

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

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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 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

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

CAYAS Summer Workshop: Best Practices for Serving Trans Youth



WLA's Children & Young Adult Services (CAYAS) Section is excited to invite you to an online workshop where we'll be strengthening our knowledge and compassion for the struggles of our young transgender patrons! Aiden Key from Gender Diversity will help with your confidence around trans needs by reviewing what questions and conversations you may encounter, how to stay respectful when faced with topics of faith and politics, learning about current medical and mental health research, and simple steps you can take to create safe spaces for youth to grow. The workshop covers needs for children & teens and there will be time for Q&A at the end.

When: TODAY! Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 10:00 am–12:00 pm Where: Online

Registration is now open!

Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing Conference On October 5 Wanda K. Brown, 2019-2020 ALA President, will kick off **#WLA2020** with her welcome keynote address!

As libraries grow and change, you may be pondering what the future holds for you and the library profession. You may ask yourself, what is your role in taking the lead? How will you ensure that your library is positioned as an indispensable community asset? What can YOU do to embrace your community and help move it forward? ALA Immediate Past-President, Wanda Kay Brown, shares her vision for the future of libraries and discusses how library staff can embrace and capitalize on the important role libraries play in their communities. Wanda will share her thoughts on how we may best prepare ourselves for the future and how this will not only benefit our libraries and the profession, but ourselves. During this inspirational keynote you'll learn how library workers can adapt and thrive in this changing environment.

Registration is open now! Be sure to check out our organizational rates.

Conference Attendance Scholarships

The #WLA2020 Conference Committee is excited to announce that there are a limited number of Conference Attendance Scholarships available for the upcoming virtual conference to attendees who have been financially impacted by COVID19.

To apply, please complete this **application form** by September 2. Recipients will be notified by September 9.

Please check with your employer to find out if they are planning on taking advantage of the special organizational registration rates that will provide access to all employees in their organization.

NEWS & NOTES

2021 WLA Elections NOW Accepting Nominations!

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

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 antiracism, 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.

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