SAVE THE DATE! Library Career Lab

Are you looking for...
- an introduction to a career in libraries?
- a career reset?
- professional development ideas or guidance?

The 2021 WLA Library Career Lab is here to give you a boost! This virtual, month-long program will feature resume review, interview “speed dating,” various information sessions, panel discussions and more. Get answers to your questions around library trends, find out what it’s like to work at different library types, and network with colleagues. Stay tuned for more information!

WLA ScLD's AASL National Conference Attendance Grants!

Have you always wanted to attend a national Library conference, but needed some funding to make it possible? Do you dream of joining together with School Library professionals from across the nation to share practice, advocacy efforts, and fun? Does the thought of carrying home a bag full of books signed by authors make your heart skip a beat?

Then YOU need to attend the 2021 AASL National Conference in Salt Lake City, UT October 21-23, 2021!
The WLA ScLD is pleased to announce our 2021 AASL National Conference Attendance Grants. Grants may cover up to $500.00 reimbursement for conference registration, travel, and/or lodging. Recipients will be required to provide copies of receipts and a completed reimbursement form. Grant funds must be used to attend the 2021 AASL Conference.

Application Requirements:
- Member of WLA School Library Division
- Demonstrate financial need
- Preference is given to School Library Division Committee members and first-time AASL attendees.

Applications will be accepted through Sunday, April 18, 2021. **Apply NOW!**

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**Survey: 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.

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**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](#).

Electronic Arts is seeking a [Taxonomist (Temporary)](#).

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.
Registration for 2021 ALA ANNUAL Now Open

Register now for ALA Annual's Virtual Conference & Exhibition taking place June 23-29, 2021.

Catch Early Deadline 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

DEADLINE APPROACHING!

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.

Washington Digital Heritage Grants: Open for applications March 8

Washington Digital Heritage Grants provide up to $15,000 to libraries for digital projects that promote creating and sharing digital content documenting Washington's history. Grants are open to public, academic, tribal, and special
libraries for projects running through June 2022. The 2021-2022 grant will open for applications March 8. Anyone interested can submit a Letter of Interest for feedback before the open date. Learn more here.

BLOSSOM! Building Life-long Opportunities for Strength, Self-Care, Outlook, Morale, and Mindfulness symposium

This free three-day virtual symposium will bring together experts on morale in libraries, invisible services in libraries, vocational awe, burnout, and self-care. The symposium will provide library staff at all levels, including management, with key takeaways to improve library staff’s health and wellness. This event is open to all library staff regardless of employment status and to library science students. This virtual even provides 8 continuing education (CE) credits. March 24 – 26.

Congratulations to North Central Washington Libraries!

After a competitive, peer-reviewed application process, North Central Washington Libraries was selected to be part of the STAR Net STEAM Equity Project.

The Learning Curve

Classes from the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

How PubMed® Works: How PubMed Works is a series of four 90-minute classes presented via WebEx. Register for each class separately. All classes are from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. PT

- March 11: How PubMed Works: Selection
- March 18: How PubMed Works: MeSH (Medical Subject Headings)

NNLM Reading Club Presents…Amy Byer Shainman

Join this NNLM Reading Club Presents session where author Amy Byer Shainman will discuss her book, “Resurrection Lily: The BRCA Gene, Hereditary Cancer and Lifesaving Whispers from the Grandmother I Never Knew”. She will be joined by Ellen Matloff, Certified Genetic Counselor, and President and CEO of My Gene Counsel. In this program, these two genetic cancer experts will share their story, their knowledge and answer your questions. Join the live
stream on March 11 at 12:00 p.m. PT

Ethical Issues in Citizen Science Research

In this presentation, Lisa Rasmussen will describe a series of ethical issues arising in citizen science, how they are situated with respect to contemporary research infrastructure, what the field of citizen science is doing to address ethical challenges, and future steps for ensuring that citizen science research is conducted ethically March 24 at 11:00 a.m. PT. Register

Free Virtual Event!

Middle Grade Magic, March 9, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at some of the most anticipated new titles for kids and tweens, from modern coming-of-age tales and eye-popping graphic novels to immersive fantasy. You'll also hear from librarians, who will share how they've incorporated programs and activities focused exclusively on this age group. Attendees will have the opportunity to check out the virtual exhibit hall, chat directly with authors, download educational resources, and enter to win prizes and giveaways.

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!