



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

October 14, 2020

On this day: American test pilot **Chuck Yeager** became the first person to break the sound barrier.

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MAKING HEADLINES

There's Still Time to Access #WLA2020!

Did you miss the chance to use your 2020 Vision and Look into the Future with us during the **2020 WLA Virtual Conference**? Never fear – you can still take advantage of the great learning and networking opportunities through our extended-access virtual conference platform!

Registration for full access to the archived WLA 2020 Conference is open through 11:59 PM on October 30. For just \$65 per person (\$50 for WLA members!) you'll get access to all of these great features through December 31:

- Recordings of every #WLA2020 conference session available for on-demand viewing, including keynotes with ALA Past President Wanda K. Brown, CiKeithia Pugh, Chris Coward, Jevin West and WLA Book Award Winning authors
- Downloadable handouts, slide decks, and resource guides from conference presenters
- Contact information for over 20 conference exhibitors and sponsors
- Community forums to continue *Sharing Our Amazing Resources with your peers nationwide

Registrants should expect to receive access to the Whova conference platform within 1-2 business days of registering.

We are also excited to announce that next year's 2021 WLA Annual Conference will be held in beautiful Bellevue, WA, September 30-October 2! We look forward to seeing you all in person next fall.

Contact the **WLA Office** for more information!

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

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

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

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

NCW Libraries is seeking a **Customer Service Technician (Omak)** and **Branch Librarian (Omak)**.

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a **Facilities Supervisor**. This position is open until October 19.

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

ScLD/Public Library/CAYAS Roundtable on October 23

Public and school libraries are the heart of our communities. Join us Friday, October 23rd from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm to align your school and public library goals with your colleagues while identifying potential areas of partnership. **Register [here](#)**.

We will be discussing ideas for sustained projects, identified spheres of overlap, and how we can leverage our work to strengthen services and opportunities through a greater library ecosystem.

If you were able to watch the PB&J session at #WLA2020, this will be a great continuation with your colleagues. If you were unable to attend, we suggest this as the perfect invitation for a first "get to know you."

Please join us, invite your school or public librarian counterpart, and use this time to make school and public librarian work **POWER PACKED!**

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

Save the Date for #WLA2021



NEWS & NOTES

WLA Advocacy Corner Turning the Page—A One-Stop Shop for Library Advocacy

Check out the October Advocacy Corner newsletter from committee member Rickey Barnett!

"As libraries adapt to new public health guidelines and pressing community needs during the COVID-19 crisis, library advocacy efforts are more important than ever..."

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](#).

October Events with NNLM PNR

Check out the following free classes and webinars offered by the Network of the National Library of Medicine Pacific Northwest Region (NNLM PNR) for October.

All sessions listed (except for the *ABCs of DNA*) will be recorded and available to view later using the same link to register.

- Oct. 19-Nov. 15: **ABCs of DNA: Unraveling the Mystery of Genetics Information for Consumers**
- Oct. 20: **Environmental Justice & Community-Engaged Research in Communities of Color**
- Oct. 21: **Metrics Toolkit: A Tool for Navigating the Research Metrics Landscape**
- Oct. 21: **Fight Plastic Pollution Through Citizen Science Online Presentation and Q&A**

ALA "Who Are the People In Your Ecosystem?" Webinar

The ALA Statewide Ecosystem Taskforce has launched a [website](#) and toolkit to help state associations and their partners build an internal set of relationships among all library types and organizations.

A webinar will present work done by the Taskforce and the ecosystem toolkit on October 29 from 12-1 pm PST. Register [here](#).

For more information, contact [Megan Murray Cusick](#).

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.

Call for Alki Milestones!

Milestones focus on significant moments for libraries statewide — recognizing notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed.

Alki is looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged. Please get your *Milestones* submissions for the November Alki issue in by October 28 at the latest.

Please send information to Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman, Alki editor, at alkieditor@wla.org.

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](#).

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

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.

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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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