Register for the Academic Library Summit

Registration is open for the Academic Library Division/ACRL-WA and ACRL-OR Joint Fall Summit, occurring next Friday, Nov. 5 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.

The deadline to apply for an attendance scholarship has been extended to Friday, October 29! Awardees of the attendance scholarships will also receive a FULL YEAR of WLA membership. Apply now!

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 the groups listed below, from conference planning to book award participation, member services to advocacy, and more!

- **Advocacy Committee**
- **Alki Editorial Committee**
- **Conference Committee**
- **Finance Committee**
- **Legislative Committee**
- **Marketing & Communications Committee**
- **Member Services Committee**
- **Professional Development Committee**
- **OTTER Book Award Committee**
- **Sasquatch Book Award Committee**
- **Towner Book Award Committee**
- **WA Children's Choice Picture Book Award Committee**

Please reach out to the WLA Office or to the Chairs of the committees you're interested in if you have any questions. We look forward to your involvement in WLA!

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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.

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Clock Hours Deadline Approaching for #WLA2021 Attendees

Don't miss the opportunity 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.

- Using this Google Form, verify hours of attendance by Friday, Oct. 29.
- 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.
- 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!

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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.

Everett Public Library is seeking two Youth Services Librarians.
Kelso Public Library is seeking an Administrative Assistant and a Youth Services Librarian.

Libraries of Stevens County is seeking a Library Assistant I (Chewelah).

Lopez Island Library is seeking a Library Director.

Lower Columbia College is seeking an Adjunct Librarian.

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking an Assistant Branch Manager.

NCW Libraries is seeking a Communications & Engagement Manager.

North Olympic Library System is seeking Multiple Positions.

Olympic College Libraries is seeking a Library Adjunct Faculty Member.

Seattle Public Library is seeking a Youth & Family Learning Services Manager.

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 Librarian (Oak Harbor).

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

Whitman County Rural Library District is seeking an Executive Director.

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a Library Associate Supervisor - Outreach and Community Library Supervisor I.

Newberg Public Library is seeking a Senior Latinx Librarian.

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 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.

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Early Bird Rates Available for ALA's LibLearnX

Early Bird registration is now open through Nov. 30 for LibLearnX, a unique learning conference available as a benefit to ALA Members. Registration is $189 (members) and $99 (student members). If you’d like to register a group, ALA is offering a Register 5 / Get 1 Free registration option. Learn more and register.
Attendance scholarships are available to apply for. Members receiving the complimentary registration scholarships will be notified no later than Jan. 7, 2022.

If you need assistance, please email alaregistration@csreg.zohodesk.com.

News & Notes

ARSL & Penguin Random House
Announce Small & Rural Library Grant

Through the support of Penguin Random House, the Association of Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) is pleased to announce the establishment of a new grant opportunity for small and rural libraries nationwide. If selected, grants will be awarded for up to $2,500. ARSL membership is NOT required to participate in this grant opportunity.

The program will award grants to libraries that demonstrate a true need. Grants are not limited to literacy and may be used for everything from library programming and books to resources like hotspots.

There will be multiple submission windows, with the first deadline on Dec. 17, 2021. Apply here. Contact info@arsl.org for more information.

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.

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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.

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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 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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**Survey Closes Nov. 1: "What Kind of 'CRAAP' Do They Teach in High School?"**

Consider participating in the following information literacy practices survey before it closes Nov 1.

The survey organizers hope to identify what types of source evaluation (CRAAP, SIFT, lateral reading, etc.) are being taught in Washington 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 here**. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete, and the results will be analyzed and shared as a final report.

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.

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.
  - Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2-4 p.m. | Register

RUSA: "Policies and Procedures: Letting Them Work for You and Your Patrons"

Join this RUSA workshop with Professor Jennifer Blair (Azusa Pacific University) on Nov. 3 from 11-12 p.m. Pacific to learn how policies and follow-through procedures are vital for libraries to set guidelines and ensure that the diverse needs of patrons are being met. By the end of the workshop, participants will have a better understanding of policies, learn how to create a policy, learn how to enforce policies, and more.

Register in advance. Cost is $49 (RUSA members); $60 (ALA members); $25 (ALA student and retired members); and $79 (non-members). For more information, please contact registration@ala.org.

ALA: "Transforming Senior Services and Outreach"
Join this ALA workshop with instructor Timothy J. Dickey on Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Pacific that will cover innovations and best practices for library senior services emerging in the face of the pandemic. Register here.

Attendees will learn ways to adapt outreach services through technology and how to adjust pre-pandemic programming to a time of restricted access and less personal contact. The workshop also presents innovative examples of completely new programming created during the pandemic.

Cost is $71.10 (ALA members) and $79 (non-members). For more information, please 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!