



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

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LIBRARY CAREER LAB

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WLA Library Career Lab Arrives in May!

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 for you! This virtual, month-long program will feature resume review, interview “speed dating,” various information sessions, panel discussions, and more.

Registration opens in April. Stay tuned for more information, and contact the [WLA Office](#) if you have any questions.

Special Libraries Crawl 2021: You're Invited!

[Special Library Association's PNW Chapter](#) and the WLA's [Special Libraries Division](#) will present a series of informational and social events to help members learn more about special libraries in our region: The 2021 Special Libraries Crawl. The first of this series will introduce you to the world of law libraries. [Register here](#). The event is free and open to all who are interested.

Join us via Zoom on April 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. for virtual tours of the Washington State Law Library, the King County (WA) Law Library and the Davis Wright Tremaine Law Firm Library, and have an opportunity to ask questions and socialize. Grab your favorite snack and beverage and spend some time getting to know your library colleagues. Attendees will also have a chance to learn more about SLA PNW and the WLA Special Libraries Division, including information on how to become a member.

ScLD/CAYAS Roundtable this Saturday!

Please join the WLA [School Library Division](#) and [CAYAS Section](#) for a joint roundtable to discuss library advocacy and how you can have an impact on legislation. WLA lobbyist Carolyn Logue will join us to talk about her work as well as legislation that affects librarians who serve youth.

The roundtable will take place Saturday, March 27 from 10-11 a.m. Make sure to [register](#) in advance!

WLA Public Library Division Quarterly Meeting

All [Public Library Division](#) members are invited to join the group's quarterly meeting on Friday, April 2 from 1-2 p.m. Save the [Zoom meeting link](#) to your calendar!

This meeting's theme will center on reopening. It's a chance to share ideas, information, and experiences with colleagues from around the state who are experiencing reopening or making plans to reopen.

WLA Advocacy Corner | Share Your COVID-19 Service Stories

WLA's [Advocacy Committee](#) is continuing to gather personal accounts of the ways libraries are supporting their communities during the pandemic. Your advocacy stories are critical in conveying the importance of libraries to

legislators, stakeholders, and grant committees, and we want to hear from you! Please consider [sharing](#) your story today!

Look Who's Hiring

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

Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a [Public Services Coordinator](#).

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

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

Gonzaga University is seeking a [Health Sciences Librarian](#).

King County Library System is seeking a [Director of Collection Management Services](#). This position is open until April 8.

Mid-Columbia Libraries has [Multiple Current Openings](#).

NCW Libraries has [Multiple Current Openings](#).

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

Spokane Falls Community College is seeking a [Dean of Professional Studies, Library & Workforce Education](#).

University of Washington is seeking a [Data Services Specialist](#) and [Research and Instruction Librarian](#).

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a [Branch Manager \(College Place\)](#).

Washington Elementary School is seeking a [Teacher Librarian](#).

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a [Branch Manager \(North Fork\)](#). This position is open until March 26.

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.



"Civic Engagement in Action" Online Mini-Conference

There's still time to sign up for the [Seguidamos Creando Enlaces](https://creandoenlaces.org) mini-conference, March 25-26! Registration can be found at creandoenlaces.org (English) and creandoenlaces.org/es (Español). Now in its 9th year, the free conference will offer options to view live presentations in English and Spanish.

Oregon Library Association 2021 Conference

Library professionals interested in attending the virtual 2021 Oregon Library Association (OLA) Conference are encouraged to register by April 9! Learn more and register [here](#). For questions about conference registration, contact [Shirley Roberts](#).

OLA is offering four days of presentations and workshops on the important theme of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI). Keynote speakers include Sonja Ervin, equity and inclusion manager for the Multnomah County Library, and David F. Walker, an award-winning comic book writer, filmmaker, journalist, and educator.

Registration open for "Responding to the COVID-19 Infodemic: A Virtual Symposium"

Registration is open for a new Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) free, virtual symposium focused on addressing the COVID-19 Infodemic in our communities. The [NNLM Virtual Symposium](#), April 8-9 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. PST both days is an opportunity to address misinformation and mistrust, raise awareness about the pandemic and efforts to combat it. Symposium attendees can expect to come away from this experience with a better understanding of COVID-19 as well as strategies and programs that can be used to engage with communities.

