



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

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LIBRARY CAREER LAB

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Library Career Lab Registration is Open

Registration is now open for WLA 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 for you! This virtual, month-long program features resume review, interview “speed dating,” various panel discussions, and more. Check out the WLA website for program information and panelist updates.

The entire program is free for WLA members and \$45 for non-members.

The "Why Work in Libraries?" panel is free to ALL, regardless of membership. If you plan to attend that session only, please [register here](#).

Please contact the [WLA Office](#) if you have any questions.



Voting Open for the 2021 Sasquatch Award

Twelve great books are [nominees](#), but only one will win! Please [cast your students' votes](#) for the 2021 Sasquatch Award. The deadline to vote is May 28, and winners will be announced June 7.

Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders can participate in the voting process by reading at least two of the nominees and voting through their local librarian/teacher-librarian.



Read the March 2021 Issue of [Alki: Where We Are Now!](#)

The March 2021 issue of *Alki*, hot off the press, offers a variety of stories across library types and from many different perspectives. Many of our articles are rich examinations of integral library work. Whether intentional or not, this issue's

content shies away from centering COVID; perhaps we all need space to examine our well-being, our work, and catch a break from the ongoing pandemic. Thanks for [diving in!](#)

Join the Special Libraries Crawl Tomorrow Evening!

[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.

Look Who's Hiring

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

Everett Public Library is seeking a [Librarian I](#).

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](#).

Shoreline Community College is seeking an [Associate Dean – Library & Learning Resources](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries has [Multiple Current Openings](#).

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](#).

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



2021 WLA CONFERENCE

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communities, conversations, connections

#WLA2021 Now Accepting Program Proposals

We're now accepting program proposals for #WLA2021, to be held September 30-October 2 in Bellevue! We hope to see you for the full in-person experience, though we will also have select virtual offerings for those who can't make the trip this time. [Submit your proposal](#) by **May 5**. WLA will prioritize presenters from historically underrepresented communities and programs that support equity, diversity, and inclusion.

The [Conference Committee](#) is excited to announce the theme: **Communities, Conversations, Connections**. As each of us has faced isolation and change, we've been pushed us to embrace technology, find new ways to connect, and re-examine the status quo. We're preparing for a return to normal, but what does that new normal look like for libraries? How can we start conversations and forge stronger bonds with our communities?

The committee is hard at work planning relevant and fun opportunities for you to reconnect with your colleagues, both virtually and in person. Watch for updates on the [conference website](#)!

NWILL 2021 Virtual Conference - Call for Proposals

The NWILL Conference Committee invites proposals for lightning rounds (7-10 minutes) and regular sessions (45 minutes) of interest to interlibrary loan and resource sharing practitioners from all over North America and the world.

While proposals from academic libraries are their most frequent contributors, the committee strongly encourages submissions from all types of libraries and encourages people from diverse backgrounds to participate in this process.

The deadline for proposals is April 16. Find details and the proposal application at nwill.org/call-for-proposals.

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

Washington Library Snapshot Week

It's #LibrarySnapshot Week!

Celebrate Library Snapshot Week with WLA and the Washington State Library, a full week of advocacy for our libraries, archives, and special collections across the state, coinciding with [National Library Week](#), April 4-10.

[#LibrarySnapshot](#) is a "day in the life" at your library or repository. This is 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. Find daily prompts on the [WLA Facebook page](#) for ideas and inspiration!



ALA releases State of America's Libraries Special Report

ALA has released its [State of America's Libraries Special Report: COVID-19](#), a snapshot of the library communities' resilience, determination, and innovation in unprecedented circumstances. The State of America's Libraries report is released annually during National Library Week, April 4-10, and this year's issue focuses on the impact of the novel coronavirus on all types of libraries during the previous calendar year. [Download the report.](#)

Native American Library Services Grants Now Available

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is now accepting applications for [Native American Library Services Enhancement grants](#). The program is designed to assist Native American tribes in improving core library services for their communities. The grant period is up to two years, and projects must begin September 1, 2021.

The deadline for submitting applications is May 11. To learn more about the program, potential applicants are invited to watch the [pre-application webinar](#).

