



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 14, 2021



WLA 2021

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communities, conversations, connections



#WLA2021 Registration Launches Next Week

Early bird registration opens Wednesday, July 21 for [#WLA2021](#). Join us for three days, including pre-conference workshops, full of professional development opportunities, keynotes, and exciting networking events, Sept. 30-Oct. 2!

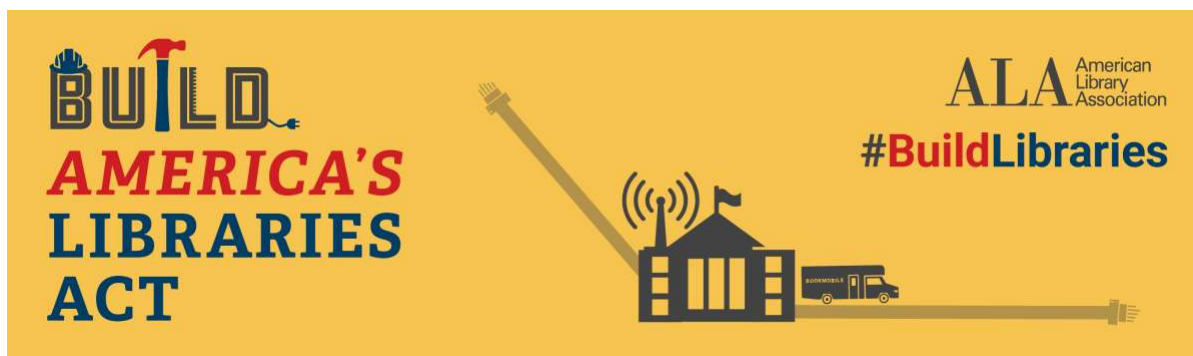
If you haven't yet, get a sneak peak at the hybrid conference [schedule](#), which includes [in-person](#) and [virtual](#) programs! Those able to join us for the in-person experience will find a general schedule of events, as well as our group rate for the Marriott Bellevue on the [conference homepage](#). Please contact the [WLA Office](#) with any questions.



Proposal Deadline Today
ALD/ACRL-WA and ACRL-OR Joint Fall Summit

The WLA [Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA](#) is pleased to offer a [virtual summit](#) in partnership with [ACRL-OR](#) on Nov. 5 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The summit committee is accepting program proposals for 20-25 minute presentations and 5-minute lightning talks on the theme: *Old Spaces, New Spaces: Reimagining the Boundaries*.

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



WLA Advocacy Corner
Support Build America's Libraries Act

The WLA Office has received notification from the American Library Association (ALA) concerning the [Build America's Libraries Act](#) (S. 127 /H.R. 1581), which includes \$5 billion in funding for library construction and renovation. In the coming weeks, Congress will prepare legislation to make massive investments in our nation's infrastructure and communities, and we must ensure that libraries are not

left out. We must take action to urge Congress to move forward with a package that includes these critical resources highlighted in the legislation.

Please consider contacting your legislators in Congress and urging them to include funding for library infrastructure. You can use the [ALA's online form](#) to both find and contact your legislators.

Please contact the [WLA Advocacy Committee](#) or [WLA Office](#) with any questions.

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Secretary/Communications, WLA Public Library Division



Open Houses for 2022 WLA Elections

Are you interested in getting involved as a leader on the WLA Board or in a WLA Division or Section? Attend a virtual open house later this month to hear from current leadership and learn more about getting involved!

Please save the Zoom link for your session of choice:

Open House #1

Wednesday, July 28 | 12:00-1:00 pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81972786298?
pwd=SkMzTnorRWd1d204WIEwblZ3UXVnZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81972786298?pwd=SkMzTnorRWd1d204WIEwblZ3UXVnZz09)

Open House #2

Thursday, July 29 | 3:00-4:00 pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82198294818?
pwd=R0pZY0FxZzJXQ2JEVmw3c1F2VmZGZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82198294818?pwd=R0pZY0FxZzJXQ2JEVmw3c1F2VmZGZz09)

Open House #3

Friday, July 30 | 10:00-11:00 am

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86715821147?
pwd=b2cwSGg1YmhVOXY4bDQ2YUueVhrQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86715821147?pwd=b2cwSGg1YmhVOXY4bDQ2YUueVhrQT09)

Visit wla.org/elections to find available positions, this year's election timeline, and the nomination form. The deadline to nominate candidates is Aug. 11. For

election-related questions, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

Look Who's Hiring

Everett Public Library is seeking an [Adult Services Librarian I](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Collection and Technical Services Supervisor](#) and [Network and Systems Administrator](#).

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

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

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager 2](#).

Mount Vernon City Library is seeking [Library Assistants](#).

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

Riverview School District is seeking a [Library Media Specialist/Librarian \(Cedarcrest High School\)](#).

San Juan Island Library is seeking an [Administrative Assistant / Bookkeeper](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Librarian – Children's Services \(Lynnwood\)](#).

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a [Youth Services 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

Scholarships Available for 20th Annual NWILL Conference

[Registration](#) is open for the [Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference](#), to be held virtually Sept. 1-3. Along with full-length sessions and Lightning Rounds, features of the conference will include keynote speaker [Kaetrena Davis Kendrick](#) and an Aug. 31 pre-conference workshop hosted by OCLC.

