



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

September 22, 2021



Register for #WLA2021!

Registration is open for the [2021 WLA Conference](#)! The 2021 conference will continue Oct. 1-2 and feature keynote speakers Tracie D. Hall and Ijeoma Oluo in conversation, the 2021 ScLD/CAYAS Author Breakfast, as well as live networking events -- including a special open mic night on Sept. 30 hosted by Vice President/President-Elect Ahniwa Ferrari!

Tracie and Ijeoma invite conference registrants and the WLA community to [submit questions in advance](#) to answer during their conversation! Questions from BIPOC members in the WLA community will be prioritized. Please submit your question(s) by Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Find the updated [general schedule](#) with live and recorded sessions. [Register now](#)! Registration is \$50 for WLA members; \$25 for WLA Student, Friend, Retired, Unemployed, and Emeritus members; and \$65 for non-members.

Please direct any questions to the WLA Office at info@wla.org. We look forward to seeing you online!

Accepting applications for
Alki Editor
2022-2024

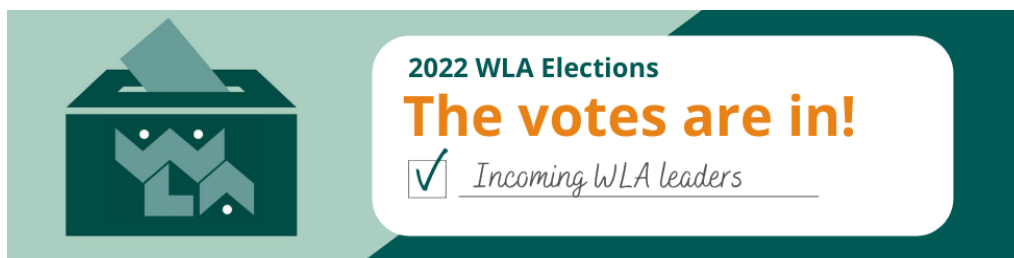
Alki

Deadline Tonight to Submit Alki Editor Applications

The Washington Library Association (WLA) is seeking an Editor for the [Alki Journal](#). A minimum two-year commitment is requested, and the position will begin by January 2022. The Editor receives a \$3,000 annual honorarium to be delivered in three equal installments, plus approved expenses.

The Editor must have previous library experience and must be a member of WLA. Please find the [position description and application](#). Applications are due **tonight, Sept 22**. All applicants will be notified of their status by Oct. 8.

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



Announcing the 2022 WLA Election Winners!

The polls have closed for the [2022 WLA Elections](#), and we have a fantastic group of incoming leaders! Thank you to all of the candidates who ran and the WLA members who voted. Let's give a warm WLA welcome to the newly elected 2022 leaders!

Incoming Board Leaders

- Vice President/President-Elect: **Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman**
- Board Director, Public Library Division: **Barbara Walters**
- Board Director, School Library Division: **Sarah Logan**
- ALA Councilor: **Steven Bailey**
- Student Representative to the Board: **Jacob Lackner**

Incoming Division Leaders

- [Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA](#)
 - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Lydia Bello**
 - Secretary/Communications: **Estelle Reed**
 - Communications Manager: **Rhonda Kitchens**
 - Member-at-Large: **Greg Bem**
 - Student Representative: **Skyler Corbett-Hecocta**
- [Public Library Division](#)
 - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Georgia Reitmire**
 - Secretary/Communications: **Ashley Calixto**
- [School Library Division](#)
 - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Elizabeth Roberts**
 - Secretary/Communications: **Jamie Moffett**
- [Special Library Division](#)
 - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Kelsey Smith**

Incoming Section Leaders

- [CAYAS](#)
 - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Stephanie Zero**
 - CAYAS Position #1: **Sara White**
- [IFS](#)

- Chair: **Rickey Barnett**
- **LIFE**
 - Chair: **Katy McLaughlin**
 - Secretary/Communications: **Todd Vandembark**
- **LISS**
 - Chair: **Stella Haynes Kiehn**
 - Secretary/Communications: **Sarah O'Hare**
- **SAIL**
 - Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: **Cheryl Martin**
 - Secretary/Communications: **Joanne Percy**
- **WALE**
 - Chair: **JoLyn Reisdorf**
 - Secretary/Communications: **Michelle Massero**
- **WLFFTA**
 - Chair: **Shawn Schollmeyer**

New leadership terms will begin January 1, 2022. Thank you, again, to all of the candidates who ran and the WLA members who voted. Please contact the [WLA Office](#) if you have any questions!

