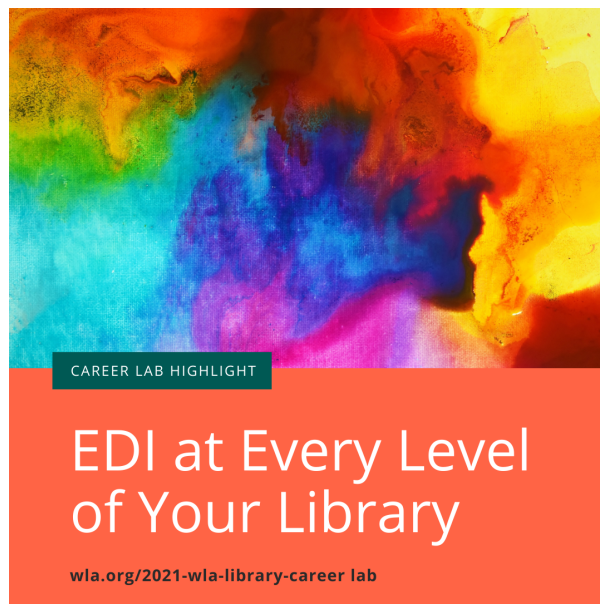




WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

April 21, 2021



Career Lab Spotlight: EDI at Every Level of Your Library

This week, we're highlighting our #WLACareerLab opening panel *Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at Every Level of Your Library*, set for May 3 at 12 p.m. [Register here!](https://wla.org/2021-wla-library-career-lab)

As a manager or director, how does your leadership support marginalized patrons and staff? As staff, how can you use your voice to drive change? How can everyone work to create an open dialogue? Join us for a panel discussion moderated by WLA President Danielle Miller about real ways to incorporate EDI into your work. Registrants will have the opportunity to submit questions for the panelists in advance.



2022 WLA OTTER Award Nominees Announced

The OTTER Award Committee – *Our Time To Enjoy Reading* – is pleased to announce the 2021-2022 nominated titles.

- ***Dancing at Carnival (Ana & Andrew)*** by Christine A Platt, illustrated by Sharon Sordo (Calico Kid / ABDO)
- ***Dave the Unicorn: Welcome to Unicorn School*** by Pip Bird, illustrated by David O'Connell (Imprint / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)
- ***High and Dry*** by Eric Walters, illustrated by Sabrina Gendron (Orca Book Publishers)
- ***Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business*** by Lyla Lee, illustrated by Dung Ho (Aladdin / Simon & Schuster Publishing)
- ***Red Panda & Moon Bear*** by Jarod Roselló (Top Shelf Productions / IDW Publishing)
- ***Willa the Wisp*** (The Fabled Stables, book #1) by Jonathan Auxier, illustrated by Olga Demidova (Amulet Books / Abrams)

The goal of the OTTER Award is to highlight titles that are both engaging and developmentally appropriate for readers transitioning into chapter books. The award is sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.



Special Libraries Crawl - Law Libraries Recording Available

The first of the WLA Special Library Division's Virtual Library Crawl, featuring Law Libraries, is now [available to view](#) on WLA's YouTube channel.

Special Libraries Association Pacific Northwest Chapter (SLA PNW) and the WLA Special Libraries Division have teamed up to present a series of informational and social events to help our members learn more about special libraries in our region: The 2021 Special Libraries Crawl. The second of this free series will introduce you to the world of tribal libraries on June 10 at 12 p.m.

[Register here!](#)

Look Who's Hiring

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

Gonzaga University is seeking a [Health Sciences Librarian](#). This position is open until May 3.

Highline College is seeking a [Reference Librarian](#). This position is open until May 2.

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Collection and Technical Services Supervisor](#). This position is open until May 2.

Lake Washington School District is seeking [Elementary Library Media Specialist candidates](#).

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

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](#).

Tacoma Public Library is seeking a [Neighborhood Services Manager](#). This position is open until April 23.

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

Upper Skagit Library District is seeking a [Library Director](#). This position is open until April 30.

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

Tigard Public Library is seeking a [Senior Library Assistant](#). This position is open until May 2.

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 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 extended deadline for proposals is May 2. Find details and the proposal application at nwill.org/call-for-proposals.



Registration Open for iYouth Spring 2021 Conference

Youth librarianship is rapidly changing in the face of COVID-19 closures and with the push for more equitable and just practices. Are you interested in the future of kids and teens in libraries? Would you like to meet students and professionals interested in or working in the field of youth librarianship?

iYouth — the youth librarianship focused student group of MLIS students at the University of Washington's iSchool — will be hosting the annual 2021 Spring Youth Librarianship Conference on Friday, May 7 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event is free and open to all. Sessions will include presentations from practitioners and students, time to chat and unwind, as well as a Q&A Panel with youth librarianship practitioners. Come one, come all!

Please [register](#) to receive attendance information. Registration closes May 3.



Pelayo-Lozada wins 2022-2023 ALA presidency

Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada, adult services assistant manager with **Palos Verdes Library District** in Rolling Hills Estates, CA, has been elected 2021-2022 president-elect of the American Library Association.

Pelayo-Lozada recently completed a term as an ALA executive board member (2017-2020) and is currently a councilor-at-large (2012-2015, 2015-2018, 2020-2023). She is an active member of the 1876 Club, the Association of Library Services to Children (ALSC), Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures (Core), the Public Library Association (PLA), the Rainbow Round Table, the Social Responsibilities Round Table, and the Sustainability Round Table. Read her statement and learn more about her achievements [here](#).