For questions about application requirements and deadlines, please contact Program Specialists [Sarah Boonie](#) or [Maeve Coudrelle](#).

Librarian Lounge: A Student Networking Session

LIS students are invited to a networking session on April 14 from 2:30-4 p.m. PT. Join in for conversation on current topics in the library profession, bounce ideas off of other attendees, connect with students/colleagues from around the country, and network with mentors in the field.

The session will open with brief remarks from ALA Executive Director, and former Spectrum Scholar, Tracie D. Hall. [Register here!](#) Interested students do not need to be ALA members to attend.

"Children's Librarianship: International Perspectives" Webinar

Have you ever wondered what library service to children and families looks like in different countries? Are you interested in learning from children's library staff across the world? If so, join ALA for this special event on April 9 at 8 a.m. PT.

[Registration is free.](#)

During this session, attendees will have an opportunity to connect with youth library staff from Germany, Norway and Russia! The session will be hosted by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions ([IFLA](#)), Association for Library Service to Children ([ALSC](#)), and students from Kent State University's [School of Information](#).

Yacht Club YS Meeting: "Nonfiction For Children and Teens"

Feel like your nonfiction collection isn't moving and you don't know what to do? In this session on April 8 from 10-11 a.m., Yacht Club will take a deep dive into the world of nonfiction for children and teens. [Register here!](#) After signing up, be sure to review the Resource Assignments on the registration page and consider the questions listed. For more information, please contact WSL Training Coordinator [Tami Masenhimer](#).

ARSL TRAIN: "Helping Patrons to Improve their Financial Decision-Making Outcomes"

Join ARSL on April 8 at 11 a.m. PT for a TRAIN workshop on free financial literacy resources provided by the federal government and available in your community. [Register here!](#) The workshop is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. After showcasing their resources, presenters Ken McDonnell, Emily Mross, Bobbie Grey, and Cassie Russell will demonstrate how these resources may be utilized in a library through a set of scenarios. Contact the [ARSL Office](#) for more information.

Census Bureau 2021 Data Summit Series

The U.S. Census Bureau is pleased to announce its 2021 Data Summit Series. Designed for the novice data user, these webinars will present a high-level overview of several data products and demonstrate how they can be used to assist organizations and businesses identify data-driven solutions to challenges.

Each webinar requires separate registration. All sessions take place from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. PT.

- April 8: [Census Bureau Data for Everyone](#)
 - April 13: [Census Data for American Indian and Alaska Native Populations](#)
 - April 15: [Census Data for Philanthropic and Non-Profit Organizations](#)
 - April 20: [Accessing Census Bureau Data for Rural Communities](#)
 - April 22: [Statistics in Schools — Bringing Census Bureau Data to the Classroom](#)
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UW Professional & Community Learning: "Critical Media Literacy with Secondary Students"

In this introductory course with instructor Jenny Gawronski, participants will learn to support students to practice media literacy when consuming, sharing, and creating print and digital media. Participants will leave with a collection of resources, practices, and an understanding of meaningful and relevant ways to weave media literacy practices into their teaching. [Register here!](#)

The \$90 course involves online synchronous sessions from 4-5:30 p.m. on April 21, 28, and May 5, as well as asynchronous work between sessions. The course fee includes 7 clock hours. For questions, please contact professionallearning@uw.edu.

Free NNLM Webinars this April

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine](#) will present the following two free webinars this month. Both sessions will be recorded and available 1-2 weeks from the live session.

Social and Environmental Determinants of Maternal Health Disparities and a Roadmap to Effective Solutions (April 20 at 12 p.m. - [Register](#))

This Emerging Trends webinar series presentation with Dr. Chandra L. Jackson will describe historical and contemporary pathways by which features of the physical and social environments likely contribute to maternal health disparities. Potential interventions along with priorities for future research will also be described.

Launching and Leading the Librarian Reserve Corps: Developing an agile librarian network in response to COVID-19 (April 21 at 1 p.m. - [Register](#))

This PNR Rendezvous session is a presentation on librarian visioning, leadership, management, and trial by fire. It provides a unique perspective on

launching and leading an international network of librarian volunteers in a new role: emergency responders in the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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