



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

September 23, 2020

On this day: Astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle  
observed Neptune in 1846.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### Last day to vote in the WLA Elections!

Current WLA members, cast your vote for our 2021 Board, Division, and Section leadership! Voting is open through 11:59 pm tonight.

Step 1: Read through the **candidate statements**.

Step 2: Vote using our **online ballot**.

To access the voting form, you will need to log in to your WLA account. All current WLA members may vote for WLA Board positions, and ballots for WLA Divisions and Sections are restricted to current members of those groups.

Winners will be announced September 30 in next week's WLA Wednesday newsletter, and incoming and outgoing leadership will be recognized at the Awards Lunch on October 8 during the virtual 2020 WLA Conference. The new elected terms will begin January 1, 2021.

If you have questions or trouble logging in, please contact the **WLA office**.

### Final #WLA2020 Preconference Webinar Today!

Our final **Preconference Webinar** gets underway as we ramp up to #WLA2020. Registration is separate from conference registration.

Today, September 23 from 10:00–11:30 am: **Creating Clear and Proactive Harassment Training for Your Library**. Most instances of harassment in the workplace go unreported due to a fear of retaliation or not being believed. Instead of looking at different ways to report harassment, learn to take a proactive approach by creating a culture of trust and empathy where staff feel supported to take action and to report inappropriate behaviors from staff, customers, or anyone they encounter in the workplace. Engage in a discussion

led by Kylie Bayer-Fertterer on some best practices for YOUR library.

## LOOK WHO'S HIRING

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

University of Washington Libraries is seeking a **Director of the UW-Tacoma Library and Associate Dean of University Libraries**. The position is open until October 2.

Renton Technical College is seeking an **Open Educational Resources (OER) & Instruction Librarian**. The position is open until October 8.

The Pend Oreille County Library District is seeking a **Youth Programs Specialist**.

Goldendale Community Library is seeking a **Branch Manager**.

If your institution 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.

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

## THE LEARNING CURVE

### Call for Alki Article Submissions!

Attending the upcoming #WLA2020 conference? Consider sharing your experiences with the community and writing for *Alki*!

The Washington Library Association's *Alki* is seeking articles for its November 2020 **Conference Issue**! We want to hear from all library types and from all library workers, including students, staff, and those new to the profession!

The deadline to submit articles for the November issue is October 19, 2020. Please see the **Instructions for Contributors** for

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### Conference Spotlight: WLA After Dark



On Wednesday, October 7, and Friday, October 10, join us for evening breakout sessions that are more irreverent, fun, or provocative than our standard conference fare. All sessions are BYOB, obviously.

Sessions include:

- Board After Dark: The Gaming Library
- Hate Groups in the Library: Maintaining a Safe Space While Being Inclusive
- Book Club: An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States, For Young People
- Staying Non-Partisan Doesn't Mean Staying Quiet
- Flight School: Engineering Paper & Balsa Wood Airplanes

Prior to WLA After Dark, enjoy live music from the Bushwick Book Club Seattle.

**Register for #WLA2020 [here](#)!**

## NEWS & NOTES

**WLA Advocacy Corner**  
**School Libraries in the Time of COVID:**  
**We can do hard things!**

more details. To discuss ideas and expectations, contact *Alki* editor **Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman**.

### **School Library Division Roundtable this Friday!**

School librarians, let's talk about what's working as our chaotic school year has begun! Join the ScLD on Friday, September 25 from 12 pm-12:30 pm for a lunch break Friday Forum! Register [here](#).

Interested in helping to facilitate? Send an email to **Hillary Marshall** and [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org).

### **Operationalizing the CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance in Research Data Management**

Problems of inequity continue in the ways Indigenous Peoples' data is created, stored, accessed, and used. This webinar will focus on the CARE Principles and identify practical tools for implementing them alongside the FAIR Principles in the context of the open science and open data environments.

