Washington State Library COVID-19 Datasets

The Washington State Library has been documenting public libraries' continued service to their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and facility closures. The State Library's open datasets track services such as virtual programming, public wifi, resource guides for remote workers and learners, and more. As libraries reopen, these datasets are being updated to reflect curbside and mail service.

Learn more about tracking datasets [here](#).

### CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

#### ALA Goes Virtual

**ALA VIRTUAL**

COMMUNITY • THROUGH • CONNECTION

**JUNE 24-26, 2020**

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!

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

#### Submit to Alki's "Milestones"

*Alki's "Milestones"* column focuses on significant moments for libraries statewide - notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed. The committee is looking for submissions of approximately 250 words highlighting notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged. To submit, send your Milestone to **Johanna Jacobsen-Kiciman**, Alki editor, by June 30, 2020.

Learn more about public wifi access [here](#).

Have a suggestion about something else to track, or additional feedback? Contact [Kathleen Sullivan](#), open data literacy consultant at the Washington State Library

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### 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](#).

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### 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](#).

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### 2020 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction Awards

Celebrate the 2020 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence at an exciting virtual gala hosted by Booklist and RUSA. The keynote speaker is Pulitzer Prize winner and nineteenth U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey, author of five poetry collections, including Monument: Poems New and Selected, and the forthcoming Memorial Drive: A Daughter's Memoir.

This webinar will take place Thursday, July 9 at 1pm. Register [here](#). The event password, which you will use to join the event the day of the webinar, is **booklist**.

### 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 **Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship** which pledges \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.

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### The Pacific Northwest Library Association is Recruiting

Founded in 1909, PNLA is an international organization focused on building a community of librarians, library staff, and libraries staff from across the Pacific Northwest. Signature services include the Young Readers Choice Award, PNLA Job Board, Library Leadership (LEADS), PNLA Quarterly, and the regional PNLA Conference.

PNLA has two positions open:

Vice President/President-Elect (3-year commitment)

- Serves a one-year term as Vice-President starting in August 2020
- Assumes as PNLA President after 2021 PNLA Conference (August 2021)
- Serves on PNLA Board in past-President position after PNLA/MPLA joint conference (August 2022)

PNLA Treasurer (2-year term)

- Serves as PNLA financial officer starting August 2020

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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.