



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

July 28, 2021



Tracie D. Hall and Ijeoma Oluo in Conversation at #WLA2021

We're excited to announce that the [#WLA2021](#) Friday Lunch Keynote is ALA Executive Director Tracie D. Hall in conversation with Ijeoma Oluo! Register now, and enjoy this and other great events this fall in Bellevue.

[Early bird registration](#) is open for #WLA2021 through Sept. 1. Join us for three days, including pre-conference workshops, full of professional development opportunities, keynotes, and networking events, Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

Find the hybrid conference [schedule](#), which includes [keynotes](#), and [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](#).

Looking for assistance in attending conference? We're pleased to offer the [Conference Attendance Grant](#) this year to BIPOC association members as well as members who demonstrate financial need resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications close Wednesday, Aug. 11.

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



Attend an Open House for the WLA Elections

WLA Elections are coming up! Are you interested in becoming a Board, Division, or Section leader? Attend a virtual open house this week to learn more about getting involved!

Please register for your session of choice:

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkcOuvpj0oE9wsDOpfAu_xFIA-wAX-E-4d

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsfuGqpz8iG9x3svM-tKNbYILEExjXCxIR>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9687111000?pwd=ZUJkdjRlYkVScEo0dDZldjBldz09>

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](#).



July *Alki*: You Are Not Imagining It

The [July 2021 issue](#) of *Alki* is live! Read a variety of stories across library types and from many different perspectives. We're especially excited this issue to feature guest columnist [Kaetrena Davis Kendrick](#) and her article "Leaving the Low-Morale Experience: A Qualitative Study."

While libraries have a unique mission, they also face the same challenges and successes that any workplace does. This issue highlights reflections and contributions on experienced organizational culture, including vocational awe, reducing workload structurally, and more. Articles offer rich examinations of integral library work, and how library workers experience working *in* libraries.

The *Alki* Editorial Committee thanks you for learning with them and [welcomes your feedback](#).

Look Who's Hiring

Bellevue College Library is seeking an [Interlibrary Loan/Course Reserves Paraprofessional](#).

Kelso Public Library is seeking an [Administrative Assistant](#) and a [Youth Services Librarian](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Branch Manager III \(Poulsbo\)](#) 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](#).

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

North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Youth Services Librarian 1](#) and a [Youth Services Librarian 2](#).

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

San Juan Island Library is seeking an [Administrative Manager](#) and a [Bookkeeper](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Manager, Billodue Makerspace and Media Production Center](#) and [Billodue Makerspace Specialist](#).

Beaverton City Library is seeking a [Reference Services Supervisor](#).

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



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

Apply for the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program

Schools and libraries are invited to [submit an application](#) for the [Emergency Connectivity Fund](#) (ECF) Program through Friday, Aug. 13.

The ECF program is administered by the Universal Administrative Service Co. and will help schools and libraries provide the tools and services their communities need for remote learning during the COVID-19 emergency period. The [\\$7.17 billion government program](#) will provide funding to schools and libraries.

ALA will host a live Q&A event on Instagram [@americanlibraryassociation](#) on Thursday, July 29 at 11 a.m. PT to share how libraries are planning to use the ECF program supporting digital equity efforts through libraries and schools nationwide. ALA staff will talk to practitioners in the field about their plans for using disbursed funds, speak with leaders about the ECF application process, and hear from FCC Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel.

An [information session](#) about the ECF program, filmed July 16, is also available, provided by the [American Library Association](#) (ALA), the [National Digital Inclusion Alliance](#) (NDIA), and the [SHLB Coalition](#). For more information, call (800) 234-9781.





TRANSFORMING TEEN SERVICES TRAIN THE TRAINER

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](#).

This grant is supported by funding provided by the federal [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) administered by the Library Services and Technology Act, through the [Washington State Library](#), a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

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.

Fast Forward Library Leadership Cohort Registration

Are you a library staff member in a supervisor role or an emerging leader looking to build leadership knowledge and skills in 2021? Consider registering for the The Fast Forward Library Leadership Cohort. [Register now](#).

The next cohorts launch Sept. 10 and are limited to 10 participants per session. Zoom sessions are two-hours every other Friday, starting at 10 a.m. PT or 12:00 p.m. PT, for a total of six sessions. Cost for the cohort is \$350 per person (limited to one person per library per session to ensure confidentiality), and the fee must be paid by Aug. 27 to guarantee a spot.

Questions may be directed to cohort facilitator [Amanda E. Standerfer](#) at amanda@standerferconsulting.com.

The Learning Curve

Oregon Reference Summit: "A Panel Discussion on how the COVID-19 Pandemic Changed Academic Libraries"

The Oregon Reference Summit will host a [sharing session](#) on July 29 at 11 a.m. PT about how academic libraries have been evolving during the pandemic. [Register in advance](#).

Panelists Andie Marshall; Jessica Martinez, *University of Idaho*; and Paul Victor, *Eastern Washington University* will share specific experiences to get the discussion started, and then continue the conversation as a group. Join the discussion to share the challenges, successes, and failures you've experienced at your library.

Copyright & Creativity: "Back to School: How to Teach Copyright This Year"

Join this free virtual webinar on Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. PT regarding teaching copyright to K-12 students. [Register now](#). Library professionals Brittany Fleming, Jenn Roth, and Julie Jamieson will share free K-12 resources for teaching copyright and fair use, as well as show firsthand how they are used with students in the classroom and online. Email info@copyrightandcreativity.org for more information.

Niche Academy: "Library Search Strategies: Thinking Inside and Outside the Box"

Join this free virtual webinar on Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. PT about how to better serve library users by thinking more creatively when assisting a user with a research topic. [Register now](#). Facilitator Christopher Brown will lead participants in going beyond thinking about *what* resources to search, and focus on *how* to think about searching, sharing real search examples.

ALA Workshop: "Taking STEAM Programs to the Next Level"

Join Amy Holcomb on Aug. 5 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for this [virtual workshop](#) to learn how to move beyond surface level programming and provide more engaging and meaningful experiences for youth around STEAM topics. Library staff involved in youth programming and services will find this workshop especially relevant. [Registration](#) is \$79 for nonmembers and \$71 for ALA members. For questions about the event, contact elsmarketing@ala.org.

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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