



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

February 3, 2021



WA LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE WEEK FEB 9-12

Join WLA for Library Legislative Week

Join us for Washington Library Legislative Week, starting next Tuesday, February 9. [Register here!](#)

Attendance will be free to this invaluable opportunity to network with library supporters and understand legislative priorities in 2021. The line-up includes state library and broadband updates, as well as a "Lunch with Legislators" panel. Check out the schedule at [2021 Library Legislative Week](#).

February Advocacy Corner

Advocating for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Library

The WLA Advocacy Committee is excited to share that Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) has been identified as a major area of focus for the committee's work. Our goal is to support EDI work and our colleagues across the state, by

sharing resources, trainings, and other helpful information on EDI topics. Our advocacy work will begin by learning how incorporating EDI into Libraries can have positive impacts on the communities we serve. The American Library Association's [EDI in Our Libraries](#) project is a great place to begin if you are new to EDI, or want to explore this work further. Also, be sure to check out the featured interviews with Librarians undertaking this work across the country. Stay tuned for more featured newsletter articles that will continue to introduce EDI topics and resources!

Have a question about advocacy work at your library? Check out the [advocacy resources](#) on our committee's page or email us with questions!

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Look Who's Hiring

Bellevue College is seeking an [OER Librarian, Assistant Professor](#).

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

The City of Liberty Lake is seeking a [Municipal Library Director](#).

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager I](#).

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Community Libraries Director](#).

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [District Manager](#). The position is open until February 18.

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

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

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

Tigard Library is seeking a [Library Assistant - Technical Services](#). This

position is open until February 14.

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

Proposal Deadline Extended for Seguimos Creando Enlaces

The call for proposals for the *Seguimos Creando Enlaces* mini-conference, "Civic Engagement in Action," has been extended to Monday, February 15. More information can be found at creandoenlaces.org (English) and creandoenlaces.org/es (Español).

Now in its 9th year, the 2021 conference will be held fully online, with options to view live presentations in English and Spanish. The conference committee welcomes presentations that demonstrate how public, academic, and special libraries support civic engagement and social change.

ATALM 2021 Call for Proposals

The [Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, & Museums](#) is seeking proposals for its 2021 International Conference, November 29-December 1, 2021. The deadline to [submit](#) session proposals is February 24. Proposals submitted after the deadline will be considered on a space available basis.

Focus areas include case studies of successful programs with protocols for replication, as well as interactive or hands-on activities that build tangible skills. [Read here](#) for more session and proposal information. Please email conference@atalm.org with questions.

Library Journal Virtual Winter Summit Coming Soon

Join Library Journal for its [Winter Summit: Building the Next Normal](#), on February 23 from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. PST. [Registration](#) is free.

The day-long gathering will feature library leaders at all levels who will discuss lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and share actionable ideas on how to incorporate them into your post-COVID strategy.

Have questions? Email ljevents@mediasourceinc.com to learn more.

Register for Upcoming #NAVROC

Registration is now open for the **North American Virtual Reference Online Conference 2021**. This free online conference will take place Feb. 23-25, from 9 a.m.-noon PST daily.

Meredith Farkas will give the keynote opening session with her presentation, *"Resisting Achievement Culture with Slow Librarianship."* The conference will have 25 breakout sessions over three days on topics such as tiered reference services, transitioning online services in the time of a pandemic, maintaining work-life balance, collaborative chat services, outreach services, and much more.

All sessions will be recorded. To check out the full schedule and register for this event, please visit navonline.org.

News & Notes

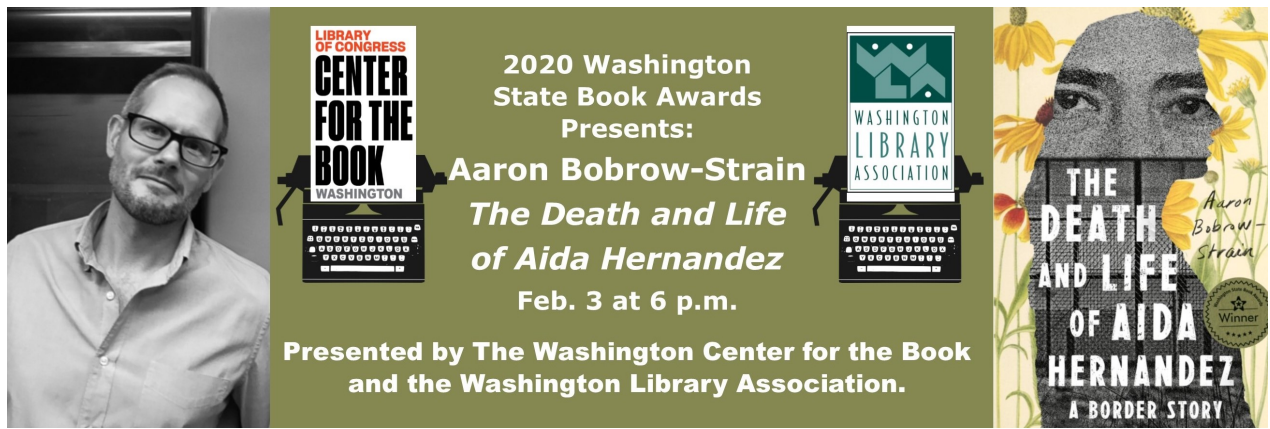
ALA acclaims re-introduction of Build America's Libraries Act

