



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

November 25, 2020

On this day: Agatha Christie's *The Mouse Trap*
opened in London in 1952.

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MAKING HEADLINES



"Giving Tuesday" Special Begins Next Week!

Do you supervise or mentor library staff? Are you looking for a meaningful way to recognize them during the holidays?

Our Giving Tuesday Special offers the opportunity to make a donation to the Washington Library Association, with the added benefit of gifting a WLA membership at the same time! Find more information at wla.org/giving.

Deadline Approaching for 2021 WLA Committee Applications

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**.

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

NCW Libraries is seeking an **IT Director**.

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**.

Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a **Director of Library Services**. This position is open until December 20.

Newberg Public Library, Oregon is seeking a **Circulation Supervisor**.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Library Manager II**. This position is open until December 13.

University of Washington Libraries is seeking a **Medical and Research Services Librarian**. This position is open until December 20.

Renton Technical College is seeking an **Instructional Librarian**.

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](#).

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 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

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!

YACHT Club: A Washington Youth Services Virtual Discussion Group

The first gathering of YACHT (Young Adult/Children's Hot Topics) Club will be December 3 at 10 a.m to discuss accessibility

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 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.

Free Library Marketing Webinar

The Inland Northwest Council of Libraries is pleased to offer a free, two-part live webinar on library marketing on Thursday, December 3, from 10 am-12 pm and 1 pm-3 pm. Registration is limited.

The webinar will feature speakers Angela Hursh, Senior Engagement Consultant for NovelList, and Sasha Vasilic, Head of Public Relations and Marketing at Niles-Maine District Library in Illinois.

Please **register** by 12 p.m. PST on

in virtual/remote library programs. No registration is required. Access the **Zoom meeting** here.

Youth Services Librarian Erin Groth (Washington Talking Book and Braille Library) will give a brief presentation on how she makes sure that programs are accessible for her patrons.

The meeting will be recorded and available for viewing on the Washington State Library **Youth Services Niche Academy** page.

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 Bahnaman**, Reference and eResources Librarian at Campbell University.

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

December 1. A link to recordings of the presentations will be sent to registrants.

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 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

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.

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.

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](#).

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.

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.

The WLA Office will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Regular office hours will resume Monday, November 30.

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