FTRF to Offer Two ALA Conference Scholarships

Are you interested in intellectual freedom? Would you like to attend the American Library Association's Annual Conference in June? Applications are now open for the [2021 Gordon M. Conable Conference Scholarship](#). For the first time, two scholarships will be awarded in 2021.

The deadline for submitting an application is April 15; the awards will be announced by April 23. [Apply here](#). For more information, contact the [Freedom to Read Foundation](#).

News & Notes

Meet the New Washington State Librarian

Join the Washington State Library during its upcoming [First Tuesdays](#) event to meet new Washington State Librarian Sara Jones! The session will take place at 9 a.m. on April 6. [Register here](#).

Sara started at WSL on February 16 and would love to meet and hear from library professionals from around Washington. Join her for a discussion of where libraries are now, her vision of the future, and some exciting projects in the works. Come with your questions, comments, and suggestions!

For more information, contact WSL Training Coordinator [Tami Masenhimer](#).

Washington Library Snapshot Week

#LibrarySnapshot Begins April 4

Celebrate Library Snapshot Week! Join the Washington Library Association and the Washington State Library in celebrating a full week of advocacy for our libraries, archives, and special collections across the state, during [National Library Week](#), April 4-10.

[#LibrarySnapshot](#) is a "day in the life" at your library or repository. This is also an opportunity to — with their permission — share your staff and patrons' stories. With many libraries across Washington reopening in stages, Library Snapshot Week will be more important than ever to show off the work that library staff do.

To get involved, staff and patrons can simply snap and upload photos to social media, and tag them with #LibrarySnapshot!

Autism-Ready Libraries: Call for Focus Group Participation

Autism-Ready Libraries is seeking participants in a research project conducted by faculty and students from the Information School at the University of Washington. This research will investigate the early literacy needs of autistic children and their families relevant to public libraries. The project invites Washington State librarians and staff in public libraries who work directly with children aged 13 and younger to participate in this study, in a focus group on Monday, April 5, from 5:30-7 p.m. PST.

The focus group will take place online over Zoom and will include up to 12 participants. It will be audio recorded, and the recording will be transcribed with all identifying information omitted. In appreciation, each participant will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card. If you have questions and are interested in participating, please email autism-ready@uw.edu.

ALSC launches Book & Media Awards Shelf website

The [Association for Library Service to Children](#) (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, has announced its new [Book & Media Awards Shelf](#), a database-driven website presenting a curated collection of books, recordings, apps, websites, and other media for children (birth to age 14).

The Awards Shelf delivers almost 2,000 ALSC award-winning titles, representing 100 years of ALSC awards history. It will be updated each year following the announcements of the ALA Youth Media Awards and Notable lists.

The Learning Curve

Library of Congress: "When Was This Photograph Taken?"

The Library of Congress will host its next [Double Take webinar](#) "When Was This Photograph Taken?" on March 25 at 1 p.m. [Register here](#).

The webinar will cover clues you can use to determine when a picture was made or a photo was taken. In the session, Reference Specialist Kristi Finefield will walk attendees through the process of determining the date range of an aerial photograph of Washington, D.C.

SHLB WEBINARS

"What Could Schools and Libraries Do With \$7 Billion?"

Congress is [providing](#) \$7 billion in new funding to help schools and libraries support remote learning by extending their broadband connections off-campus. In this webinar on March 31 at 10 a.m., the [SHLB \(Schools, Health, and Libraries Broadband\) Coalition](#) will explore "to and through" case studies that schools and libraries can model to close the digital divide for their students and patrons. [Register here](#)! This webinar is free and open to the public.

LibraryWorks "Leading from the Middle" Webinar

Join presenter Carrie Rogers-Whitehead on April 1 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. for this webinar to help you communicate better and manage up, and down. [Register here](#). Participants will learn techniques for communicating with upper management and employees, prioritizing tasks and setting goals, performance evaluation strategies, managing competing goals, and planning and organizing meetings from "the middle."

Registration fee is \$49/person. Email jenny@libraryworks.com for special rates for groups of 4 or more.

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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