



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

May 26, 2021



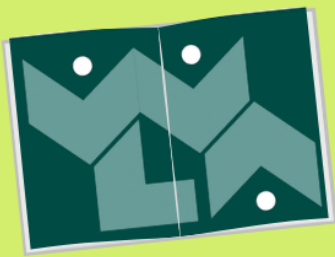
Final Career Lab Event: Special Libraries

Join our final #WLACareerLab event, taking place today at noon! Check out panelists on the [Career Lab site](#) and [register](#).

So You Want to Work in Special Libraries? | *May 26, 12-1 p.m.*

What is it really like to work in a special library? A panel of special library professionals is here to answer all your burning questions. Hear about jobs in corporate, law, tribal, specialty, archival, and research libraries, and learn how to land those jobs. Questions can be submitted in advance or asked live.

Want to catch all of the Career Lab recordings? [Registration](#) is open through the end of May! Contact the [WLA Office](#) if you have any questions.



Submit Votes for the WLA Book Awards!

WCCPBA | Sasquatch | OTTER | Towner

Votes due: **May 28, 2021**

Winners announced: **June 7, 2021**

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Be sure to submit your students' votes for the [2021 WLA Book Awards](#)! Voting closes for all four awards on **May 28** (and winners will be announced June 7). Votes can be cast at the following links:

- [Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award](#) (WCCPBA)
- [Sasquatch Award](#)
- [OTTER \(Our Time to Enjoy Reading\) Award](#)
- [Towner Award](#)

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

Call for Papers
July 2021 Issue:
You Are Not Imagining It

Alki

Alki July Issue — Call for Papers

Submit your articles and milestones for the July issue of *Alki*! The *Alki* Editorial Committee wants to hear from all library types and from all library workers, including students, staff, and those new to the profession!

While libraries have a unique mission, we also face the same challenges and successes that any workplace does. This issue, entitled "You Are Not Imagining It," invites reflections and contributions on experienced organizational culture, including vocational awe, imposter syndrome, and more.

This journal is by and for members of the Washington State library community and is meant to reflect your experiences. As always, we are happy to consider

articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community. Please find [instructions here](#) and send your article to alkieditor@wla.org.



WLA Mentoring Program Has Fresh Start!

Join this [WSL First Tuesdays event](#) on June 1 at 9 a.m. for a discussion about the new, updated, and refreshed WLA Mentoring Program. [Register here!](#)

WLA is in the process of redeveloping and relaunching its mentoring program, with the goal of creating a valuable experience for members and building professional relationships and strengthening the library profession within Washington. Join in for a tour of the new program, including how being a mentor can help develop future leaders, grow your leadership skills, and contribute to the profession. As a potential mentee, learn how a one-on-one professional mentoring program can help you develop and discover new skills and professional relationships.

For more information about the information session, contact [Tami Masenhimer](#).

Special Libraries Crawl 2021: Tribal Libraries

[Special Library Association's PNW Chapter](#) and the WLA's [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. [Register here](#).

Join us via Zoom on June 10, from 12-1:30 PM for virtual tours of the Northwest Indian College Library, the Shoalwater Bay Tribal Community Library, and the Yakama Nation Library. You'll also have the opportunity to ask questions and socialize. Grab your lunch 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

Centralia College is seeking an [Information Literacy and Instruction Librarian](#).

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is seeking a [Senior Public Services Librarian, Youth Services Focus](#). This position is open until May 31.

Gonzaga University - Foley Library is seeking an [Adjunct Faculty Librarian](#).

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

Lower Columbia College is seeking a [Library Circulation Services Manager](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Youth Services Librarian 1](#) and [Public Services Director](#). These positions are open until May 28 and June 4, respectively.

Oak Harbor School District is seeking [Elementary Library Media Specialists](#).

Seattle Public Library is seeking an [Equity, Learning and Engagement Program Coordinator](#). This position is open until May 31.

Seattle University is seeking a [Student Engagement Librarian](#).

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

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

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

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a [Teen Programming and Outreach Associate \(Burbank\)](#) and [Branch Manager \(Prescott\)](#).

Western Washington University is seeking a [Circulation & Reserves Manager](#).

Whatcom Community College is seeking an [Adjunct Faculty, Library Instructor](#).

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

IASC 2021 Knowledge Commons Virtual Conference

The [IASC virtual conference](#) is coming up June 9-11, offering three days of pre-recorded and live events. The conference's aim is to address problems defined by knowledge systems, including innovation spaces, digital resources like Wikipedia and Stack exchange, open-source software development, the future of science and education, the archival of existing knowledge, cultural commons, and citizen science.

[Registration](#) is open through the conference dates and is \$10 for IASC members and \$50 for non-members. Contact [Marco Janssen](#) with questions.

ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION JUNE 23-29, 2021 VIRTUAL

Register for #ALAAC21!

ALA's annual conference is just a month away, taking place virtually June 23-29. The conference will include over 140 educational programs, the "News You Can Use" series, author spotlight sessions, networking events, and other program highlights. Featured speakers include [Nikole Hannah-Jones](#), [Isabel Wilkerson](#), Stanley Tucci, Trisha Yearwood, and [many more!](#)

Learn more about the schedule of events and register on the [conference site](#).

News & Notes



Northwest Digital Heritage joins DPLA

Oregon and Washington have joined forces to shine a light on the wealth of digitized materials held in Pacific Northwest galleries, libraries, archives, and museums.

