



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

November 4, 2020

On this day: **Sinclair Lewis** became the first U.S. writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature, in 1930.

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MAKING HEADLINES



PNLA Young Readers Choice Awards 2022 Nominations are Open

The Young Readers Choice Awards team is seeking nominations for YRCA 2022 titles. Nominations can be submitted through November 15, 2020. All nominees must have been published in 2019 in order to qualify for YRCA 2022. Submit nominees by choosing either of the following options:

- Complete the **nomination form** (for single title nominations)
- Email a list or spreadsheet of nominations to yrcachair@gmail.com.

Have questions? Check out the **FAQ page** or email yrcachair@gmail.com.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

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

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

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

University of Washington is seeking a **Nursing and Research Services Librarian**. This position is open until November 23.

NCW Libraries is seeking an **Area Manager (Okanogan/Ferry Counties)**.

Skagit Valley College is seeking an **Information Management & Data Science Instructor**. This position is open until November 20.

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

ALA Connect Live: LIS Student Segment

ALA student members and LIS students are invited to join President Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. for the November *ALA Connect Live* program. Julius will be joined by fellow association leaders to speak about the employment outlook in various library settings and roles.

The conversation will take place November 19, 2020, 11:00 am PT. **Register today!** Attendees are encouraged to **submit questions** in advance on any topic of interest. Contact membervalue@ala.org for more information.

Participate in Survey on Copyright Knowledge

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE



2021 WLA CONFERENCE

BELLEVUE MARRIOTT
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 2021

NEWS & NOTES

WLA 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.

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

Sheltered in Place: COVID-19 Zine Diaries Project

The **Washington Center for the Book** invites Washingtonians of all ages to send in their COVID-19 stories. The Center's goal is to help preserve and share the experiences of everyday Washingtonians for connection and comfort in the present, and so that future readers can immerse themselves in the experiences of today.

For more information about the Zine Diaries

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.

Call for Resource Guide Task Force Volunteers

The nonprofit reading program iREAD is seeking **Resource Guide Task Force volunteers** to help shape future programs.

The intent of the task force is to submit original ideas in the areas of programming, craft and maker ideas, bibliographies and other resources, decorations, and more for all age groups.

Anyone is welcome to submit their name and interest for the task force. The deadline for expressing interest via the **application form** is through November 13, 2020. Contact **iread@ila.org** with questions.

Project and to review submission guidelines, visit the **project website** for Washington Center for the Book. Contact **Sara Peté** with questions.

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.