



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

January 20, 2021

Spring *Alki* Issue: Call for Papers & AEDI Contributors

Washington Library Association's *Alki* is [seeking articles](#) for its March 2021 Issue, *Where Are We Now*. Additionally, *Alki* is [seeking contributors](#) for its Anti-racism, equity, diversity and inclusion (AEDI) column. The editorial committee wants to hear from all library types and from all library workers, including students, staff, and those new to the profession!

Have questions or want to discuss ideas? Contact Alki Editor [Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman](#).



WA LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE WEEK FEB 9-12

Registration Opens Soon for WA Library Legislative Week!

Join us online for WA Library Legislative Week, Tuesday, February 9 through Friday, February 12, sponsored by WLA. Stay tuned for registration to open soon! Attendance will be free to this invaluable opportunity to network with library supporters from around the state, understand legislative priorities in

2021, and connect with state legislators and their staff to discuss the value of libraries and the impact laws have on them.

Look Who's Hiring

King County Library System is seeking a [Director of Information Technology Services](#). This position is open until February 4.

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 a [Youth Services Senior Library Assistant](#).

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

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

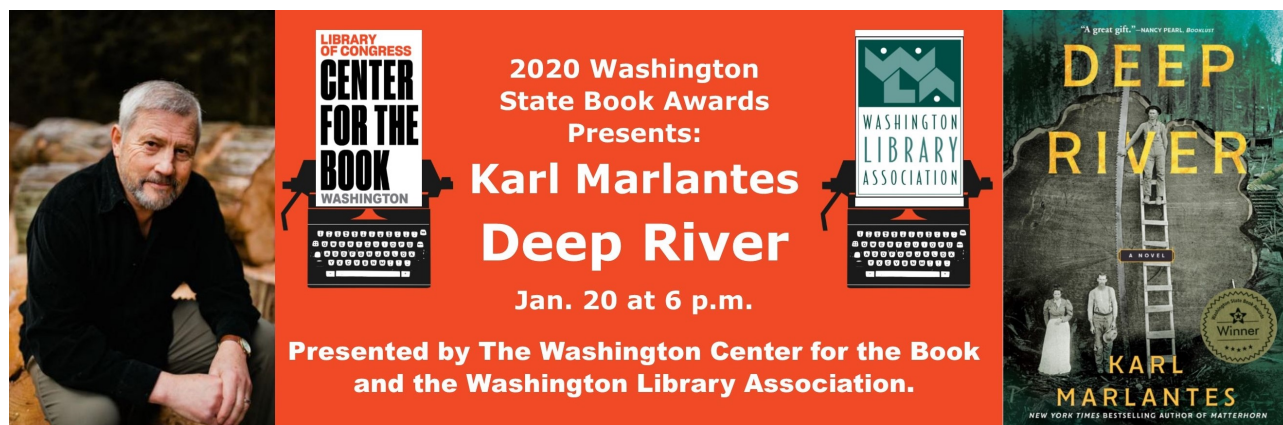
Sara Jones Selected as Washington State Librarian

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.

Nominations Open for 2021 Freedom to Read Foundation Board of Trustee Elections

The Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) Nominations Committee is seeking nominations, including self-nominations, for five vacant trustee positions. The nomination deadline is January 29. The Board of Trustees comprises 15 members, including 11 elected trustees and four Ex-Officio trustees. Visit the [FTRF website](#) for more information about.

Trustees serve two-year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms before stepping off the board for at least one year. Trustees are required to attend two one-day meetings per year, which are held in conjunction with the ALA Annual Conferences and Midwinter Meetings and teleconferences. Contact [Yumeka Brown](#) at (312) 280-4223 with questions.



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](#), tonight, January 20 from 6-7 p.m. PST. [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.

Applications sought for 2021 Coretta Scott King Book Donation Grants

Underfunded libraries, schools and non-traditional organizations that provide educational services to children are invited to apply to receive one of three [Coretta Scott King Book Donation Grants](#).

Every year, in the process of choosing the Coretta Scott King Book Award winners and honor books, the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) of the American Library Association receives multiple copies of over 100 titles by African American authors and illustrators to give.

[Applications](#) will be accepted through February 1, 2021 at 2 p.m. PST, and winners will be announced by late March or early April.

2021 RUSA Book & Media Awards Virtual Ceremony

Join [RUSA](#) for this free event as the year's best in fiction, nonfiction, poetry, audiobook narration, and reference materials are unveiled, featuring the [Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction](#). The ceremony and reception will be held virtually on Thursday, February 4 from 1-2 pm PST. [Register here](#) today!

Follett Webinar: WA Digital TeachKit

[Register here](#) for *Librarians Lead as Instructional Partners with Curation for Digital Learning* today, January 20, from 2-3 p.m. PST. 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, today, January 20 at 11 a.m. PST 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.

LibraryWorks: Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice Webinar

Join [Jamie LaRue](#), former Director of Intellectual Freedom at ALA, on Thursday, January 21 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. PST, as he delves into the tension between libraries' embrace of intellectual freedom and the newer focus on broader social justice for traditionally marginalized populations.

From this webinar, you will learn the history of the profession's adoption of intellectual freedom as a core value, the key themes of challenges in the 21st century to date, and key strategies to respond to challenges, both before they occur and afterward.

[Registration](#) for the online webinar is \$49/person or \$25/person for groups of four or more. All registrants will receive a copy of the recording the day after the live event.

Niche Academy: Library As Small Press

To meet patrons' needs for quality local content, more and more libraries have stepped into the role of small press to produce books written by staff and community writers. In this webinar, you'll learn the basic steps to publishing and promoting a print and digital book as well as ideas for programming and community partnerships stemming from your book.

[Register here](#) for the webinar, which is scheduled for January 27 at 11 a.m. PST. A recording will be sent to all registrants after the presentation.

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!

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