



## WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

February 10, 2021

### **Call for *Alki* Milestones and Artwork!**

The *Alki* Editorial Committee is calling for Milestones and artwork submissions!

The Milestones section focuses on significant moments for libraries statewide — recognizing notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed. *Alki* is looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged.

Additionally, the Editorial Committee would love to see YOUR artwork on the cover of *Alki*! Have something you'd like to share? Please send a JPG to Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman for consideration!

Please send Milestones and/or artwork submissions to [Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman](#), *Alki* editor, for the March issue by February 22.

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### **WLA's Public Library Division wants to hear from you!**

The WLA Public Library Division wants to learn what your goals are for being a member of PLD and what you would like to see from our division this year. Please complete this super-quick, 10-question [survey](#) by February 28 and help shape the division's direction in 2021!

Not a member of PLD but would like to join? Click [here](#) to add PLD to your WLA membership. Stay tuned for more information as we move forward!

## Look Who's Hiring

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

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

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Community Library Supervisor I](#).

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

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

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Service Assistant I](#).

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](mailto:newsletter@wla.org) and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.

## Conference Bulletin

### Call for Proposals: COVID-19 Infodemic Symposium

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) invites proposals and panelists for its virtual symposium: [Responding to the COVID-19 Infodemic](#). Proposals are due by 8:59 p.m. PST on February 26.

Proposals related to COVID-19 misinformation and disinformation can include topics on Health Equity; Vaccination; Emergency Preparedness and Response; Public Health; Communication; Community Outreach and Programming; and Education.

To submit a proposal, please [complete](#) the submission form. Contact [Sarah Levin-Lederer](#) or [Sharon Han](#) with questions.

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### **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](mailto:conference@atalm.org) with questions.

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### **Join Library Journal's Virtual Winter Summit**

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](mailto:ljevents@mediasourceinc.com) to learn more.

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### **Register for Upcoming #NAVROC**

[Registration](#) is now open for the [North American Virtual Reference Online Conference 2021](#). This free online conference will take place February 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."* All sessions will be recorded. To check out the full schedule and register for this event, please visit [navronline.org](http://navronline.org).

## News & Notes

### ALA Libraries Transforming Communities Small & Rural Libraries Grants

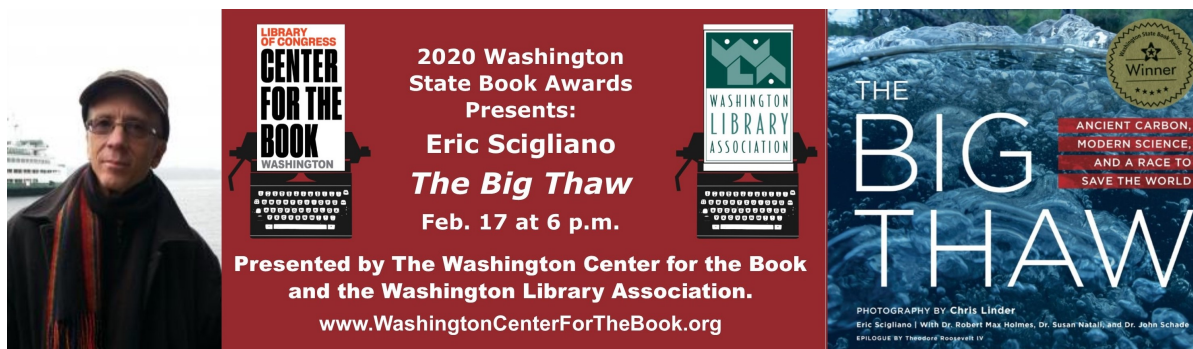
The American Library Association invites libraries in small and rural communities [to apply for grant funding](#) by March 4 to help them address issues of concern in their communities.

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](#).

### 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](#) 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.



### 2020 Washington State Book Award Event

The Washington Center for the Book and the Washington Library Association are pleased to present an evening with [Eric Scigliano](#) on February 17 from 6-7 p.m. PST. Scigliano is winner of the 2020 Washington State Book Award for General Nonfiction for [\*The Big Thaw: Ancient Carbon, Modern Science, and a Race to Save the World\*](#).

[Registration](#) is required to attend this free event. For more information and questions, email [Seattle Public Library](#) or call 206-386-4636.

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### **Deadline for Annual WA State Zine Contest Approaching**

The [6th Annual Washington State Zine Contest](#) (all ages) is open until February 26!

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. Email [Sara Peté](#) with questions.

## **The Learning Curve**

### **Join ALA for Upcoming Core e-Forum**

ALA will host [Core e-Forum: COVID-19 and Libraries, One Year Later](#) on February 16-17. Participation in discussion is free and will occur between 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. PST each day. This e-forum will explore what we've learned, how we've coped, and what plans, if any, libraries may have with the roll out of vaccines.

Core e-forums [provide](#) the opportunity for librarians to discuss matters of interest through the e-forum discussion list. The e-forum discussion list works like an email listserv: register your email address with the list, and then you will receive messages and communicate with other participants through an email discussion. To register for this e-forum, subscribe to the e-list by sending an email to [core-eforum+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:core-eforum+subscribe@groups.io). Your message can be empty.

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### **Learn About Media Literacy, Digital Citizenship**

How do we support children to become critical consumers, sharers, and creators of print and digital media?

The UW College of Education is [offering](#) upcoming professional and community learning opportunities focused on media literacy. Two classes, one for elementary teachers and one for secondary teachers will take place February

16-19, with a class for parents and their children on February 18. Another class aimed toward secondary teachers will be offered April 21-May 5.

For questions, contact [professionallearning@uw.edu](mailto:professionallearning@uw.edu).

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### **"Helping Library Patrons with Autism: Start with Understanding"**

Join Library 2.0 for [Helping Library Patrons with Autism](#), an hour-long training webinar presented by Dr. James R. Wining on February 19 at 1 p.m. PST. Click [here](#) to register. You will first need to be a member of Library 2.0 (free) and be logged in to complete registration.

Cost to attend is \$99 per person, which includes any-time access to the recording and the presentation slides. Dr. Wining will provide his experience and expertise to library leaders and staffers, to help them best understand and serve patrons with autism.

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### **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](mailto:registration@ala.org).

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### **United for Libraries Monthly Virtual Series**

[United for Libraries](#) will host [Proactive Advocacy and Communication for Library Trustees and Staff](#) on Tuesday, February 23 at 11 a.m. PST. The program, presented by Lori Fisher, will cover simple steps that library boards and staff can integrate into communication processes, using both outward- and inward-facing tools.

Register [here](#). The live session will be available at no cost to United for Libraries members and Statewide Group Members.

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*Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at [newsletter@wla.org](mailto: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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