



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 1, 2020

On this day: in 1997, United Kingdom returns Hong Kong and the New Territories to the People's Republic of China

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MAKING HEADLINES

WLA Annual Conference is Going Virtual!



The Conference Committee has made the difficult decision to hold the 2020 WLA Conference online. While we were looking forward to coming together in Spokane this October, the health and safety of our communities and the accessibility of the conference are our top priorities. We know many members are facing budget cuts and travel restrictions, and the online format allows the conference to remain accessible. Costs for moving the conference online are currently being evaluated. We anticipate that registration for the virtual event will be significantly lower than the originally planned rate. This information will be shared and posted on our website once the decision has been made. We hope to reach library professionals who may have never had the opportunity to attend a WLA conference.

You can look forward to a schedule packed full of engaging keynotes, sessions and workshops, networking opportunities, and exhibitors at #WLA2020. We're reviewing our options for timing and format, and more information will be released by the end of June. Conference dates will be in October, and registration will open mid-July. Information about sponsoring and exhibiting will be available soon. If you are presenting a program at the conference, we will be in touch with more information by the end of the month.

The conference theme is 2020 Vision: Looking to the Future. Now more than ever, we know our library community needs opportunities to learn, build connections, and tackle the new challenges we're facing. By reflecting on our collective past and remembering that libraries have always faced change head on, let's come together to share our clearest visions for the future! Find more details [here](#).

WLA Scholarships Deadline July 8

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 July 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 **Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship** which pledges \$500- \$1000 to a current school library paraprofessional and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event.

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 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 by August 19, 2020. You may want to consider the following guiding questions:

it comes from, how it's shared and what they can do educate students and other library users to be better information consumers. This webinar builds off of **MisinfoDay**, an annual event focused on engaging high school students and educators around combating misinformation.

Co-presented by the University of Washington's **Center for an Informed Public (CIP)**, Washington State University's **Edward R. Murrow College of Communication**, and **Washington State University Vancouver**, the webinar will feature Q&A opportunities with our two presenters: CIP director Jevin West, a UW Information School associate professor; and Mike Caulfield, director of blended and networked learning at Washington State University Vancouver.

Do you have a question about misinformation? Do you have specific example of something you're struggling with? Let us know by submitting your question(s) before the webinar through the registration page or by emailing uwcip@uw.edu. You can also ask questions during the webinar.

This event takes place Thursday, July 16 from 10am- 11am. Register [here](#).

Back to School? Broadband Solutions for Online Learning

"Back to school" will not mean "back to normal" this fall. Almost every school system is making plans for a hybrid teaching model that includes significant online learning from home. Unfortunately, in some school districts, 20 to 30 percent of students do not have broadband at home, which poses a significant barrier to educational opportunity. Many school systems are struggling to address this broadband learning gap - some are providing hot spots and devices, others are upgrading their school broadband networks, while still others are exploring innovative options to provide their own wireless broadband services. SHLB's upcoming webinar explores how K-12 schools can prepare to meet the broadband challenges and needs of back-to-school during COVID-19.

This event takes place July 16 from 1:30-2:30pm. Register [here](#).

Sip & Learn Fundraiser for Young Adults

Service Desk and Systems Support Administrator. The position is open until July 7.

Pierce County Library System is seeking a **Communications Specialist (Less than 6 months)** The position is open until July 2.

Bellingham Public Library is seeking a **Head of Community Relations**. The position is open until July 24.

Central Washington University is seeking a **Library and Archives Paraprofessional 1-Library Services**. The position is open until July 13.

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

NEWS & NOTES

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](#).

Today, misinformation and propaganda are all around us. How does this play to our conscious and unconscious biases? Join the Holocaust Center for Humanity for an interactive panel on media, propaganda, and the information age with Jevin West, Professor in the Information School at the University of Washington, Louie Tran, News Reporter with Fort Wayne's NBC; and Besa, Radio DJ at Kube 93.3. Grab your favorite beverage and join like-minded peers for our first ever Sip & Learn Fundraiser. This virtual event will help build a more informed, resilient, and active young adult community.

This event takes place Thursday, July 16 at 6pm. Learn more and 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.

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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