Alki Call for Papers

Critical Conversations: The Conference Issue

Attending the [annual meeting](#) of the Washington Library Association? Consider sharing your experiences with the community and writing for *Alki*! Did a presentation or a keynote spark a new project or connect with work you are already doing? Are there talks you attended that your colleagues need to know about?

This issue is traditionally the Conference Issue, and we're asking you to engage — critically — with the theme of the WLA annual meeting: "*Communities, Conversations, Connections*." Questions to consider include:

- How can or do library associations promote critical conversations among individual library staff and library organizations?
- What do you think is a library association's role in defining library values?
- What are the critical conversations that your libraries are having?

This journal is *by and for* members of the Washington State library community (including students) 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 send your article to alkieditor@wla.org and include:

- Your name and contact information
- A brief, third-person bio that includes your affiliation and job title, if applicable
- Any graphics (logos, photos, charts, etc.) in .jpg or .png format
- A working title
- Word count
- The article as a word document or google document. Please follow [this template](#).

Johanna Jacobsen Kiciman, the editor of *Alki*, is happy to discuss ideas and expectations with you as well. For inspiration, check out some of our [past issues](#)!

Bellingham Public Library is seeking a [Children's Services Librarian](#).

Boeing is seeking an Archivist-Historian. For more information, contact McKenna Kilcup at (206) 940-8227 or McKenna.kilcup@InsightGlobal.com.

CWU Libraries is seeking a [Research and Instruction Librarian \(Lecture Pool\)](#).

Everett Public Library is seeking a [Circulation Assistant II](#) and [Youth Services Assistant](#).

Highline Public Schools is seeking a [School Librarian \(Parkside Elementary\)](#).

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

Libraries of Stevens County is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

Lower Columbia College is seeking an [Adjunct Librarian](#).

Olympic College Libraries is seeking a [Library Full-Time Tenure Faculty Member](#) and [Library Adjunct Faculty Member](#).

Pacific Lutheran University Library is seeking a [Reference Librarian](#).

San Juan Island Library is seeking a [Development Director](#).

Seattle University's Lemieux Library and McGoldrick Learning Commons seek a [Marketing and Communications Strategist](#) and a [Temporary Assistant Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Manager II \(Lake Stevens\)](#) and [Public Services Assistant I](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Library & Archival Professional 2\)](#).

Yakima Valley Libraries 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 and indicate "Look Who's Hiring" in the subject line.

Conference Bulletin



Registration Deadline Approaching for ABOS Conference!

The deadline to register for this year's [Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services](#) (ABOS) conference is coming up Thursday, Sept. 30. ABOS will be holding its second all-virtual Annual Conference from Oct. 11-15. This year's conference theme is "Jazz Up Your Outreach!" [Register now](#).



Submit Your Proposal for 2022 ALA Annual

The American Library Association (ALA) is seeking programs for the 2022 ALA Annual Conference, June 23-28, 2022 in Washington, D.C.

Program topics sought include best practices that have resolved challenges; progressive topics that can transform and modernize libraries; or cutting-edge research that can renew our communities.

The deadline to [submit a program](#) is Oct. 1, 2021.

News & Notes



Nominations Open for 2022 IMLS National Medal for Museum & Library Service

The 2022 National Medal for Museum and Library Service nomination process is now open through Monday, Nov. 1. [Apply now!](#)

IMLS is particularly interested in libraries that continue to engage their communities during the coronavirus pandemic with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion, provide access to digital and informational resources, and serve as community spaces for convening and conversation.

For more information and a list of frequently asked questions, visit the [Medals nomination page](#).

2021 WA State Book Awards Winners & Finalists Announced

Eight winners and 35 finalists for the 2021 Washington State Book Awards have been selected! Find the [full list](#) of 43 books from Washington authors and illustrators. Here's a sneak peek at the winners:

- [Jess Walter](#), *The Cold Millions* (Fiction)

- [E.J. Koh](#), *The Magical Language of Others* (Biography/Memoir)
- [Clyde Ford](#), *Think Black* (Creative Nonfiction)
- [Jennifer Haupt](#), editor for *Alone Together: Love, Grief and Comfort in the Time of COVID-19* (General Nonfiction)
- [Phoebe Bosché](#), [Anna Bálint](#), and [Thomas Hubbard](#), *Take a Stand: Art Against Hate, a Raven Chronicles Anthology* (Poetry)
- [Jennifer Longo](#), *What I Carry* (Young Adult Literature)
- [Sarah Kapit](#), *Get a Grip, Vivvy Cohen!* (Books for Young Readers)
- [Jennifer K. Mann](#), *The Camping Trip* (Picture Book)

This is the 55th year for the state awards program, which was previously called the Governor's Writers Awards. An award is given based on the strength of the publication's literary merit, lasting importance, and overall quality to an author who is a current resident of Washington State.

