



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

October 21, 2020

On this day: The **Guggenheim Museum** in New York City opens its doors in 1959.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Call for Alki Milestones!

The Milestones section focuses 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 in for the November *Alki* Conference issue by **October 28, 2020** at the latest.

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

Call for Alki Article Submissions!

Did you attend the #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 26, 2020**. Please see the **Instructions for Contributors** for more details. To discuss ideas and expectations, contact *Alki* editor **Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman**.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

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

Page Ahead Children's Literacy Program is seeking a **Literacy Programs Manager**.

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

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

Ritzville Library District #2 is seeking a **Library Director**.

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 23 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!**

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

Register for #WLA2020 by October 30!

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, 2020. For just \$65 per person (\$50 for WLA members!) you'll get access to recordings, presentation materials, and more through December 31, 2020.

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

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

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. However, advocating the immense value of libraries to stakeholders in such unprecedented times can certainly be challenging. More daunting still can be determining where to even begin our advocacy journey..."

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! Share your story [here](#).

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.

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](#).

Media Education Literacy Week in Washington State

Gov. Inslee issued a proclamation that *Media Education Literacy Week* at the state level will be observed October 26-30, 2020, coinciding this year with the 6th annual **national observance week**.

Find ways to **get involved**, participate in **events**, and share **resources** in relation to media literacy at the NAMLE website.

Participate in Survey on Copyright Knowledge

California State University - Chico, Arizona State University, and Portland Community College invite library personnel in the Western region of the United States to **complete a survey** that will investigate copyright knowledge of those working in various libraries. The survey will close December 11, 2020.

Participation in the study is voluntary, and the survey is expected to take 8-12 minutes to complete. If the above survey link does not work, the **following link** may be used as a substitute. Those who complete the survey may choose to enter a raffle for one of four Amazon gift cards.

Contact the Human Subjects in Research Committee at 530-898-3145 or IRB@csuchico.edu with questions.

WLA wants to hear your library story so that we can be better advocates for our communities. What does your library do for you?

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.