



## WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

June 9, 2021

### WLA Scholarships Application Now Open!

The application for WLA scholarships is now open. Applications are due Friday, July 9. [Learn more](#) about WLA scholarships and apply.

This week we'd like to spotlight the new [LISS Covid-19 Emergency Scholarship](#), an emergency scholarship for current students in an ALA-accredited MLS/MLIS program who have experienced financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19. For questions or more information, contact the [WLA Office](#).

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### Call for Proposals: ALD/ACRL-WA and ACRL-OR Joint Fall Summit

The WLA [Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA](#) is pleased to announce a [virtual summit](#) in partnership with [ACRL-OR](#) this fall, on Friday, November 5 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The ALD/ACRL-WA summit committee is now accepting program proposals for 20-25 minute presentations and 5-minute lightning talks centered on the Summit theme: *Old Spaces, New Spaces: Reimagining the Boundaries*. The hope is to address the changing and newly-established boundaries for our work and personal spaces — physical, digital, social, and cultural — throughout academic and college librarianship. What spaces have been discovered over the past year, and how should those spaces be cultivated?

The deadline to submit a proposal is Wednesday, July 14. Find more information and submit a proposal at the [Summit website](#). For questions, contact the [WLA Office](#).

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### WLA Book Award Winners Announced

Congratulations to the winners of the 2020-2021 WLA Book Awards! Please [find and share](#) the winning titles and announcement video.

- **WCCPBA:** *Llama Destroys the World* by Jonathan Stutzman, illustrated by Heather Fox (Henry Holt & Co)
- **Sasquatch:** *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang (Arthur A. Levine Books)
- **OTTER:** *Sparks!* by Ian Boothby, illustrated Nina Matsumoto (Graphix by Scholastic)
- **Towner:** *Big Cats* by Nic Bishop (Scholastic Press)

The winning authors and illustrators will be recognized at the [WLA 2021 Conference](#) (Sept. 30-Oct. 2).

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### Join the WLA Professional Development Committee!

The WLA [Professional Development Committee](#) is seeking new representatives, whether you're new to WLA or a longtime member!

The PDC plans, develops, and promotes opportunities that engage WLA membership, including oversight of the WLA Scholarship process and mentorship program. The PDC currently seeks members representing:

- Academic Libraries
- Public Libraries
- Library School Students

WLA members from Central and Eastern Washington are strongly encouraged to join. If interested, contact the [WLA Office](#) with questions or for more information.

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### ***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! Please find [instructions here](#) and send your article to [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org) by **June 22**.

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. As always, we are happy to consider articles that are not related to the theme but are of interest to the WLA community.

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### **Become a WLA Mentor this Fall 2021**

The WLA [Professional Development Committee](#) is hosting a [Mentorship Program](#) for Fall 2021. We are currently recruiting candidates for the mentor

pool. Are you interested in helping develop future leaders, grow your leadership skills, and contribute to the profession? Then being a mentor is for you!

Potential mentors are encouraged to apply between June 1-July 31 and will be notified in August should they be paired with a mentee. Mentors must be current WLA members. For more information, contact the [WLA Office](#).

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### **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**

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

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Public Services Supervisor \(Kingston\)](#).

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

Longview Public Library is seeking a [Library Clerk](#).

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

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

North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Public Services Director](#).

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

Shelton High School is seeking a [Teacher-Librarian](#).

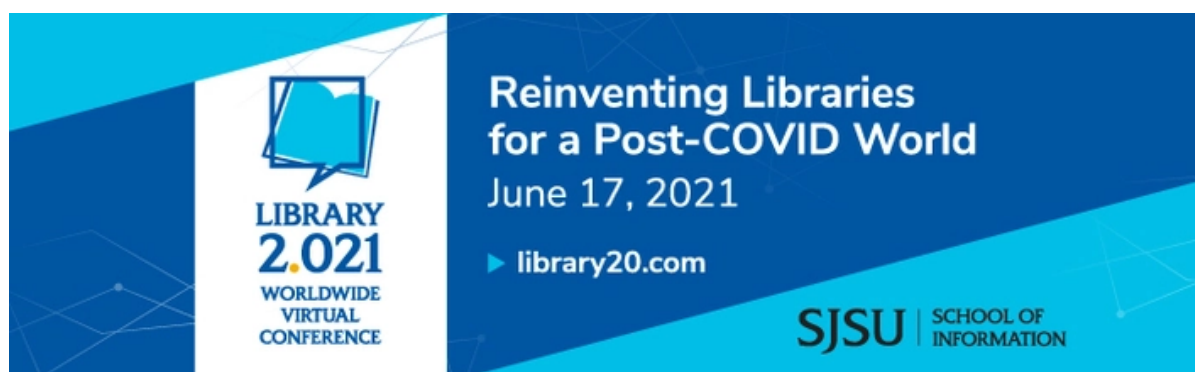
Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking an [Acquisitions Assistant](#).

