



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

November 18, 2020

On this day: **Susan B. Anthony was arrested** for having cast a ballot in the 1872 U.S. presidential election.

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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.

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)**.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

ALA

JANUARY 22-26, 2021

**MIDWINTER
MEETING & EXHIBITS**

VIRTUAL

ALA American Library Association

Registration for ALA Midwinter Virtual, Jan. 22-26, 2021, is open.

The event will include "New Urgencies for

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.

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) lists job openings frequently. You can also browse WLA institutional members' postings [here](#).

THE LEARNING CURVE

Deadline for Proposals Approaching 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.

Engaging and Transforming Communities Through Social Learning

Register for the December **First Tuesdays** event!

Libraries can use social-learning tools to curate the knowledge and wisdom of people in their communities, inspiring creative problem-solving and new collaborations.

In this free web presentation December 1

Change" sessions from the Symposium on the Future of Libraries, News You Can Use series, special author events, a virtual Exhibit Hall, the Youth Media Awards, the I Love My Librarian Award Ceremony, live-chat presentations, and networking opportunities.

Featured speakers include Opening Session speakers **Ibram X. Kendi** and **Keisha N. Blain**, and ALA President's Program speaker **Joy Harjo**.

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.

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

WLA Advocacy Corner COVID-19 Service Stories

WLA is gathering personal accounts of the ways libraries are supporting their communities during the pandemic.

Your advocacy stories are critical right now in conveying the importance of libraries to legislators, stakeholders, and grant committees, and we want to hear from you!

Please share **your story** today!

Library Trivia Night – A Friendly Competition for a Great Cause

On December 16 at 1 p.m. PST, ProQuest will co-host a virtual trivia event with **Steve Bahnman**, Reference and eResources Librarian at Campbell University.

Categories will be library-themed (e.g. movie

from 9-10 a.m., facilitators from Whatcom County Library System and Western Washington University will share the theory and practices of their shared work, and offer opportunities for other libraries to become involved in an exciting partnership between public libraries and higher education.

Contact **Tami Masenhimer** for more information.

Session on Public Programming and NLM Traveling Exhibitions

NLM Traveling Exhibitions are a unique way to connect your patrons to valuable NLM health information resources through related public programming. To support you and your communities when your libraries borrow NLM exhibitions, the Exhibition Program is developing sample programming ideas related to individual exhibition topics.

Julie Botnick will discuss how those ideas can be adapted to your situations and ways to develop your own unique programming at an NNLM Resource Picks webinar session on December 2 at 12 p.m. Register and find more information on the [event website](#).

ScLD/Public Library/CAYAS Roundtable on Dec. 11

Our Roundtable is back! Gather with public and school librarians on Friday, December 11 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm to check-in, chat, and support each other. [Register here](#).

It's the winter season, so first we'll be sharing cookie recipes (or your preferred treat for the season) and sipping warm beverages while airing the grievances of library life "à la quarantaine." After, we will discuss ideas for culturally inclusive programming, work out partnerships, and identify our strengths in aligning school and public library goals.

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."

Participate in Survey on Copyright Knowledge

California State University - Chico, Arizona State University, and Portland Community

librarians, famous libraries and more). **Sign up today!**

There are three ways to participate:

- Organizing a team for your institution? Register today and you'll be sent a link to share with your colleagues – they don't need to register.
- Want to be placed on a random team with other librarians? Sign up and you'll be informed of your team closer to the event.
- Want to play as an individual, and not on a team? Sign up solo.

ProQuest will make a \$500 donation in the winning team members' names to a literacy-themed charity of their choice.

Find full details and registration information on the [event website](#).

6th Annual Washington State Zine Contest

The 6th Annual Washington State Zine Contest is now open.

Submission guidelines, the entry form, and a video on how to make zines can be found on the Washington Center for the Book's [Washington State Zine Contest website](#). Submissions are due by February 26, 2021.

The artwork for this year's poster was created by Chris Sabatini of the Olympia Timberland Library.

Email sara.pete@sos.wa.gov 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.

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. 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.

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**.

Please find full **details about the award 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.