



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

December 9, 2020

On this day: *A Charlie Brown Christmas* aired on television for the first time in 1965.

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MAKING HEADLINES



Give the Gift of Advocacy this Holiday Season

Are you **looking for a thoughtful gift** for a library pro? This holiday season, make a donation in a colleague or loved one's name — or gift them a year of WLA membership, which includes opportunities for professional development, networking, and more!

Learn about our 2020 Holiday Giving Special at wla.org/giving.

Read December's *Alki: The Conference Issue*



The winter issue of *Alki* **has arrived!** This issue is historically the Conference Issue, where the **Alki Editorial Committee** covers some of the ideas that were raised at the annual WLA conference.

Readers will see some great thoughts about virtual conferences, a look at the keynote by Wanda K. Brown, and a tasting menu of school library conference sessions. The Committee is also thrilled to announce the launch of our Anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion column! Check out **December's issue!**

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seattle Public Library is seeking a **Human Resources Manager**. This position is open until December 15.

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.

University of Washington Health Sciences Library is seeking an **Assistant Director in the Regional Medical Library**.

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a **Digital Experience Manager**. This position is open until January 4, 2021.

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

Apply for Transforming Teen Services: Training Cohort

Applications are open until December 15 for the Washington State Library *Transforming Teen Services: Training Cohort*, developed as part of a grant project with the Young Adult Library Services Association and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, with funding from IMLS.

In this workshop series, topics will include teen development, facilitation best practices, computational thinking, and how to engage teens through Connected Learning principles.

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

ALA JANUARY 22-26, 2021

MIDWINTER MEETING & EXHIBITS

VIRTUAL

ALA American Library Association

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

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!

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 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.

A certificate of participation from WSL will be presented to each participant upon completion of the program, indicating they have successfully completed 10 hours of continuing education, earning 20 CE credits in the area of teen services.

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."

LISS Virtual Holiday Event Thursday, December 17th

The Library and Information Student Section (LISS) leadership team will host a virtual holiday social event on Thursday, December 17 from 6:30-7:30 pm PST. Join us in a collaborative virtual escape room and to chat with others in WLA! Feel free to wear your favorite holiday sweater or bring a holiday mug! All WLA members are welcome to attend! Find the Zoom link on the [LISS Meeting & Events page](#).

Have questions about being a library student or want to learn how to become more involved in [WLA/LISS](#)? Come to the social event! The LISS leadership team will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have! Please visit the LISS page for [our membership](#) and [contact information](#).

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 closes this Friday, December 11.

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. The pass code for the raffle is "COPYRIGHT".

Contact the Human Subjects in Research

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

December Discussion: LIVE From the Library Lounge

What does the legislative, funding, and policy landscape look like for libraries in a post-Trump America?

This [free webinar](#) on December 15 from 10-11 am PST will explore the policy and advocacy landscape facing libraries in a nation that remains deeply divided, and still grappling with a devastating public health crisis.

[Register](#) today for a discussion with panelists [Kathi Kromer](#) and [John Chrastka](#) about the library community's emerging policy and legislative priorities — and how librarians can effectively engage with lawmakers on the local and national levels in these unprecedented times.

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 Library.

Email sara.pete@sos.wa.gov with questions.

KCLS Event - Truth, Lies and Propaganda: The Reality Game

Join King County Library System on Thursday, December 10 from 6:30 - 7:45 pm for [Truth, Lies and Propaganda: The Reality Game](#) with author Dr. Samuel Woolley.

Dr. Woolley, author of [The Reality Game: How the Next Wave of Technology Will Break the Truth](#), is a professor and the project director for propaganda research at the Center for Media Engagement at the University of Texas. He will discuss how technology is — and likely will be — used to manipulate public opinion, from social media bots and AI, to deep fakes and virtual reality. Dr. Woolley calls for accountability and transparency. He will discuss these emerging threats and offer insights on how we can protect ourselves against future.

Please [register](#) to gain access to the event's Zoom link. For more information, contact [Karla Anderson](#) at (425) 392-5430.

Committee at 530-898-3145 or
IRB@csuchico.edu with questions.

Call for Presentations: 2021 ICMA Regional Conferences

The International City/County Management Association invites library professionals to share their knowledge, best practices, and creative solutions that help to push local government leaders and their communities forward by presenting virtually at the 2021 ICMA Regional Conferences. The **West Coast Regional Conference** takes place March 25-26, 2021.

Presenters will choose from several presentation formats and eight requested topic areas important to the profession. Proposals need **to be submitted** by Monday, December 14 and should focus on tools, processes, and practices in the long-term, equitable recovery and transformation of local government management and communities.

Please contact **Felicia Littky** 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.

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.

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