This webinar will be of interest to those working with Indigenous data or collections, as well as metadata librarians and those interested in open access policies and managing institutional repository.

**Register** for the webinar, which takes place Thursday, September 24 at 11 am.

### **Grant Opportunity for Mini Computer Kits**

Through Washington State Library, Microsoft is offering **micro:bit Basic kits** and a limited number of **micro:bit Expansion/Starter kits** to libraries in the state. These resources can be made into or added to STEM kits. Want some for your library? Make your request to **Elizabeth laukea** by September 24 with how many basic and expansion kits you are requesting; 1-2 sentences on their intended use; contact information for future STEM-related offers; and shipping information.

Check out Advocacy Committee member Sam Harris's newsletter below, as she focuses on confronting misinformation and misunderstanding, leveraging existing relationships and building new ones, and promoting your expertise as an information literacy professional during COVID.

*It was a rough spring all around, from the rapid switch to remote learning and the physical distance between us and most of our library spaces, to the domino effect of classroom teachers (and our own) cognitive overload, library programs took a back seat in many schools. Despite it all, librarians stepped up and showed the innovative thinking and essential support for learning that we are known for...[read more in WLA's Advocacy Corner](#).*

### **Share Your Library Stories!**

The WLA Advocacy Committee is collecting library stories, and we want to hear from you!

Storytelling is a powerful tool that can connect us, inspire us, and lead us to new opportunities. These stories are helpful when advocating the power of libraries and their efforts to others, such as legislators, stakeholders, and grant committees.

WLA wants to hear your library story so that we can be better advocates for our communities. What does your library do for you? Share your story [here](#).

### **NCOA Working with Libraries to Distribute Aging Mastery Program**

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is expanding the Aging Mastery Program (a holistic health promotion program) within Washington State and welcomes the participation of your library/library system.

Washington State was awarded a three-year Aging Mastery Program grant with the goal of offering the AMP program to seniors in rural Washington State with a population of 50k or under.

In response to COVID-19, NCOA is now offering free Aging Mastery Starter Kits and related activities to older adults in rural areas to promote healthy aging and reduce social isolation. Contact **Virginia Adams** or **Rebecca Matter** for more information.

## Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Libraries: Progress and Promise



Amigos Online Conference - December 2, 2020 | #AmigosEDI

### Call for Proposals - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Libraries

Join Amigos Library Services on Dec. 2, 2020 during its online conference on **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Libraries: Progress and Promise**. They are now accepting presentation proposals that take a closer look at EDI and explore initiatives that have worked in your library.

Visit their website to learn more and **submit a proposal**. The deadline for proposals is Sept. 29, 2020. For more information about the conference, contact **Jodie Borgerding** at (972) 340-2897.

### Collaborating for a Dementia-Friendly Washington: Inspiring Change

Join this two-day virtual conference, organized by **UW Memory and Brain Wellness Center**, that aims to promote the growth of dementia-friendly communities in Washington. Sessions are 9 am-12 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 29 and Wednesday, Sept 30. **Register here**.

The conference is for all who want to take action to make their communities more dementia-friendly, including people with dementia, caregivers, and people who work or volunteer in a variety of public sectors.

For questions, contact conference coordinator Marigrace Becker, 206-744-2190.

### How to be an Anti-Racist Family – Webinar Series

Join Kenesha Lewin of Lewin Education and Consulting for a three-part webinar series centered on anti-racism strategies, Saturdays Oct. 3, 10, and 17 at 10-11:30 am. The series will focus on white supremacy culture, approaches to take with family and friends,

## 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

#### Correction

*Last week's WLA Wednesday misstated the correct pronoun for Sam Harris for the latest WLA Advocacy Corner article. The newsletter now reflects the correct pronoun, "she," not "he."*

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 meaning of being anti-racist, and more.  
Registration is required. Join the series,  
hosted by Sno-Isle Libraries, by starting [here](#).

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