



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

February 24, 2021

WLA School Library Division Launches Blog

The WLA School Library Division is pleased to announce its [new blog](#)! We will use the blog to share opportunities for professional growth, shared practice, and celebration of the fantastic things Washington State's School Libraries and Librarians are doing.

We also want to hear your stories! What fantastic things are happening in your school library programs? How have you advocated for students, supported teachers, and enriched learning? How have you been meeting the needs of your school communities during the pandemic? Please take a moment to [share](#) your story. We would like "Stories from School Libraries" to be a regular feature of this blog so that we can celebrate our successes and learn from each other.

Final Call for *Alki* Submissions!

Alki is still accepting submissions on the theme of *Where Are We Now*. We want to hear from all library types and from all library workers, including students, staff, and those new to the profession!

This journal is by and for members of the Washington State library community and is meant to reflect your experiences. In this issue of *Alki*, we are interested in hearing what 2020 was like for you, your library, your patrons. We welcome your experiences, both good and bad.

Please send submissions to *Alki* editor [Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman](#).

Take the WLA Public Library Division Survey!

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!

Has Your Library Budget Been Cut?

The [WLA Advocacy Committee](#) is gathering information regarding library budget cuts, to use in its advocacy efforts with legislators, stakeholders, and others.

If your library's budget has undergone recent cuts, or if cuts are on the horizon, please [fill out](#) this brief survey to help them gather the essential information needed to best lobby for and support our Washington Library community.

Look Who's Hiring

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

Cornish College of the Arts is seeking an [Access Services Librarian](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Selection Librarian](#).

Pend Oreille County Library District is seeking a [Branch Manager](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking an [Assistant Library Manager](#). This position is open until March 7.

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

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.

University of Washington is seeking a [Data Services Specialist](#).

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

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.



Attend "Day of Conversations" at Children's Lit Conference

To conclude its Virtual Exhibit of artwork centered on [Art as Protest/Art in the Time of COVID](#), the 18th Annual WWU Children's Literature Conference will have an online-synchronous [Day of Conversations](#) on February 27, from 10-11 a.m. PST and from 1-2 p.m. PST. Participants are welcome to join either or both sessions.

These mediated conversations will focus on themes and ideas that have emerged from the Virtual Exhibit. [Registration](#) is free, but required. For more information, contact [CLC's Conference Services](#).

Registration Open for ACRL Virtual Conference

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) has opened registration for the [ACRL 2021 Virtual Conference](#), “Ascending into An Open Future.” The conference will be held April 13-16.

Keynote speakers include author [Tressie McMillan Cottom](#) and journalist [Mona Chalabi](#). Featured presenters include [Kaetrena Davis Kendrick](#) and [We Here](#) administrators [Jennifer Brown](#), [Jennifer Ferretti](#), and Charlotte Roh.

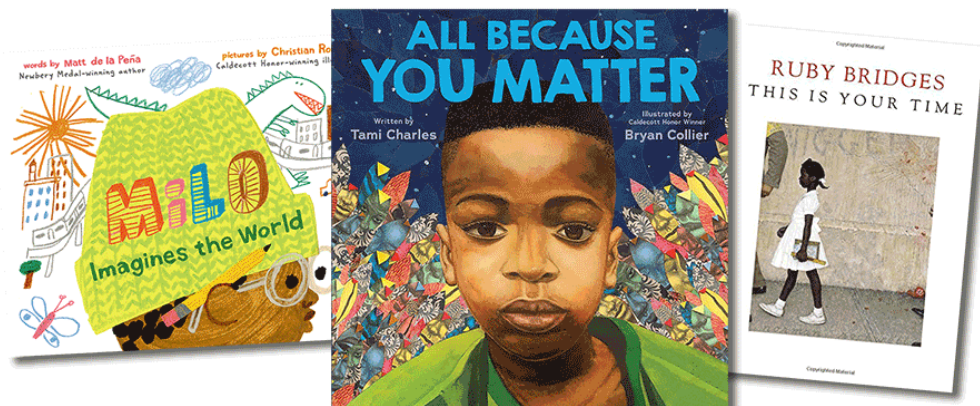
The Early Bird deadline for students, members, and nonmembers is March 12. Register [here](#). For registration assistance, email [ACRL Reg Help](#) or call 864-208-2676.

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](#).

