



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

December 16, 2020

On this day: **Jane Austen** was born in 1775.

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MAKING HEADLINES



Announcing the WA Digital TeachKit!

Overwhelmed by all the new tech tools? Check out the WA Digital TeachKit, a new resource for educators, at wla.org/teachkit.

This one-stop shop, curated by Washington school librarians, is a resource that covers 22 different tools, from Audacity to Zoom, and includes guides, best practices, and lesson ideas. It's a curated resource bank designed for educators to improve their virtual classrooms.

Have questions or want to learn more? Please contact teachkit@wla.org.



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.

LOOK WHO'S HIRING

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

The Department of Revenue is seeking a **Records and Info Management Specialist**. This position is open until January 3.

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.

University of Puget Sound is seeking a **Public Services Specialist**. This position is open until January 10.

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

CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE



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!**

NEWS & NOTES

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.

Timberland Regional Library is seeking a **Library Manager 3**. This position is open until December 27.

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

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](#).

WLA Advocacy Corner Share Your COVID-19 Service Story

We want to hear from you!

WLA is [gathering](#) personal accounts of the ways libraries are supporting their communities during the pandemic.

Your advocacy stories are critical in conveying the importance of libraries to



Guest Column: Thank You from Bushwick Northwest

Libraries are a hub for the community. And librarians are the champions behind it all!

Hello, I'm Geoff Larson, executive director of Bushwick Northwest, and I'm lucky enough to consider WLA and librarians across the state my allies in bringing performance and integrated arts education to the forefront. I first need to say thank you to all of you who work so hard for our communities. Often behind the scenes. I want you to know that Bushwick and STYLE see you and appreciate your work.

What do Bushwick and STYLE do, you ask?

- We create music inspired by books.
- We provide integrated arts education to our young students.
- We model what collaboration looks like in this new world.
- We show how creative thinking is essential for the changing world.
- We create a platform for ideas, conversation, and innovation.
- We bring communities together.

I learned early in my time with the Bushwick Book Club Seattle and STYLE: Songwriting Through Youth Literature Education that librarians are the champions behind providing our communities with civic, cultural, and arts programs for all. From the Central Library in Seattle to Yakama Nation Library and to the new library in Curlew, I see innovation and a hunger to learn more about the world that surrounds us. I see this in the people who frequent these hubs for ideas. I've had the chance to visit and present at over 100 libraries in Washington State and across the country, and it's clear that libraries are about being open. Open for business. Open for learning. Open for creativity. Open for caring. Open to change. Open to ideas. Open for all.

Bushwick Northwest's mission is to deliver literature, music, and songwriting to the community while building the next generation

legislators, stakeholders, and grant committees.

Please **share** your story today!

Ask Members of Congress to Include Libraries in COVID Relief Funding!

ALA is urging library advocates to **contact** their representatives with an ask to provide funding for libraries in a COVID relief package as House and Senate members work to pass an emergency assistance plan before adjourning for the year.

House and Senate leadership are using the bipartisan **COVID Emergency Relief Framework** as a starting point for their negotiations. Introduced on December 1, the framework includes funding for expanding overall broadband access and education but provides nothing directly for libraries.

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.

Register for ALA Midwinter Virtual

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.

of readers and musicians. We want to keep the arts and the creative minds thriving for all. And we want to continue the best partnership we have with all of you wonderful librarians.

Thank you for your time and work.

If you want to learn more about **Bushwick Northwest** programming, please check out our sites:

- **The Bushwick Book Club Seattle**
- **STYLE: Songwriting Through Youth Literature Education**

Finally, we are in the midst of our year-end Membership and Donor Drive: **Bushwick on Ice, a fundraiser for Bushwick Northwest December 18, 7:30 PM PST**

As we are all aware, the world has given us the opportunity to build some new programs in 2020. We are ready to deliver a variety of performance and Virtual Learning programs. It has been exciting and a huge challenge. Bushwick welcomes challenges, and we are not shy about asking for support when needed.

- Consider joining us for **Bushwick on Ice**, December 18 @ 7:30 PM
- Consider checking out our **Silent Auction**
- Consider becoming a **Bushwick member** (or giving a **donation**)

Please consider **booking a program** with us. **Booking** for youth and adult programming is available. We are excited to collaborate with you on what a program will look like for your library or school.

And most importantly... we want to work for you! Thank you all for your work.

*Geoff Larson
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Bushwick Northwest / STYLE*

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.

The WLA Office will be closed Monday, December 21 through Friday, December 25.

Regular office hours will resume Monday, December 28.

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