



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

September 29, 2021

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Register for #WLA2021!

There's still time to [register](#) for #WLA2021! We look forward to seeing you online to celebrate *Communities, Conversations, and Connection*.

We want to thank our generous #WLA2021 Platinum tier sponsors, [Emporia State University](#) and [GALE](#), for sponsoring our keynote events!

- **Friday, Oct. 1:** Tracie D. Hall and Ijeoma Oluo in conversation
- **Saturday, Oct. 2:** Kelly Jones at the 2021 ScLD/CAYAS Author Breakfast

These keynotes will be streamed live with closed captions, and be available to watch later for all attendees. Find the updated [general schedule](#) and [register now!](#) Along with our keynotes, attendees will receive access to special networking events, live sessions (that will also be recorded), and on-demand sessions.

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!

WLA's Got Talent!

an Open Mic Kick-Off Event



Sign Up for WLA's Got Talent!

Shushing not allowed! Come share your voice and talents with us in the first inaugural WLA Talent Show and Open Mic event on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7:00 pm, hosted by Vice President/President-Elect Ahniwa Ferrari. You do not need to be registered for the conference itself either to attend or present at this event.

- [Sign-up to perform!](#)
- [Register to attend](#) (if you aren't already attending conference)

Library folks are talented and we want to celebrate you all, both for the work that you do and also for the passions you cultivate. Performances can vary in length, topic, and medium. Singers, songwriters, musicians, comedians, authors, poets, jugglers, contortionists, and artists of all kinds are encouraged to sign up. Signing up to share photos of your amazing garden, super cool quilting project, or any other interesting work is also highly encouraged!



WLA Book Award Posters Available!

Have you been waiting to share the 2022 WLA Book Award nominees in your classroom? The wait is over! For 2022, the ScLD has made the Award Posters available for FREE DOWNLOAD for you to print at your leisure. As the annual conference is virtual once more, the ScLD was unable to have book award nominee posters printed and available for sale.

Please find the poster downloads available at the [WLA Book Awards site](#).

[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](#)!



Register for the Academic Library Summit

Registration is now open for the [Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA and ACRL-OR Joint Fall Summit](#) on Friday, November 5, 2021 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. [Register now!](#)

Registration is **FREE** for WLA and OLA members; \$15 for non-member students; and \$45 for non-members.

WLA's [Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA](#) is providing scholarships to five individuals to attend the Summit. Awardees will also receive a year of WLA membership! To be considered for a scholarship and find eligibility requirements, please complete the [Scholarship Application](#) by Friday, October 15.

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

Look Who's Hiring

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 \(Lecture Pool\)](#).

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager \(Cascade Park\)](#).

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

Joint Base Lewis-McChord is seeking a [Supervisory Librarian](#).

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

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

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

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Communications & Engagement Manager](#).

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

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](#).

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

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

Tigard Public Library is seeking an [Adult 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



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](#).



ALA Annual

CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

WASHINGTON DC | JUNE 23-28, 2022

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](#).

Action for Media Education Seeks New Board Member

[Action for Media Education](#) (AME), a Seattle-based nonprofit organization is seeking a new board member. AME is particularly interested in recruiting a teacher-librarian who would join Shawn Sheller, currently Vice Chair of the organization, who is a teacher-librarian in the Kent School District.

AME, celebrating its 30th anniversary, is looking back not only over its past accomplishments but is extremely excited about its future. Media literacy has never been more important. AME is hoping to recruit a new board member who shares their passion for this important subject.

If you are interested in learning more about AME and the AME board, please contact AME's Executive Director, Marilyn Cohen, macohen@uw.edu.

Start Your Application for the Second ECF Window

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: There's Still Time for Fall Funding Opportunities

The [Environmental Health Equity Outreach Award](#) is designed to address environmental health issues in under-served communities through education and creative community responses to improve health equity.

The [Technology Equity Award](#) is designed to upgrade, replace or adopt hardware or software technologies that will increase access to health information, and/or strengthen communications and connectivity for health.

Details for each funding opportunity is posted on the [Region 5 blog](#).

The deadline for letters of intent has been extended to 5:00 p.m. PT, Oct. 1. 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 today, 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!

NDIA: "The Digital Navigators Toolkit: Findings and Recommendations"

The [National Digital Inclusion Alliance](#) (NDIA) will host a free webinar on Sept. 30 at 12 p.m. PT to share findings and recommendations about initiating and running a successful Digital Navigators program. [Register in advance](#).

The [Digital Navigators Toolkit](#) is a product from the Salt Lake City Public Library, and heavily informed by participants in the Digital Navigator working group. Topics covered in the webinar will include the hiring process, training, daily workflow, program management, evaluation, outreach, and more.

Niche Academy: "Virtual Programming during COVID: What We Wished We Had Known in Advance & What We Learned During the Process"

Join this webinar on Oct. 6 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. PT to learn how a group of academic and public librarians in Laramie, WY provided a series of programming about African American poetry and music. [Register in advance](#).

Presenters will talk about how they pivoted from a programming series initially intended to be in-person to a fully virtual set of programs during the COVID pandemic. Registrants unable to attend the live webinar will receive the recording.



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.

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

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