



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

August 12, 2020

On this day: In 1990, The most complete and best-preserved skeleton of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* was found on South Dakota's Cheyenne River Sioux reservation. It was nicknamed Sue, after Susan Hendrickson, the paleontologist who discovered the dinosaur fossil.

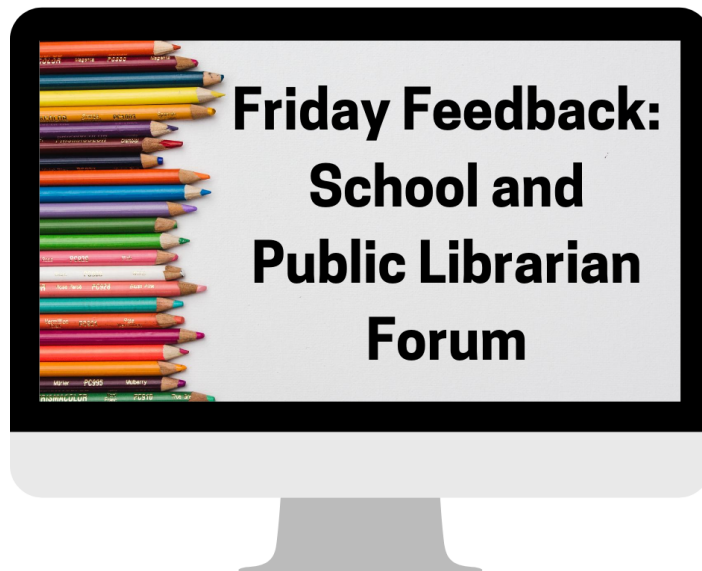
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MAKING HEADLINES

Friday Feedback: School and Public Librarian Forum

Friday, August 14, 2020 at 11:00 am



WLA's School Library Division and CAYAS Section invite school and public librarians to come talk about circulation! How can your public library and your school library learn from and support each other? Join other school and public librarians to talk about your concerns and how we may support one another as the school year approaches!

When: Friday, August 14, 2020, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

Where: Online

This is a free event, open to WLA Members and non-members. Please check out this [Google Form](#) to share some of the issues and concerns you have around circulation and the upcoming school year prior to Friday's event.

Registration for Zoom access is now open!

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

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE



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www.wla.org/2020-wla-conference

Registration is now open for the **19th Annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference (NWILL)**! This year's conference will be virtual and takes place September 9-11, 2020. The Keynote speaker is Scott Brown, Senior Cybrarian at Oracle Inc.

Invitation to Participate in a Research Survey: True Value - Making Librarian Labor Visible

PhD Students at Syracuse University are interested in learning more about the invisible labor and traditionally unrecognized work of librarians so that it can be included in discussions of library value. If you were working at a library in any paid position in 2019 (staff, paraprofessional, or professional), we would love to hear about your experience with invisible labor.

Participants are asked to complete an **online questionnaire**. This survey is voluntary and will take about 20 minutes. The protocol has been fully approved by Syracuse University IRB. We encourage you to participate by September 15, 2020.

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

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 Scholarship Winners Announced

On behalf of WLA Professional Development Committee, we are excited to announce the winners of the 2020 WLA Scholarships!

- **Neah Ingram-Monteiro** - Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship
- **Marissa Rydzewski** - Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship
- **Nicole Florence Atienza** - Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship
- **Sameera Teezab** - John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship

Thank you to all of the applicants and congratulations to the recipients!

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.

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](#).

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 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.

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