



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 29, 2020

On this day: In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation that created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

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MAKING HEADLINES

WLA Elections Open House!

Are you curious about stepping up into a WLA leadership position but you don't know where to start? Do you want to get involved but are concerned about time commitments? Are you confused about the differences between leadership positions on the board vs in a division vs in a section?

Current WLA leaders are here to answer your questions! We are setting aside three separate times during the week of August 3 to help everyone get involved in leading WLA in a way that is right for them!

Whether you have specific questions or just want to stop in and chat, please feel free to join us for any or all of these times:

- **Monday, August 3, 12pm-1pm**
- **Wednesday, August 5, 10am-11am**
- **Friday, August 7, 3pm-4pm**

All three events will be held in Zoom. Simply click on your desired date above for the registration link. You can one, two, or all three days!

Feel free to drop in and say hi!

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!

Election nominations are open for all vacant 2020 WLA leadership positions. 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

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. 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](#).

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

The Office of the Secretary of State is seeking a **State Librarian**.

Whatcom County Library System is seeking an energetic **Branch Manager** committed to excellent customer service for the South Whatcom Library. Apply by 5:00 pm on Friday, August 14.

The University of Washington Tacoma is seeking an **Associate Librarian**. The position is open until October 2.

Telecommute Opportunity: Hosting Solutions and Library Consulting (hslc.org) currently seeking a **Digitization Specialist**.

North Central Regional Library is seeking a **Branch Operations Director**, and a **Deputy Director**. The positions are open until filled.

If your institution has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email info@wla.org and indicate "For

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

2020 WLA Conference: Register Today!

2020 WLA CONFERENCE
NOW ONLINE!
VISION

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Registration is now open for **#WLA2020**, now online! Come and join us online October 5-10 for a virtual week of engaging keynotes, sessions and workshops, networking opportunities, and exhibitors.

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

WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

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

THE LEARNING CURVE

Call for Proposals: Black Women Librarians

In Spring 2022, the Library History Round Table will devote volume 6, number 1 of *Libraries: Culture, History, and Society*, and significant space in *LHRT News and Notes*, to scholarship, book reviews, and blog posts on Black women librarians. This issue will be guest-edited by Dr. Nicole A. Cooke, the Augusta Baker Endowed Chair and Associate Professor at the University of South Carolina. A peer-reviewed publication of the Library History Round Table of the American Library Association and the Penn State University Press, *LCHS* is available in print and online via JSTOR.

Dr. Cooke will accept proposals for scholarly articles and select 4-6 research studies for publication in *LCHS*. She will collaborate with additional authors and with Brett Spencer, *LCHS* book editor, and *LHRT* blog editor, to publish additional material in *News and Notes*. We are particularly interested in material on Black women librarians who have not yet been covered adequately by the scholarly or professional literature (please see the linked list). Proposals concerning other pathbreaking librarians are also welcomed. Thus, there will be various opportunities for all types of writers within the library history community to contribute toward raising awareness about the experiences of Black women within our field.

To submit a proposal, please contact Dr. Cooke via [this signup form](#) by November 16, 2020. Full CFP can be found [here](#).

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.

remembering that libraries have always faced change head on, let's come together to share our clearest visions for the future!

Registration is now open!

NEWS & NOTES

July Alki: Resilience & Resolve



The **July 2020 issue of *Alki*** is now available. We called for an issue on Resilience & Resolve, and the deadline for submissions came at the end of May. Before the senseless deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and Manuel Ellis, and too many others. The context of Black Lives Matter *matters*, and there will be future issues and ongoing conversations devoted to accountability and anti-racist actions in our libraries.

The articles you find here are primarily about COVID-19, and they center your experiences of resilience, resolve, but also struggle. Importantly, we are introducing a new anti-racism, equity, diversity and inclusion column, to keep these core values front and center in *Alki*. In creating a new column, we do not intend to limit the conversation to this space alone.

We examine the raw responses to lockdown and quarantine, examine disaster planning, look at health and equity, and how libraries

Available in English and in Spanish. Learn more [here](#).

ALA Holding Space: A National Conversation Series

The American Library Association's **nationwide virtual tour** highlights the innovation and impact of a diverse range of libraries and engages stakeholders to advocate for libraries and the communities they serve.

A part of ALA President Julius C. Jefferson, Jr.'s broader work to build relationships and strengthen connections, Holding Space will feature town halls, round table discussions and interviews with library leaders, state and local partners, and elected officials covering topics ranging from HBCUs and academic libraries, to school, tribal, and public libraries—all while amplifying the concerns of each community along the route.

PNLA Virtual Poster Sessions



The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) is holding a virtual poster session from August 4-7, 2020 featuring 30 poster presentations from professionals affiliated with a mix of academic, public, and school libraries. The theme is Empathy, Innovation, and Impact and will address Collections and Publishing, Literacy and Instruction, Partnerships and Connections, and Leadership and Administration, with a special focus on COVID-19 response.

This event is free and open to the general public; you do not need to be a PNLA member to participate! The presentations may be viewed at your convenience, with discussion boards and live chat enabled over the four days so that viewers can ask questions and interact with presenters. Afterward, the posters will be hosted on the PNLA website indefinitely. Use the hashtag #PNLA2020 to share what you learned on

might re-envision themselves. There is poetry, and there is emotion. The Alki Editor chose to let feelings speak for themselves, and too a very light hand to editing this issue.

Washington State Librarian Search Announcement

The Washington Office of the Secretary of State is seeking a **State Librarian** to shape the vision, develop the strategic plan, and provide the leadership required to maintain the Washington State Library as a model public resource, through which information is available in digital form, accessible anytime and anywhere.

The Washington State Librarian serves as the State Library Director, responsible for fulfilling the library's mission through the effective and efficient administration of an innovative, creative, and complex organization.

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 under-served 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

Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office by Monday to be included in that

social media!

The poster session page is located [here](#).

week's digest. Please include "For WLA Wednesday" in the subject line.

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