Tacoma Public Schools is seeking a [School Librarian](#) (Wainwright Intermediate School).

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

*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.*

### Conference Bulletin



#### Library 2.021 Mini-Conference "Reinventing Libraries for a Post-COVID World"

The free [Library 2.021 mini-conference](#): "Reinventing Libraries for a Post-COVID World," will be held online on June 17 from 12-3 p.m. PT. [Register here!](#) This mini-conference will consist of one hour-long keynote panel, three half-hour slots with a total of 10-15 crowd-sourced presentations, and a 30-minute closing keynote.

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

Register for #ALAAC21!

ALA's annual conference is coming up June 23-29. The virtual 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, former President [Barack Obama](#), and [many more](#)!

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



### Call for Proposals at PLA 2022 Conference

The [Public Library Association](#) (PLA) is seeking proposals for the [PLA 2022 Conference](#), taking place March 23-25, 2022 in Portland, Ore.

Want to be a part of PLA's schedule of events? [Submit a proposal](#) for a preconference or program. The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, June 21 at 8:59 p.m. PT.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact Angela Maycock, PLA Manager of Continuing Education, at [amaycock@ala.org](mailto:amaycock@ala.org) or 312-280-5024.

### News & Notes



### \$15 Million in ARPA Grants Now Available for Library Services

The [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) has announced a new funding opportunity for museums, libraries, and Native American and Native Hawaiian communities. The \$15 million federal investment will provide direct support to address community needs created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and in assisting with recovery. [Apply now](#).

The deadline for submitting applications is June 28, 2021, with award announcements anticipated October 2021.

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## **New School Library Endorsement Cohort Program Announced**

**Antioch University Seattle** is now offering a reduced tuition program for regional cohorts of teachers and uncertified teacher librarians to earn a School Library Endorsement. The state-accredited program is completely online. A no-cost, two-week online learning orientation helps new students navigate the online platform, develop research skills, practice useful tech tools, and meet colleagues. For more information visit the [\*\*program webpage\*\*](#) or contact Program Director [\*\*Christie Kaaland\*\*](#).

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## **Library Involvement in International Decade of Indigenous Languages**

In 2019, the United Nations General Assembly resolution A/74/396 [\*\*proclaimed\*\*](#) 2022-2032 as "the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL), in order to draw attention to the critical loss of indigenous languages and the urgent need to preserve, revitalize and promote indigenous languages..."

**This PSA** seeks to spread the message that libraries can facilitate access to Indigenous knowledge records, technologies, and media that are essential for language vitality. Want to support IDIL? Learn what is needed from libraries to support language revitalization locally by [\*\*reaching out\*\*](#) to Indigenous peoples whose traditional territories your library is situated on and who live in your service area.

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## **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

### Discover WA's New Gale Resources

Join this series of Washington State Library webinars for libraries to gain an understanding of the Gale content, tools, and support available for student and patron success.

- **K12 Schools:** Thursday, June 10, 2:30-3:15 PT | [Register](#)
- **Public Libraries:** Wednesday, June 16, 11-12 PT | [Register](#)

The webinars are in conjunction with the WSL Statewide Database Licensing project, which announced 75 percent LSTA subsidy for the first year of the new Gale database package that begins July 1. For questions, please contact [Will Stuivenga](#).

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### 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 on June 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](mailto:nnlm@uw.edu).



## "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](#).

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*Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at [newsletter@wla.org](mailto: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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