



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

August 4, 2021



2022 WLA Elections

Nominations open

for future WLA leaders

Nominate Yourself for WLA Elections!

The deadline to complete the [nomination form](#) for WLA 2022 Elections is **Wednesday, August 11**. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged!

Are you looking for leadership and professional development opportunities? Do you want to expand your learning network?

Run for a position on WLA's Board, or in one of the association's Divisions or Sections. Visit wla.org/elections to find available positions. For questions, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

WLA Mentorship Applications Now Open!

Are you looking to develop your skills, learn from the best, and build professional relationships in the library field? WLA has launched a **new mentoring program** and has just opened its [Application for Mentees](#).

Students, paraprofessionals, librarians, teacher-librarians, supervisors, and anyone looking for library employment are all welcome to participate.

Apply now to become a mentee! Be sure to sign up by **Wednesday, August 11** for a chance to be matched up with a mentor. If you have any questions, please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org.



#WLA2021 Early Bird Rate Available through Sept. 1

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.



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.

Foley Library at Gonzaga University is seeking an Interlibrary Loan Lead.

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).

Lake Washington School District is seeking Elementary Library Media Specialist candidates.

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.

Olympic College is seeking Library & Archives Paraprofessionals in Bremerton, Poulsbo, and Shelton.

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.

Shelton School District is seeking an [Elementary Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant I \(Camano Island Library\)](#).

Vancouver Community Library is seeking an [Access Manager](#).

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

Tigard Public Library is seeking a [Senior Library Assistant - Technical Services](#).

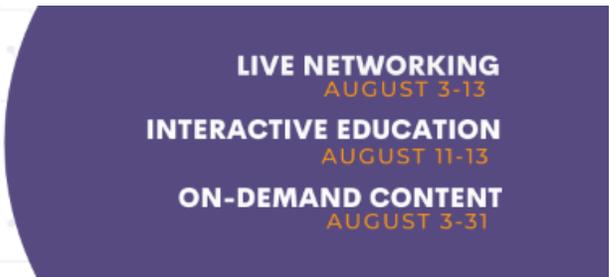
If your institution has a posting for libraries in the WLA community you would like to submit, please email newsletter@wla.org and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.

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](#).



Register for SLA 2021 Conference

The [Special Libraries Association \(SLA\) Annual Conference](#) has begun! Join the virtual SLA experience, with live networking Aug. 3-13, interactive education Aug. 11-13, and on-demand content all month long.

Keynote speakers include Debra Jasper (Founder/CEO of Mindset Digital) and Jelani Cobb (Staff writer for *The New Yorker*). The conference is geared toward special librarians and information professionals who want to explore the latest challenges and trends in information, knowledge, and library management, refine their skills, connect with colleagues, and meet with leading product and service providers. [Register now!](#)

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.

An [information session](#) about the ECF program is 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.

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](#).

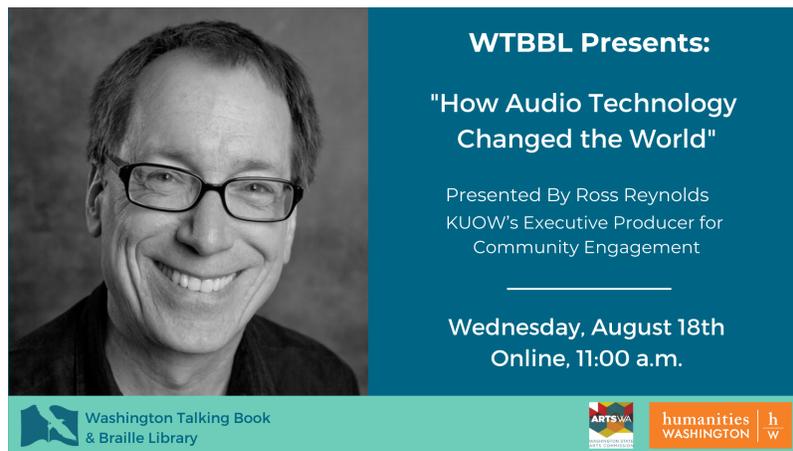
The next cohorts launch Sept. 10 and are limited to 10 participants per session. Zoom sessions are two-hours every other Friday, starting at 10 a.m. PT or 12:00 p.m. PT, for a total of six sessions. Cost for the cohort is \$350 per person (limited to one person per library per session to ensure confidentiality),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

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.



The graphic features a black and white portrait of Ross Reynolds on the left. To the right, on a teal background, is the text: "WTBBL Presents: 'How Audio Technology Changed the World' Presented By Ross Reynolds KUOW's Executive Producer for Community Engagement Wednesday, August 18th Online, 11:00 a.m." At the bottom, there are logos for Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, ARTS WA, and humanities WASHINGTON.

WTBBL: "How Audio Technology Changed the World"

Join broadcaster Ross Reynolds for a free online presentation and discussion on Aug.18 at 11 a.m. as the [Washington Talking Book & Braille Library](#) (WTBBL) continues its 90th anniversary celebration!

Reynolds will explore the impact that audio transmission has had on society and storytelling, beginning with the first century of radio up to the modern age of audiobooks, internet streaming, podcasts, and smart speakers. [Register in advance](#), or call WTBBL at 206-615-0400 or 800-542-0866 to receive the phone number to call into the event.

SHLB: "Establishing a Telehealth Center in Your Library"

Join this [SHLB](#) webinar on Aug. 20 at 11 a.m. PT to learn about what telehealth looks like in a library setting. Hear cases of libraries that have established their own telehealth programs, and understand the broadband infrastructure needed to facilitate these programs. [Register in advance](#).

SHLB Executive Director John Windhausen will be joined by Craig Settles, author of the "[Telehealth Guide to Connecting Library Patrons to Better Health](#)," Michael Williams (Indiana Library Federation), and Brian Hubbard (Education Networks of America) for a discussion on best practices and tips getting started in telehealth.

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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