



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

November 11, 2020

On this day: The Allied powers signed a **ceasefire agreement** with Germany in 1918, bringing World War I to a close.

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MAKING HEADLINES

Get Involved with 2021 WLA Committees

Interested in joining one of **WLA's Standing Committees**?

Whether you're new to WLA or a longtime volunteer, we would love for you to get involved!

WLA members who are willing to participate in appointed committee meetings and activities are welcome to apply. **Applications** are due **December 2**.

Appointments will be made by December 18. If appointed, you will be notified for a term starting January 1, 2021. Please contact the **WLA Office** for more information.



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 **Senior Library Assistant**.

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)**.

NCW Libraries is seeking a **Customer Service Technician: Mail Order**.

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

San Juan Island Library is seeking a **Librarian Associate II: Youth Services Librarian**. This position is open until December 20.

San Juan Island Library is seeking an **Adult Programs Associate**. 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.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE



2021 WLA CONFERENCE

BELLEVUE MARRIOTT
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 2021

NEWS & NOTES

WSL Announces Website Updates for Public Library Policies

The semiannual comprehensive update to the **Washington State Public Library Policies** webpage is complete.

The revised web page now includes over 100 COVID-19-related public library plans, policies, procedures, and announcements. Also included is a list of links to over 2,200 online Public Library Policy and Procedure resources – including Equity Statements, Curbside Service Rules, HotSpot Loan Policies, ADA Compliance, Volunteers, and much more – compiled from and for Washington libraries.

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.

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.

Request to Participate in Survey from MLIS Student Research Group

A student research group in the MLIS program at University of Washington is seeking public library staff participants to take a **brief survey** regarding their library's re-entry services and programming for court-involved youth.

Participants are requested to complete the survey by November 13. For more information, please contact **Rhianon Everwood**.

If you have any questions, contact **Evelyn Lindberg**.

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

Call for Nominations for the Gerald Hodges Award

The ALA Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT) **Coalition Building Committee** is accepting nominations for the 2021 **Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award**.

The Gerald Hodges Award recognizes an intellectual freedom-focused organization that has developed a strong multi-year, ongoing program or a single, one-year project that exemplifies support for intellectual freedom, patron confidentiality and anti-censorship efforts.

Please find full **details about the award**

CTG - University at Albany's Public Library Survey

The **Center for Technology in Government** (University at Albany - State University of New York) is conducting a survey *Public Libraries' Role in Making your City/Community Smarter*. The survey was distributed via email to a sample of library directors and library staff throughout the United States.

If you received the survey invitation, submissions are encouraged by November 30. This survey is part of CTG's Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funded project "Enabling Smart, Inclusive, and Connected Communities: The Role of Public."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the project's research assistant, **Xiaoyi Zhao-Yerden**. More information can also be found at the **project's website** and **Facebook page**.

Call for Proposals at February Conference

The **North American Virtual Reference Online Conference (NAVROC)** is accepting proposals for its free virtual conference, Feb. 23-25, 2021. **Proposals** are sought by November 30th for 45-minute sessions or 20-minute lightning talks from virtual reference providers relating to the conference theme *Adaptability: Thriving in Uncertain Times*.

Sessions will comprise the 2-3 hour time frame of each conference day. Presenters can present from anywhere as long as they have a stable internet connection.

here, and information on how to nominate a state chapter or organization. The deadline for nominations is January 1, 2021.

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.