Info Session for COVID Library Relief Fund

ALA will host a free informational session on April 22 at 12 p.m. PT to accompany the **ALA COVID Library Relief Fund** application form. If you are interested in applying for a grant for your public, school or academic library, you are invited to this one-hour session. ALA will highlight the fund, the application process, and respond to questions. [Register here](#).

The ALA COVID Library Relief Fund will provide \$1.25 million to a number of public, school, academic, and tribal libraries across the U.S. and U.S Territories that have experienced substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic. Grants between \$30,000 and \$50,000 to libraries/library systems/districts will be awarded to those that have seen a substantial reduction in funding that impacts their ability to provide essential services to under-served populations in low to moderate income groups to help re-establish, sustain, amplify or create new services for those targeted audiences.

The deadline for [applicant submissions](#) is May 20. Grants will be announced on June 23.

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.

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](#).



Attend the 2nd Annual National Antiracist Book Festival

[Boston University's Center for Antiracist Research](#) will host the 2nd Annual National Antiracist Book Festival on April 24 from 6 a.m.-3 p.m. PT.

The #AntiracistBookfest is the first and only book festival that brings together, showcases, and celebrates the nation's leading antiracist writers and helps to prepare the writers of tomorrow. Panels are topically organized with two authors and a moderator. Additionally, there will be workshops for writers facilitated by book editors and literary agents.

The National Antiracist Book Festival is a ticketed event: \$10 per panel or \$250 for an all-access pass. Tickets will be on sale through April 21 at 1 p.m. PT.

[Register here](#). All proceeds from ticket sales will go towards the work of the BU Center for Antiracist Research.

The Learning Curve

Upcoming Yacht Club: "The Power of Play"

You may already know about the power of play — maybe you have already prominently featured play in your library spaces and programs. But what happens now that our outreach, in-person programs, and in-library space use is severely restricted due to the pandemic? Participants will engage with resources and discussion during the next Yacht Club, May 6 at 10 a.m., on what librarians can do to help parents learn to embrace and model play in this new world we're in.

The session is free, and registrants will be requested to review resource assignments prior to the class. [Register here!](#)



Pandemic Voices: Zines on Zoom Workshop

If you love zines, expressing yourself, writing, or want to learn more about what a zine is and its history, please join this presentation and workshop on April 30 from 3-5 p.m., presented by UW iSchool graduate students Kaitlyn Griffith and Lucia Maceri. Learn more and [register here!](#)

Kaitlyn and Lucia will be joined by Sara Peté from the [Washington Center for the Book](#) and the lead of the [Sheltered in Place: COVID-19 Zine Diaries Project](#), as well as other guest speakers eager to share their knowledge and experience with zines.

**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 Webinar:
"Launching and Leading the Librarian Reserve Corps"**

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine](#) will present *Launching and Leading the Librarian Reserve Corps: Developing an agile librarian network in response to COVID-19* on April 21 at 1 p.m. [Register here!](#)

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. The session will be recorded and available 1-2 weeks after the live session.

WebJunction Webinar: "Smart Spaces are Community Places"

Transforming physical spaces and library programs into active learning hubs is a powerful opportunity to strengthen the library's connection to the community.

[Register](#) for this webinar on April 27 at 12 p.m. PT, during which Gail Bruce (Laurel Public Library, Delaware) and Betha Gutsche (OCLC) will share successful examples of design thinking and community collaboration from the [Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces](#) project, even through the disruption of

the COVID-19 pandemic. Free [resources and tools](#) built from the project are now available for libraries of all sizes to transform their spaces.

ALA Core Webinars Celebrate Preservation Week

Join [Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures](#) for two webinars during **Preservation Week 2021** (April 25-May 1). These webinars are free and open to all. Both webinars will take place from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. PT and require separate registration.

- [Collecting and Preserving after Tragedy](#) | April 27 | This webinar will introduce rapid response collecting and explore the Orange County Regional History Center's initiative to preserve items collected after the 2016 Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando, FL.
 - [Introduction to Community Archiving Workshop \(CAW\)](#) | April 28 | This webinar will give an overview of the history of the CAW committee, explain the [basic workshop model](#), and summarize current work through grant-funded projects which are building heavily on the original workshop model and pushing it forward to focus on long-term preservation planning assistance and tools.
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ARSL Train: "Libraries and COVID-19: Information, Resources and Tools" Free Webinar

The Association of Rural and Small Libraries is hosting a free [TRAIN webinar](#) on April 29 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. PT.

The [REopening Archives, Libraries and Museums \(REALM\)](#) project is providing libraries with science-based information to support local decision-making by conducting research and creating free resources for libraries to use. Presenters Jennie Garner (North Liberty Library, Iowa) and Kendra Morgan, (OCLC) will share information about these REALM tools and what is on the horizon for the REALM project, as well the frontline staff perspective on creating and implementing library procedures and engaging library staff and the community during a pandemic.

Library of Congress: "How Should We Index This Image?"

Join Cataloging Specialist Arden Alexander and Processing Technician Libby McKiernan on an exploration of the [Library of Congress Thesaurus for Graphic Materials](#) (TGM) on April 29 at 1 p.m. PT, to learn approaches to describing images, using topical terms, plus ways you can use the TGM for your personal or work collections.

The specialists will also invite participants to index some images from the Library's collections with them. This free webinar is part of the Double Take webinar series. [Learn more and register](#).

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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