Northwest Digital Heritage (NWDH) is a collaborative effort by the Washington State Library, State Library of Oregon, and the Oregon Heritage Commission, providing an on-ramp to the [Digital Public Library of America](#) (DPLA) — a discovery portal for millions of cultural heritage items across the U.S. The DPLA brings together unique items held in our largest research institutions and our smallest local historical societies, and enhances them for innovative research and education.

Records from the Northwest Digital Heritage hub can be viewed [here](#).

Washington ARPA Needs Assessment

[Washington State Library](#) (WSL) has received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and direction from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to enable organizations to reach residents with internet hotspots, accessible Wi-Fi, and other digital inclusion efforts. WSL invites you to [take its survey](#) to help craft grant awards that will best meet the needs of Washington's libraries.

The grants can support services for special needs created by the pandemic, including some costs for personnel, technology, training, materials, supplies, equipment and associated indirect costs. For more information, contact the WSL Grants Office at WSLgrants@sos.wa.gov.

SDL Database Package Updates

The Washington State Library [Statewide Database Licensing project](#) is pleased to announce a 75 percent LSTA subsidy for the first year of the new Gale database package starting July 1, 2021. Past subsidies have been 50 percent, and the total cost of the new package is 26 percent lower than before.

The 60-65 percent reduction in cost means more content compared with 2020.

Most public, academic, and special libraries will pay less than half the previous cost. K-12 schools, working through their respective ESDs, may see smaller cost reductions. Some small libraries will remain subject to minimum invoice floors.

Please check out the complete [Gale package](#) available to all participating libraries and stay tuned for sign-up information. For questions, please contact [Will Stuivenga](#).

Applications for 2021 REALISD Project Due May 31

The [REALISD Project](#) is seeking rural school librarians for a fully funded professional development opportunity in Summer and Fall 2021.

Applications for the 2021 REALISD program are now being accepted through May 31. [Apply here!](#) Those who applied to the 2020 REALISD program will automatically be added to this year's applicant pool for consideration.

The workshop provides school librarians the knowledge, skills, and abilities to support STEM education efforts in their school through digital tools and resources. After the summer workshop in late July, an online module in the fall will enable participants to work together to create a final STEM in Practice Plan for their local school. Selected participants will earn 3 hours of graduate course credit, with tuition, fees, and expenses paid for by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

For more information, contact the [REALISD Project](#).



Apply for the NASA@ My Library Program

Public and tribal libraries are invited to apply for [NASA@ My Library](#), a STEAM education initiative that will increase and enhance STEAM learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the nation, including geographic areas and populations currently underrepresented in STEAM education.

Applications will be accepted through July 21. Sixty public and tribal libraries in

the U.S. will be selected to become partners. Partners will receive training and resources to implement NASA events and programming, access to a university subject matter expert (SME) to support patron engagement, and a \$1,600 programming stipend to purchase materials for NASA STEAM activities and/or support presentations by local NASA-funded SMEs. [Learn more and apply!](#)

The Learning Curve

Upcoming YACHT Club: Social Emotional Learning

Have you heard of social emotional learning (SEL) before? Join the next Washington State Library YACHT Club (Young Adult/Children's Hot Topics Club) meeting on June 3, from 10-11 a.m. to discuss SEL in tweens and teens.

[Register here!](#)

Find a full description of the session's topic [here](#), as well as pre-session resource assignments. For more information, contact WSL Youth Services Consultant [Sara White](#).

Upcoming Info Sessions for NNLM Region 5 Program

On May 1, the [National Library of Medicine](#) awarded a new five-year [cooperative agreement grant](#) to [University of Washington Health Sciences Library](#) to serve as the Regional Medical Library for the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) Region 5, covering AK, CA, HI, NV, OR, WA, and U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States.

NNLM Region 5 envisions its program in 2021-26 will advance data-driven health, health equity, and health literacy to improve public health by reaching more people in more ways through NNLM outreach, funding, and training opportunities. To learn more, please join one of the Town Halls to be hosted in June to introduce Region 5 staff and provide an overview of the program.

The Town Hall program will be repeated three times on June 8, 9, and 10 from 3-3:45 p.m. PT. Join at a date and time convenient for you! No registration is necessary. Please save this [Zoom link](#) to join. For more information, contact nnlm@uw.edu.

RUSA Webinar: Enhancing Info Literacy Instruction

Join faculty librarians from the University of California-Davis on June 9 at 10 a.m. PT for a webinar about their partnership to create engaging remote

learning experiences that developed the information research skills of students enrolled in a variety of courses.

The presentation will highlight the library modules developed, the impact the activities had on student learning, and lessons learned. [Register here!](#) For registration questions, please contact registration@ala.org.

Niche Academy "Community Homelessness: What Can Libraries Do"

Join Julie Ann Winkelstein in this [Niche Academy webinar](#) on June 16 at 11 a.m. PT to learn about the numerous ways community members experience homelessness, basic statistics and facts about US homelessness, and insights into its impact on people's lives, including daily trauma.

Winklestein will offer suggestions for actions library staff can take, and provide specific examples of the various ways in which libraries are addressing the physical, emotional and practical needs of their unhoused community members. [Register here.](#)

WLA Office Closure for Memorial Day

The WLA Office will be closed Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day and will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, June 1.

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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