



# WELCOME TO WLA WEDNESDAY

October 13, 2021

## *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](mailto: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.

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### Academic/School Media Literacy Roundtable Today

Join Bellevue College librarians, educators, and school/academic librarians from across Washington for a Media Literacy-focused roundtable today, Wednesday,

October 13 from 4-5 p.m. The librarians at Bellevue College are currently collecting data around media literacy instruction in secondary schools through [this survey](#).

The purpose of the roundtable is to promote the survey, answer questions about it, and gather more information about how secondary students in Washington are being taught media/information literacy. This roundtable will be of particular interest to WLA School and Academic division members. [Register in advance](#).

### 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](mailto:McKenna.kilcup@InsightGlobal.com).

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

Edmonds College Library is seeking a [Circulation Manager](#) and an [Administrative Assistant](#).

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](#).

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

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](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate \(Brier\)](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Library & Archival Professional 2\)](#) and an [IT Policy & Planning - Senior/Specialist](#).

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](mailto: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!

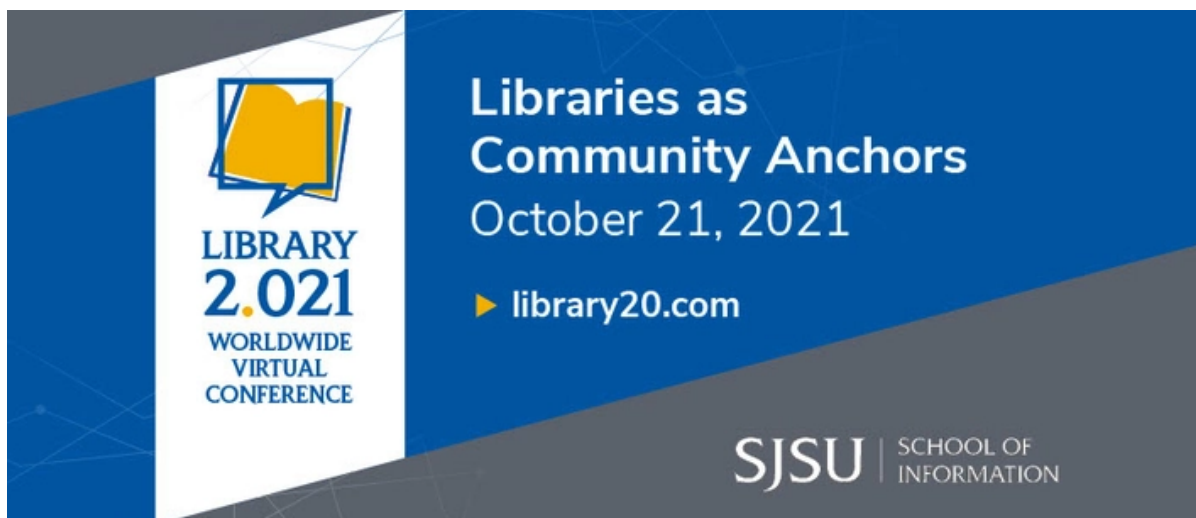
All of these great features will be available through Dec. 31 for registrants:

- Recordings of every conference session available for on-demand viewing, including keynotes with Tracie D. Hall, Ijeoma Oluo, and Kelly Jones
- 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](mailto:info@wla.org).

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### Register for Third Library 2.021 Mini-Conference

The third Library 2.021 free mini-conference, "Libraries as Community Anchors," will be held online Oct. 21. [Register in advance](https://library20.com).

Keynote speakers will include ALA President Patty Wong, SHLB Executive Director John Windhausen, Jr., SJSU iSchool Professor Kristen Radsloff Rebmann, and more!

The mini-conference will have three 30-minute concurrent sessions blocks, each with four sessions. [All sessions](#) will be recorded and available after the conference in case participants are interested in more than one session in a particular session block.

### News & Notes

#### ArtsWA Seeks Library Input for Arts Programming Initiative

The [Washington State Arts Commission](#) (ArtsWA) is launching a new initiative "Communities of Care" to support, enhance, and strengthen arts programming for older adults across the state.

As a preliminary step in the initiative's development, ArtsWA is compiling a list of organizations and teaching artists that are currently providing arts services to older adults in Washington State. ArtsWA is specifically looking for organizations and arts teachers, dance instructors, musicians, and other performers who have provided arts programming to older adults outside of the Seattle area.

Does your library offer arts programming specifically for older adults (ages 55+)? If so, please consider sharing the types of programming your library provides, the organization(s) or individual(s) you partner with, and any questions or thoughts about the initiative you have.

Contact Jen Kulik ([jen@silverkite.us](mailto:jen@silverkite.us)) with your response. [SilverKite](#) is a contractor on the project and partners regularly with library systems around the state to provide arts programming for older adults.

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### **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](#).

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### **Data Services Specialization Certificate and NNLM Region 5 Application Fee Sponsorship**

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](#).

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## **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](#).

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## **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](mailto:macohen@uw.edu).

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## **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](mailto:e.maans@bellevuecollege.edu).

## The Learning Curve

### 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](#).

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# 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) tomorrow on Oct. 14 from 10-11 a.m. PT! [Register in advance](#). 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.

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## Upcoming NNLM Region 5 Listens Session

Please join the [Network of the National Library of Medicine \(NNLM\) Region 5](#) for its October Listens Session on Oct. 19 from 3-4 p.m. PT.

The session theme is "Strength Through Community Partnerships." [Register in advance](#) by 5 p.m. PT on Monday, Oct. 18. Your questions for NNLM Region 5 can be submitted at time of registration and will be addressed during the session. Learn more about the session on the [Region 5 blog](#).

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## 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](mailto:registration@ala.org).

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## WSL: Inclusive Library Experience Trainings

Washington State Library will host two virtual trainings this month on creating inclusive library experiences for neurodiverse youth and adults with disabilities. Each training is free to attend and will be offered twice.

- **Creating Inclusive Experiences for Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder at Your Library:** *Librarian and accessibility advocate Renee Grassi will discuss delivering more inclusive and accessible experiences in her webinar about welcoming youth with autism spectrum disorder and their families in libraries.*
  - Tuesday, Oct. 19 | 2-4 p.m | [Register](#)
  - Friday, Oct. 29 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m | [Register](#)
- **Creating Inclusive Library Experiences for Adults with Disabilities:** *Librarian and accessibility advocate Renee Grassi will present strategies for inclusive customer service to disabled adults, share ideas for adapting existing programs to be more accessible, and best practices for creating welcoming physical and online environments.*
  - Thursday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | [Register](#)
  - Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2-4 p.m. | [Register](#)

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Have news to share? Please send it to the WLA office at [newsletter@wla.org](mailto: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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