The conference committee will be awarding four conference scholarships: each including conference registration and an awardee's choice of a professional development resource from a curated list. [Applications](#) for conference scholarships are due **July 16**.

For questions or more information, please [contact](#) the conference planning committee.



Call for Proposals: ALA LibLearnX

The American Library Association is [seeking proposals](#) for [LibLearnX](#), scheduled in-person in San Antonio, TX, Jan. 21-24, 2022. Proposals are due Aug. 15. Please refer to the [guidelines rubric](#) and [submission guide](#) in submitting a proposal. For questions or more information, please contact the [LibLearnX Subcommittee](#).

News & Notes

The graphic is a teal-colored rectangular box. On the left, it says 'WTBBL Presents:' in bold, followed by 'A reading and discussion with Washington State Poet Laureate, Rena Priest' and 'Wednesday, July 21st Online, 11:00 a.m.'. On the right, there is a circular portrait of Rena Priest, a woman with dark hair, smiling, wearing a colorful scarf. Below the portrait, it says 'Join us!'. At the bottom, there are three logos: 'Washington Talking Book & Braille Library', 'ARTS WA', and 'humanities WASHINGTON'.

Virtual Reading with WA State Poet Laureate Next Week

Join Washington Talking Book & Braille Library (WTBBL) on July 21 at 11 a.m. for a reading and discussion with Washington State Poet Laureate [Rena Priest](#).

Rena will read from various works, including [Patriarchy Blues](#) and [Sublime Subliminal](#), and speak about her work and role as Poet Laureate. The event is in celebration of WTBBL's 90th anniversary as a National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled network library.

[Register in advance](#) for this Zoom webinar. For questions, call 206-615-0400 or email wtbbl@sos.wa.gov.



Applications Open for Transforming Teen Services Cohort

[Applications](#) are now being accepted for Washington State Library's second cohort of [Transforming Teen Services](#). The cohort runs Sept-Nov 2021. Applications are due Aug. 12.

The 12-week facilitated curriculum consisting of both synchronous and asynchronous work. Each week, there will be independent, self-guided work in addition to synchronous meetings each Thursday from 3-4 p.m. Participants will build skills in facilitating learning and gain an understanding of topics related to equity in teen services.

This course is mostly taught from a public library perspective, but those who could benefit from a deeper dive into serving teens, such as school library staff, are encouraged and welcome to apply. For more information, contact [Sara White](#).

Deadline Tomorrow for WA Shared Digital Collection

The deadline for the 2021-2022 Washington Shared Digital Collection (WA-SDC) has been extended to **July 15**. The shared collection will be activated on Sept. 1.

The WA-SDC is a state-wide shared digital collection of PreK-12 eBooks and audiobooks provided by Mackin in partnership with North Central Educational Service District. Any public or non-public PreK-12 school in Washington can join. For more information, visit the [WA-SDC website](#) or contact [Jennifer Maydole](#). Interested participants may also view this [informational webinar](#), using passcode 8xCzRP9^.

NNLM Region 5 Announces Collection Equity Outreach Funding Opportunity

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 5](#) (NNLM Region 5), is welcoming applications for a Collection Equity Outreach funding opportunity.

NNLM Region 5's [Collection Equity Outreach Awards](#) are designed to help build collections that are reflective of voices of the communities served which may be revealed through different genres such as graphic medicine, fiction, nonfiction, memoirs, Young Adult, manuscripts (published and unpublished), oral histories and film. Expanding diverse voices in libraries (of all types), public health agencies, academic programs, or community organizations ensure collection equity and supports health literacy.

To be considered for the award:

- **Step 1:** Send an email stating your intent to apply by 5:00 p.m. PT on Aug. 2 to nnlm@uw.edu. Include the name of your library/organization and your intent to apply for the Collection Equity Award.
- **Step 2:** Submit a completed application by 5:00 p.m. PT on Aug. 19 to nnlm@uw.edu.

[Find information](#) on eligibility criteria, the application form, the funding period, and more. Contact [Michele Spatz](#) with questions.



Apply for 2022 Class of ALA Emerging Leaders

The American Library Association (ALA) is now [accepting applications](#) for the 2022 class of Emerging Leaders (EL). Details on program criteria can be found on the [Emerging Leaders web page](#). The deadline to apply is Aug. 30.

The ALA EL program is a leadership development program which enables newer library workers from across the U.S. and Canada to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. For more information, contact emergingleaders@ala.org.

The Learning Curve

RUSA: "Discovering Family History in Library Collections: Part I - Databases"

Join this [RUSA](#) webcast with Joseph Everett on July 27 at 11 a.m. PT to explore a variety of genealogical and educational databases, including many not traditionally thought of as being relevant to family history. The webinar will provide illustrative examples and advice on database access, and will benefit genealogists, genealogy librarians, and other librarians with patrons seeking genealogy resources. [Learn more and register](#).

Niche Academy: "Assisting Library Patrons with Legal Questions"

In this webinar today, July 14 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. PT, Deborah Hamilton will focus on how to handle legal questions from library patrons.

Attendees will learn how to do a legal reference interview, what types of information can be provided, how to connect with legal service organizations in your community, and discuss possible ideas for legal programs that you can offer to your patrons. [Register now](#).

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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