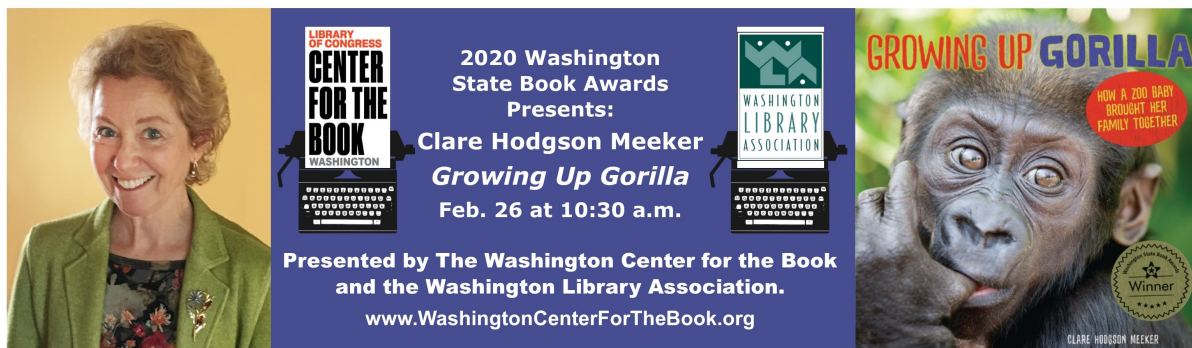


Celebrate Black History Month with African American Read-In

Please join Dr. Michelle H. Martin and her University of Washington MLIS students for an African American Read-In, in celebration of Black History Month on February 28 from 1-2:15 p.m. Register [here](#).

The program is sponsored by the UW iSchool and [Read-A-Rama](#). The music-

infused event will feature guests Aaron Cokley, Cheryl Jackson, and Cheri Maree. For more information, [check out](#) the full program.



2020 Washington State Book Award Event

The Washington Center for the Book and the Washington Library Association are pleased to present a morning with [Clare Hodgson Meeker](#) this Friday, February 26 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. PST. Hodgson Meeker is winner of the 2020 Washington State Book Award for Young Readers for [Growing Up Gorilla: How a Zoo Baby Brought Her Family Together](#).

Classes and readers of all ages (third grade and up suggested) are invited to attend this free event. [Registration](#) is required. For more information and questions, email [Seattle Public Library](#) or call 206-386-4636.

SAVE THE DATE: **FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

JAZZ & FRIENDS

National Day of School & Community Readings
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Welcoming Schools

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
Great Public Schools for Every Student

AASL
American Association of School Librarians
TRANSFORMING LEARNING

Jazz & Friends National Day of School and Community Readings

Libraries are invited to be part of [Jazz & Friends National Day of School and Community Readings](#) on February 25. This year's event will showcase readings from three books and include community discussions to support transgender and non-binary youth. It is organized by the [Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Welcoming Schools Program](#) and co-sponsored by the [American Association of School Librarians](#) and the [National Education Association](#).

Last Chance for Zine Contest Submissions

The deadline for the [6th Annual Washington State Zine Contest](#) (all ages) is this Friday, 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



The graphic features the ALA logo (a blue rounded rectangle with 'ALA' in white) and a red Wi-Fi symbol. Below the logo is a blue rounded rectangle with 'CONNECT' in white. Underneath that is a red speech bubble with 'LIVE!' in white. To the right of these elements, the text 'JOIN THE CONVERSATION' is in blue, 'February 25, 2021' is in red, and '2pm ET / 1pm CT' is in red. At the bottom, a large blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'Sustainable Development' in white.

ALA  **JOIN THE CONVERSATION**

CONNECT **February 25, 2021**
2pm ET / 1pm CT

 **LIVE!**

Sustainable Development

ALA Connect Live: Sustainable Development

Join ALA President Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. for the first [ALA Connect Live program](#) of 2021 taking place on February 25 at 11 a.m. PST.

ALA recognizes the important and unique role libraries play in wider community conversations about resiliency, climate change, a sustainable future, and what libraries themselves can do. Learn about ALA efforts and new resources for you — and how you and your library can be change agents. This ALA Connect Live will include leaders of ALA's [Sustainability Round Table](#) and ALA's [Task Force on the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).

Register in advance, and **submit** your questions on this topic or any subject of interest to you. Email membervalue@ala.org for more information.

ALA Scholarship Deadline is March 1st

Are you a new or continuing library student? It's not too late to apply for ALA scholarships! The application window will close next week on March 1. Interested applicants can apply for a [variety of scholarships](#) through the single [online application](#).

For more information, visit the [ALA Scholarship Program](#) website. For questions or concerns about the application process, contact the [ALA Scholarship Clearinghouse](#) at 1-800-545-2433 ext. 4279.

"Fostering A Culture of Creativity in Libraries" Webinar

Join [LibraryWorks](#) and Megan Lotts, Art Librarian at Rutgers University, for this presentation on creativity in libraries on February 25 at 11 a.m. PST. Register [here](#). Participants will learn about skills and tools needed to "be creative," and learn how to implement a culture of creativity within their own lives and organizations.

Registration is \$49 per person. For group rates for parties of 4 or more, contact [Jenny Newman](#).

Survey: Collection Development — What's In Your Library?

School library professionals are invited to [complete](#) a 20-minute survey "Collection Development: What's in Your Library," as part of research project at Point Park University that seeks to investigate the attitudes and collection development habits of school librarians with respect to the purchase and promotion of LGBTQ+ themed materials or authors.

Participation in this survey is anonymous and no personal information will be collected. The survey will close on March 1. For more information, contact [Jennifer Sturge](#).

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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