Start Your Application for the Second ECF Window Sept. 28

The Federal Communications Commission [announced](#) that it will open a second filing window for schools and libraries to request future support from the [Emergency Connectivity Fund](#) (ECF) program. From Sept. 28-Oct. 13, schools and libraries can apply for funding for the upcoming school year to cover broadband and devices for students and patrons who lack home internet access at emergencyconnectivityfund.org.

During this new application filing window, eligible schools, libraries, and consortia of eligible schools and libraries will be able to submit requests for funding to purchase eligible equipment and services between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. For more information, call the USAC Emergency Connectivity Fund Customer Support Center at (800) 234-9781.

NNLM Region 5 Announces Two New Funding Opportunities

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 5](#) (NNLM Region 5), under cooperative agreement with the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM), is pleased to announce the release of two new funding opportunities for organizations and libraries in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States. Details for each funding opportunity is posted on the [Region 5 blog](#).

- [Environmental Health Equity Outreach Award](#)
- [Technology Equity Award](#)

Although NNLM members may apply for either or both awards, only one award will be made per successful applicant. Applications submitted by 5:00 p.m. PT, Oct. 15 will receive first consideration. Contact Michele Spatz with questions at mspatz@uw.edu.

Survey: "What Kind of 'CRAAP' Do They Teach in High School?"

Consider participating in the following information literacy practices survey created by librarians at Bellevue College.

With the help of participants, the survey organizers hope to identify what (if any) types of source evaluation (CRAAP, SIFT, lateral reading, etc.) are being taught in Washington state middle schools and high schools. The results of this survey will allow them to determine how best to incorporate source evaluation and information literacy practices into our work, and create continuity in learning for our students.

Take the survey now. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Participants who wish to remain anonymous can opt out of both including an email and providing any additional resources at the end of the survey.

Emails provided will be used to alert participants of survey progress and results, and may be added to a directory of library professionals in the state for future collaborations. **Emails/personal information will be removed from the raw data, and will NOT be used for publication purposes or presentations.**

The survey will be open until Nov. 1, 2021. The results of this survey will be analyzed and shared as a final report, and may be used in future presentations or publications.

If you have questions or wish to follow up with us on this project, please contact Elena Maans-Lorincz at e.maans@bellevuecollege.edu.

The Learning Curve

CAYAS & ScLD: "A Day in the Life" Roundtable

Have you ever wondered what a "typical" day looks like for your public or school library counterpart? Come join WLA's [CAYAS](#) and [School Library Division](#) to hear from school and public librarians on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m.. Maybe having a better understanding of the realities of their days will make collaboration easier! Please [register](#) in advance!

USForward: Securing the Future of USF

Join this webinar on Sept. 27 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. PT that will cover Universal Service Fund (USF) program reform. [Register in advance.](#)

In this webinar, the [SHLB Coalition](#), [INCOMPAS](#), [NCTA - The Rural Broadband Association](#), and [Public Knowledge](#) join forces to unpack new research from [Mattey Consulting, LLC](#) that reveals how to expand the existing revenues-based contributions base to include revenues from broadband internet access.

Speakers will cover how the FCC has authority to act, why revenues are the right answer compared to other options, and why doing nothing while waiting for Congress to act is unnecessary and unwise. Research from USForward is available at <https://bit.ly/USForward>.



Youth Services Critical Conversations Club

Essential dialogue about serving youth in libraries



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Register for October's YS3C!

Join next month's Youth Services Critical Conversations Club (YS3C) on Oct. 14 from 10-11 a.m. PT! [Register in advance](#).

In 2021, Timberland Regional Library (TRL) re-cataloged the entire picture book collection in their 27 branch shared collection. TRL staff re-cataloged over 13,000 unique picture book titles (and relabeled over 36,000 books) into 13 themes to increase browsability for patrons. In this session, project leads Alexis Hardy and Muriel Wheatley will give an overview of this project. They will discuss why the library decided to re-categorize their picture books, how they logistically went about it, how they decided what categories to include, and what the impact has been so far.

To ensure a productive discussion for everyone, please be willing to participate in conversation or interactive activities either via microphone or chat. Meetings will be recorded and posted to the Youth Services Niche Academy page along with any documents and resources. Find basic information and questions to consider in [October's LibGuide](#).

The program 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.

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.

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It's a great time to become a member of the Washington Library Association. [Join](#) or [Renew](#) your membership today!

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