



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

September 30, 2020

On this day: Science-fiction anthology TV series  
*The Twilight Zone* debuted in 1959.

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## MAKING HEADLINES

### WLA Election Results

The polls have closed for the 2021 WLA Elections, and we have a fantastic group of incoming leaders! Thank you to all of the candidates who ran and the WLA members who voted.

Are you interested in getting involved in a WLA Division, Section, or committee in 2021? Email [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org) to find out how.

Let's give a warm WLA welcome to the newly elected 2021 leaders!

### WLA Board

**Vice President/President-Elect:** Ahniwa Ferrari

**Treasurer:** Muriel Wheatley

**Board Director, Academic Library Division:** Erica Coe

**Board Director, Special Library Division:** Alycia Ensminger

**Student Representative to the Board:** Marissa Rydzewski

### WLA Divisions

**Academic Library Division Vice Chair/Chair-Elect:** Caitlan Maxwell

**Academic Library Division Secretary/Communications:** Lydia Bello

**Public Library Division Vice Chair/Chair-Elect:** Jannah Minnix

**Public Library Division Secretary/Communications:** Rickey Barnett

**School Library Division Chair:** Sarah Logan

**School Library Division Vice Chair/Chair-Elect:** Ryan Grant

**School Library Division Secretary/Communications:** Elizabeth Roberts

**Special Library Division Vice Chair/Chair-Elect:** Sara Peté

### WLA Sections

**CATS Chair:** Karen Schendlinger  
**CAYAS Vice Chair/Chair-Elect:** Brandi Gates  
**CAYAS Secretary/Communications:** Michelle Massero  
**CLAWS Chair:** Kathleen "Katie" Hart  
**CLAWS Vice Chair/Chair-Elect:** Angi Anderson  
**CLAWS Secretary/Communications:** Estee Reed  
**LIFE Chair:** Katy McLaughlin  
**LISS Chair:** Stephanie Hartford  
**LISS Secretary/Communications:** Jacob Lackner  
**SRRT Secretary/Communications:** Angelina Kuchar  
**WALE Chair:** JoLyn Reisdorf  
**WALE Secretary/Communications:** Diana Hillyard  
**WALT Chair:** Kayce Austin

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.

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### **Congratulations to the 2020 WLA Award Winners!**

On behalf of the 2020 WLA Awards Committee, we're honored to award the following Merit Awards to the recipients below for their commitment to Washington libraries.

**Honorary Lifetime Membership:** State Senator Marko Liias  
- Nominated by the WLA Legislative Committee  
**Outstanding Performance:** David Wyatt and Marshall Shapiro,  
*Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries*  
- Nominated by Sam Wallin  
**CAYAS Visionary Award:** Jennifer Carter, *King County Library System*  
- Nominated by Kristin Edwards

Award winners will be recognized at the Awards Lunch on Thursday, October 8, 12:15-1:15pm during the **2020 WLA Virtual Conference**.

You may have noticed that many of the WLA Awards, including the School Library Division and WALE Outstanding Employee Awards are not listed. Due to the unprecedented time that is 2020, we did not get as many nominations as in years past.

Regardless of the number of nominations, WLA wants to recognize the incredible work you have all been doing for your communities as we've been dealing with COVID-19.

You've done virtual story-times and programs, curbside pick-up, embedded yourselves in classrooms, continued book-clubs, performed countless hours of online and chat reference, personally called your patrons to see how they're doing, and much, much more.

We honor you and your continued commitment to the profession and to the communities you serve. Thank you for all you have done — and continue to do.



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

## CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

### Conference Spotlight: WLA After School Sessions



#WLA2020 HIGHLIGHT

### After School Sessions

[www.wla.org/2020-wla-conference](http://www.wla.org/2020-wla-conference)

School librarians can attend After School Sessions, **afternoon programs** that are hyper-focused on school libraries. School-relevant programs are still scheduled throughout the conference.

**Register for #WLA2020 [here](#). There are only five days until the conference!**

## NEWS & NOTES

### WLA Advocacy Corner School Libraries in the Time of COVID: We Can Do Hard Things!

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](#).*

## COVID-19 Health Information Outreach Award

The NNLM PNR is announcing a Request for Proposals for a new **COVID-19 Health Information Outreach Award**. Network members in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington are eligible to receive up to \$15,000 to pilot and/or develop programs that address community health needs resulting from the COVID-19 global pandemic.

The award will cover costs for virtual or in-person programs, and tools and training to manage information overload or combat misinformation. All accepted are proposals to expand e-services and distance programming through enhanced technology.

At least five (5) COVID-19 Health Information Outreach Awards are available. Applications are due October 30, 2020. Eligible applicants must be from institutions that are members of the NNLM PNR. The period of performance for these awards is: December 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021.

If you plan to submit a proposal, please email a brief statement of intent no later than Friday, October 16. Please submit your statement of intent to apply to [nnlm@uw.edu](mailto:nnlm@uw.edu).

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

### ABOS 15th Anniversary Virtual Conference

The Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services is hosting its annual conference virtually, October 13-16, 2020.

The conference will have 36+ programs on a variety of innovative outreach topics. Vendors will also be presenting programs on their specific product lines. The ABOS conference will have a special interactive program on designing memory kits by one of the leaders

## 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.

### 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.

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To register, visit the **ABOS** conference page and click on the registration link.

**Invitation to Participate in Research  
Survey: Reopening Public Libraries during  
the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Humboldt University of Berlin MLIS student Britta Herweg is interested in learning more about the decision making processes surrounding the creation and design of reopening plans and resulting library services and procedures in the midst of COVID-19.

The survey can be accessed [here](#). Responses are requested by October 10, 2020. Contact **Britta Herweg** for more info.

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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