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! The schedule can be found on the Summit homepage. Registration is FREE for WLA and OLA members; $15 for non-member students; and $45 for non-members.

Please contact the WLA Office if you have any questions.

Applications Open for WLA Committees!

Are you interested in becoming more involved in WLA? Consider joining one of WLA’s Standing Committees!
Whether you're new to WLA or a longtime volunteer, we'd love for you to get involved. Please complete this application by Wednesday, November 10. You'll have the option to choose which committee(s) you're interested in, from conference planning to book award participation and more.

Committee members should:

- Participate in the meetings and activities of the committee.
- Have an interest in the work of the committee.
- Be a WLA Member

New committee members will be notified of their appointment by committee chairs no later than December 17, 2021 for a term starting January 1, 2022.

Please reach out to the WLA Office if you have any questions!

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**CAYAS Workshop: Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ+ Youth**

Join this free CAYAS workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 2-3:30 pm, during which a panel of professionals will present their experience working with LGBTQ+ youth and answer questions about how to serve LGBTQ+ youth and families at public and school libraries. Register in advance. Additionally, please complete this form prior to the workshop! Panelists will be from:

- Lambert House (Seattle)
- Oasis Youth Center (Tacoma)
- Odyssey Youth (Spokane)
- Friends of Youth (Eastside)
- NOOR (Muslim LGBTQ+ group)

Questions addressed will include: How are we reaching LGBTQ+ youth during the pandemic? How do we serve LGBTQ+ families? What questions are appropriate to ask an LGBTQ+ youth about their identity? How do you keep up with the rapidly changing vocabulary around LGBTQ+ issues? How do you serve LGBTQ+ youth with a trauma informed lens?

Participants have the option to pre-watch the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) webinar, Promoting Emotional Wellness for LGBTQ Youth. The training module helps participants learn how to best promote safety, health, and well-being for LGBTQ youth at home, at school, and in systems of care.

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**Call for Alki Milestones — and Break Room Photos!**

Alki Milestones focuses on significant moments for libraries statewide — recognizing notable new hires, transitions, expansions and retirements, as well
as remembrances of those who have passed. We’re looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged. Please send information to alkieditor@wla.org.

Additionally, the Alki Editorial team is excited to solicit your photos as we work on our forthcoming issues. We are seeking photos that show what your break room/staff room currently looks like. You may add a brief statement about your space and your name/library in the comments if you would like.

Thank you for sharing your library with other library staffers across the state! Please send information to alkieditor@wla.org.

Clock Hours Available for #WLA2021 Attendees

Looking to claim clock hours for attending #WLA2021? Get started by following the instructions below. Registration also remains open for those who wish to access 28+ hours of content through 12/31/21.

1. Using this Google Form, verify hours of attendance by Friday, Oct. 29.
2. Wait for your confirmation email, which will contain the verification code and your total number of hours (up to 25). Please allow 1-3 business days for this confirmation email to arrive. If you have not received an email after 3 business days, please contact the WLA Office.
3. Claim Clock Hours in PDEnroller
   - To log in: www.pdenroller.org/welcome
   - Once logged in, go to: www.pdenroller.org/clockhours OR Go to the "Clock Hours" top dropdown menu and select "Claim Clock Hours"
   - Enter Clock Hour Claim Code: MQC-2HD
   - Claim number of hours attended (up to 25) and affirm. Make sure the number of hours attended match the hours you reported
   - Take survey and pay if applicable
   - Clock hours will be confirmed within 30 days

If you have questions, please contact the WLA Office!

Look Who's Hiring

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**.

Lopez Island Library is seeking a **Library Director**.

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 a **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**.

Shoreline Community College is seeking a **Faculty Librarian**.

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**.

Newberg Public Library is seeking a **Senior Latinx Librarian**.

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.*
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:

- Over 25 hours of 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.

Register for Third Library 2.021 Mini-Conference

Keynote speakers will include ALA President Patty Wong, SHLB Executive Director John Windhausen, Jr., SJSU iSchool Professor Kristen Radsliff 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**

**Applications Open for ALA Scholarships**

Scholarship funds are now available from the American Library Association (ALA). ALA has more than $300,000 available to students who are studying in library science or school library media programs at the master's degree level. Get your application in early. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2022.

Scholarships range from $2,500 to $8,000 per student per year. They include scholarships for students interested in children's librarianship, public librarianship, youth librarianship, federal librarianship, new media, and library automation. In addition, there are scholarships available for minorities, persons with disabilities, and people who are already employed in libraries but do not have an MLS.

To be considered for one of these scholarships, applicants must attend a master's level program in library and information science that has been accredited by the ALA. Learn more and start your application.
WA Center for the Book Programming Opportunities Available!

The 2021 Washington State Book Award posters for winners and finalists can now be downloaded from the Washington Center for the Book site.

Several 2021 Washington State Book Award finalists have expressed interest in doing virtual, online author events with Washington libraries. If you would like to receive the authors' contact information, email Sara Peté. Your library and the author can then discuss event details and any fees the author may charge.

Additionally, the 7th Annual Washington State Zine Contest is now open! The artwork for this year's poster was once again created by Olympia Timberland Library's Chris Sabatini. Please feel free to download, print, and distribute this poster widely. Access submission guidelines and downloadable entry forms.

If you have any questions or would like support sharing this program with your community, contact Sara Peté.

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) 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](http://www.commerce.wa.gov) 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](http://www.wa.gov/digital) 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](http://www.commerce.wa.gov).

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

The [Medical Library Association](http://www.mla.org) (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](http://www.mla.org).

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

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.

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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!

Register in advance:

- 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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**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.

- **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.
  - 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.
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!