



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

January 13, 2021



Welcome New Washington State Librarian: Sara Jones

The Washington State Library is excited to announce Sara Jones has been selected as the new Washington State Librarian. Jones will begin mid-February after serving as the director of the Marin County Free Library since July 2013. Prior to her time in California, Jones held positions in Nevada libraries for 25 years, including serving as the Carson City Library Director, the Elko-Lander-Eureka County Library System Director and Youth Services Coordinator, and Nevada State Librarian and Administrator of the State Library and Archives from 2000-2007.

Jones was named the Nevada Library Association's Librarian of the Year in 2012; served as Nevada's American Library Association (ALA) Council Delegate for four years; coordinated ALA National Library Legislative Day for Nevada for 12 years; served as the Nevada Library Association president; was an active member of the Western Council of State Libraries serving as both vice president and president; and served on the University of North Texas Department of Library and Information Sciences Board of Advisors for over 10 years. She was awarded the ALA Sullivan award for services to children in 2018. She is currently the president of CALIFA, a nonprofit library membership consortium.

Look Who's Hiring

The Office of the Secretary of State is seeking a [Youth Services Librarian](#). This position is open until January 22.

The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking an [Outreach Librarian](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking an [IT Director](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian - Peshastin](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate](#).

Tacoma Community College is seeking a [Manager of Online Learning Support](#).

University of Puget Sound is seeking a [Public Services Specialist](#).

University of Washington Health Sciences Library is seeking an [Assistant Director](#) in the Regional Medical Library.

Tigard Public Library is seeking an [Adult Services-Senior Librarian](#).

If your institution has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email newsletter@wla.org and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.

Conference Bulletin

Registration Deadline for ALA Midwinter Extended!



ALA Midwinter Virtual is fast approaching and will take place January 22-26! Make sure to [register](#) by the new deadline Tuesday, January 19 at 10 a.m. PT.

The conference 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](#), live-chat presentations, and networking opportunities. Also, [check out winners](#) of the 2021 *I Love My Librarian Awards*!

[Featured speakers](#) include Opening Session speakers Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain, ALA President's Program speaker Joy Harjo, and Closing Session speaker Dr. Jill Biden.

PILLARS Symposium: Call for Proposals

The [PILLARS Symposium](#) is looking for presentations from high school and college-level educators that represent a wide range of student experiences for its virtual conference. Conference dates are July 7-9, 2021. [Submit](#) your proposal by **Friday, January 22**.

Applicants should show how work in their field contributes to successful college readiness. Presentations should be 45-60 minutes in length, in a format that best suits your topic, and includes time for discussion or Q&A, and covers one of the following topics:

- Exceptional Learners
- High School Experience
- First-Year College Experience
- Instructional Practices
- Other Ideas

For more information, please contact the planning committee at pillars@esln.org.

News & Notes



ALA encourages libraries to observe National Day of Racial Healing

The American Library Association joins the [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#) and organizations across the country in observing the [2021 National Day of Racial Healing](#) on January 19.

In commemoration, ALA invites library workers and others to visit the National Day of Racial Healing [website](#), especially the [Library Action Kit](#), for ideas and ways to participate. Tools and resources can be adapted for virtual programs.

WLA joins AASL in letter to incoming administration on school librarianship

Last week, the American Association of School Librarians [shared a letter](#) to the Biden transition team, stressing how school librarians are an equity-oriented solution to some of the most pressing concerns facing educators at this moment.

This letter was co-signed by ALA and 48 state/regional chapters, including WLA/ScLD. Please [review the letter](#) and share it with your administration and communities!

Exterior Connectivity Project Grant Opportunity

[Washington State Library](#) has launched the new [Exterior Connectivity Project](#) grant award to help public libraries and tribes standardize and extend WiFi connectivity. This opportunity is part of [CARES Act funding](#) provided by the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) to WSL.

[Apply online](#). WSL will review applications and make awards on a weekly basis as long as funding is available.

This exterior WiFi should provide connectivity beyond building walls and regular hours of operation. This grant opportunity seeks to enable libraries to increase their coverage and build stronger networks for patrons. WSL will reimburse 50 percent of the agreed upon allowed expenses per site completed in each project. A project may cover exterior connectivity for multiple locations.

If you have questions or would like more information, email WSLgrants@sos.wa.gov.



2020 Washington State Book Award Event

The Washington Center for the Book and the Washington Library Association are pleased to present an evening with [Karl Marlantes](#), winner of the 2020 Washington State Book Award for Fiction for [Deep River](#), on January 20 from 6-7 p.m. [Registration is required](#) to attend.

Deep River is a rich family saga about Finnish immigrants who settle in southwest Washington, set against the early labor movements, World War I, and the upheaval of early twentieth-century America. Marlantes will read excerpts from and discuss Deep River, as well as take questions from the audience.

The Learning Curve

ScLD "Coffee and Conversation" Round Table

Join teacher librarians from around the state this Saturday for coffee and conversation focused on in-person instruction during COVID.

[Register here](#) for the round table, which will take place January 16 from 9-10 a.m. We'll share what is happening in districts already serving students in-person and brainstorm ways to provide library services safely.

iSchool-CIP Lecture Series: Community Approaches to Misinformation

The UW [iSchool](#) and the [Center for an Informed Public](#) will host "Community Approaches to Misinformation" today, January 13, from 4-5 p.m. [Register here](#). A link to the YouTube stream will be shared prior to the start of the event.

At its most effective, misinformation draws on local histories, cultures, and identity; spreads from our social media to in-person networks; and alters our everyday behaviors. Join Chris Coward and Jason Young to learn about how misinformation impacts the social and political well-being of our communities, and interventions underway in partnership with libraries.

WA Digital TeachKit Featured in Follett Webinar Next Week

[Register here](#) for *Librarians Lead as Instructional Partners with Curation for Digital Learning* on January 20, from 2-3 p.m. PT. This webinar, led by WLA School Library Division members Mark Ray, Hillary Marshall, Shana Ferguson, and Christie Kaaland will feature the new [WA Digital TeachKit](#).

From this webinar, learn how teacher librarians conceived, designed, and created an OER resource guide to support overwhelmed classroom teachers in Washington state, leveraging their expertise in curation, digital learning, and commitment to instructional partnership.

Free Webinar on eResource Marketing and Programming

Having a marketing plan for eResources gives you space to reflect on your goals for eResource integration in your library. Learn about the three elements of a successful marketing plan with a special focus on content marketing.

Join Niche Academy, featuring speakers Sonya Schryer Norris and Liz Breed, on January 20 at 11 a.m. PT to walk through how they've applied industry-standard best marketing practices. [Register here](#). All registrants will receive a recording in case they are not able to attend the live webinar.

Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at newsletter@wla.org by Monday to be included in that week's digest.

It's a great time to become a member of the Washington Library Association. [Join](#) or [Renew](#) your membership today!

Please note, the WLA Office will be closed Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, January 19.

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