ALA is **asking library advocates** to urge their senators to join as co-sponsors of the Build America's Libraries Act (S. 127).

Reintroduced on Friday, 1/29 by Sens. Jack Reed (D-RI), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), and Ron Wyden (D-OR), the legislation would provide \$5 billion to support long-term improvements to library facilities, including addressing needs that have arisen due to COVID-19, to enable libraries to better serve rural, low-income and underserved areas, as well as people with disabilities and other vulnerable library users.

San Diego State University Diversity Initiative to Support African American Community

San Diego State is **seeking to hire** nine tenure-track faculty with a demonstrated history of working with and supporting the African-American community. This cluster hire builds on the **Building on Inclusive Excellence (BIE)** program at SDSU by focusing on scholars who have an established commitment to teaching, research and/or service in and with the African-American community. The reserved positions include Africana Studies, Political Science, English, Counseling and School Psychology, Social Work, Public Health, and Art and Design within the hiring cluster.



2020 Washington State Book Award Event

The Washington Center for the Book and the Washington Library Association are pleased to present an evening with [Aaron Bobrow-Strain](#), winner of the 2020 Washington State Book Award for Biography for [The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez: A Border Story](#), on February 3 from 6-7 p.m. PST. [Registration is required](#) to attend.

The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez asks: What happens when an undocumented teen mother takes on the U.S. immigration system? Bobrow-Strain will discuss his book and the future challenges around immigration and the border.

Special Grant Opportunity for Small and Rural Libraries

The American Library Association invites libraries in small and rural communities [to apply for grant funding](#) by March 4 to help them address issues of concern in their communities.

Up to 650 U.S. libraries in small and rural communities will receive \$3,000 each to tackle issues ranging from media literacy to COVID-19 safety to unemployment. Grants will be awarded in two rounds in 2020 and 2021. For more information, contact the [ALA Public Programs Office](#).

2021 Pacific Northwest Book Awards Celebration

The winners for the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association 2021 Pacific Northwest Book Awards have been announced and will be celebrated at a virtual gathering on February 10 at 6 p.m. PST.

[Register here](#) to join the celebration and meet the winners:

- Donna Barba Higuera (Issaquah, WA) [*Lupe Wong Won't Dance*](#)
- E.J. Koh (Seattle, WA) [*The Magical Language of Others: A Memoir*](#)
- Silvia Moreno-Garcia (Vancouver, BC) [*Mexican Gothic*](#)
- Kim Johnson (Eugene, OR) [*This is My America*](#)
- Tina Ontiveros (Hood River, OR) [*rough house*](#)
- Aiden Thomas (Portland, OR) [*Cemetery Boys*](#)

The Learning Curve



ScLD Roundtable to Discuss Digital TeachKit

Join WLA's School Library Division for a Roundtable today, February 3 from 4-5 p.m. with the curators of the WA TeachKit (wla.org/TeachKit). This resource created by ScLD Teacher Librarians for WA state educators is a concise tool that you can share with your communities.

Come chat with the ScLD designers about the process and how to best use this tool in your schools! Make sure to [register](#) in advance. Hope to see you there!

Making Each Other Look Good: the Library Board and the Library Director

Join Jamie LaRue for this [LibraryWorks](#) webinar on February 11 at 11 a.m. PST. [Register here](#). This webinar will focus on observable communication behaviors, appropriate roles, scopes of responsibility, library evaluation, board evaluations, and director evaluations. While the focus is mostly on boards and directors, any staff member interested in the larger dynamics of this relationship may find the session illuminating.

Registration is \$49 per person. For special rates for groups of four or more, please contact jenny@libraryworks.com.

RUSA eCourse: Reference Interview 101

Beginning February 22, "Reference Interview 101" is a six-week e-course with David Tyckoson that will focus on the methods of evaluating reference service, behavioral aspects of reference service, and the different types of questions that can be used to help patrons identify what they need.

The course is geared toward support staff, library technicians, and newly hired reference librarians. For more information, [view](#) the Winter 2021 program page. Questions may be directed to registration@ala.org.

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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