



WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

October 6, 2021

Congratulations to the 2021 WLA Scholarship Winners!

On behalf of the WLA Professional Development Committee, we're excited to announce the winners of the 2021 WLA Scholarships!

- **Alex Grennan** – Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship (\$1,000)
- **Maina Gachugu** – Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship (\$1,000)
- **Cindy Garcia Rivas** – Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship (\$1,000)
- **Sharon Millett** – Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship (\$1,000)
- **Heather Christofferson** – Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship (\$1,000)
- **Christine Lu** – John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship (\$1,000); LISS COVID-19 Emergency Scholarship (\$500); WALE Continuing Education Scholarship (\$1,000)
- **Megan Rosenfeld** – WALE Continuing Education Scholarship (\$1,000)

Thank you to all who applied for this year's round of scholarships! If you have any questions, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

[Alki Call for Papers](#)

Critical Conversations: The Conference Issue

Did you attend the [WLA 2021 Conference](#)? 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](#)!

NEW! *Alki* is seeking to publish your voice (anonymously) around the theme of Critical Conversations:

What are the critical conversations that you think our profession here in Washington state is having? Should be having? Is not having? Submission does not guarantee publication of each individual quote, but we are committed to hearing and synthesizing your feedback and publishing it in this November's *Alki*. [Submit your thoughts!](#)



Register for the Academic Library Summit

Registration is 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](#). Find the schedule on the [Summit homepage](#)!

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.



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](#).

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 \(Cascade Park\)](#).

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](#).

Pierce County Library is seeking a [Customer Experience Manager](#).

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

Seattle University - Lemieux Library & McGoldrick Learning Commons seek a [Marketing and Communications Strategist](#).

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 Remains Open for #WLA2021!

There's still time to [register](#) for #WLA2021! Did you miss the chance to attend live sessions? You can still take advantage of the great learning and networking opportunities through our extended-access virtual conference platform!

All of these great features will be available through Dec. 31 for registrants:

- Recordings of every conference session available for on-demand viewing, including keynotes
- Downloadable handouts, slide decks, and resource guides from conference presenters
- Contact information and downloadable materials from exhibitors
- Community forums to continue to connect with your peers

Registration is \$50 for WLA members; \$25 for WLA Student, Friend, Retired, Unemployed, and Emeritus members; and \$65 for non-members.

If you have questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org.



Register for Microsoft Leading Libraries Summit, L²

Join the [Microsoft Leading Libraries Summit, L²](#) on Oct. 12-13. This two-day event is offered to librarians, library technologists, and library leadership, as well as anyone interested in learning more across public sector, K-12, and higher education. Attendees will hear from speakers globally who are leveraging technology to increase access to libraries.

For more information, contact MicrosoftEDU@eventbuilder.com.

News & Notes

Request for Proposals: Digital Navigator Grant Program

The [Washington State Department of Commerce](#) is soliciting proposals (RFP NO. WSBO 21-003) from firms interested in providing Digital Navigator services to communities statewide. Digital Navigators provide technical assistance and expertise in internet connectivity and devices and the digital skills to use them.

Digital Navigator services, devices and subscriptions must involve one-on-one culturally literate assistance for people with limited access to services including individuals seeking work, families supporting students, English language learners, people experiencing poverty, senior citizens and Medicaid recipients.

The [Washington State Broadband Office](#) anticipates awarding grants ranging between \$500,000 and \$2,000,000 per proposal.

Proposals are due by 5 p.m. on Oct. 29. For more information, contact Devin [Gombosky](#) or [learn more](#).

The [Medical Library Association](#) (MLA) is offering library workers the opportunity to obtain the Data Services Specialization (DSS) certificate to demonstrate their attainment of the relevant knowledge and skills necessary to provide data services.

Best geared for health sciences librarians and information professionals, and built upon the MLA Data Services Competency, the Basic Certification requires the completion of four 4-credit free Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) courses and are available on demand. An additional three credits in the five skill areas are required, and several NNLM courses are listed on the [NNLM Data Services Specialization page](#).

[Registration](#) for the NNLM courses is open and free. MLA DSS certification does include a fee (\$55 MLA members; \$75 non-members). [Applications for sponsorship](#) from NNLM Region 5 are open.

For more information visit the [NNLM Region 5 blog](#).



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.

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

SHLB: "Navigating New Funding for a More Inclusive Digital World"

New federal funding programs have created opportunities to address broadband inequities in US communities. New state initiatives are also cropping up, geared towards increasing digital equity. Join this [#DigitalInclusionWeek](#) Webinar on Oct. 8 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. PT to learn more about navigating this landscape. [Register in advance](#).

A panel of local, state, and federal experts will provide shared perspectives into how digital inclusion funding and legislation is changing the digital inclusion landscape, how stakeholders should consider leveraging the funds, and what still needs to be done to close the digital divide.

Leap Into Science Training Opportunities

Participate in a Leap Into Science Light & Shadow Training, and gain the skills and supplies to integrate open-ended science activities with children's books for children ages 3-10 and their families! The trainings are hosted by the Spokane County Library District, and the Imagine Children's Museum and School's Out Washington.

Register for either training:

- Spokane County Library District - [Oct. 13: 1-3 p.m.](#)
- Imagine Children's Museum & School's Out Washington - [Nov. 9: 9-11 a.m.](#)

Leap into Science is a nationwide program developed by The Franklin Institute Science Museum. The program empowers educators to offer workshops in community settings like libraries, museums, and out-of-school time programs to engage underserved audiences in accessible and familiar settings.

For more information, visit the [Leap Into Science website](#).



Youth Services Critical Conversations Club

Essential dialogue about serving youth in libraries



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Register for October's YS3C!

Join this 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.

RUSA: "Virtual Reference: An Expert's Guide to Refining Your Services"

In recent years, the approaches to providing research help have changed, and practitioners must learn new methods and refine their skills to keep up. Join this interactive webinar Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. Pacific to reflect about current virtual reference practices and how to improve service, particularly from the user's perspective. [Register in advance](#).

Cost is \$49 RUSA members; \$60 ALA members; \$25 ALA students and retired members; \$79 non-members. For more information, contact registration@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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