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February 2, 2022

Call for Papers
Spring 2022 Issue:
Work in Progress

Alki

Call for Papers: *Alki* Spring Edition

The Washington library community wants to hear from you! Share your voice by publishing in *Alki*: The Washington Library Association Journal. We welcome content from all library workers, students, supporters, volunteers, and trustees. We publish peer-reviewed articles, opinion pieces, poetry, and art.

This issue's theme is ***Work in Progress***. Here are some guided questions and thoughts to help frame your submission:

- Are you struggling to find the bandwidth to complete a project? Tell us about something you haven't finished.
- What skills have you acquired to help manage your time, your capacity, and your boundaries at work?
- Share a meditation, self-reflection, practice, or exercise that has become a lifeline for you in this ever-changing world.
- Actively fighting against racism and colonial/settler ideals is a continuous work in progress. What is something you're actively working on to build more inclusive communities of practice?

Alki is a journal by and for the Washington library community. We accept submissions that may not fit our theme but are still important to our community.

Submissions are due **Feb. 16**, and should include the following details:

- Title
- Text of article in .doc, .docx, or Google Doc format
- Author name(s) and affiliation(s)
- Short third-person bio of author(s)
- Images in .jpg or .png format with accompanying captions
- Pull quotes or short selections of your article that you would like highlighted in larger print

Ray Zill, the current *Alki* editor, is available to discuss ideas and expectations. Reach out by contacting her at alkieditor@wla.org. For inspiration, [check out the past issues of *Alki*](#).

Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award Student Logo Design Contest



WCCPBA Student Logo Design Contest

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the [Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award](#), the WCCPBA Committee is holding a contest to update its logo!

The committee is looking for input and inspiration from K-12 students. The final design should reflect Washington State and appeal to students in grades K-3. Please encourage students to participate!

- Print out the [logo design form](#) and go over directions with students.
- Give completed designs to your school's Teacher-Librarian.
- Teacher-Librarians will select — or organize the selection of — the entries from their school (no more than two per school).

Entries should be mailed to Charisse Tsukamoto at Hazelwood Elementary, 7100 116th Avenue SE, Newcastle, WA 98056. The entry deadline is **Feb. 14**.

If you have questions, please contact charisse.tsukamoto@rentonschools.us.

Look Who's Hiring

Chastek Library at Gonzaga University School of Law is seeking an [Evening & Weekend Circulation and IT Assistant](#) and a [Research and Instruction Librarian](#).

Grays Harbor College is seeking a [Library and Archives Paraprofessional 3](#).

Highline College is seeking a [Library and Archives Paraprofessional 3](#).

King County Library System is seeking a [Library Regional Manager](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Collection and Technical Services Manager](#).

Liberty Lake Municipal Library is seeking a [Librarian](#).

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Librarian \(Kennewick\)](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Branch Librarian \(Curlew\)](#) and [Customer Service Technician \(Winthrop\)](#).

Pierce County Library System is seeking an [Executive Director](#).

Seattle Public Library is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Circulation Assistant Receptionist](#) and a [Librarian - Adult Services \(Mukilteo\)](#).

South Puget Sound Community College is seeking an [Open Education Librarian](#).

Spokane Public Libraries is seeking a [Branch & Social Services Manager](#).

University of Washington is seeking a [Special Collections Cataloging Librarian](#).

Whitman County Rural Library District is seeking a [Library Director](#).

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



Advanced Registration Open for PLA 2022

Registration and housing are open for the [Public Library Association \(PLA\) 2022 Conference](#) in Portland! The advanced registration rate is available through Feb. 18. [Register today!](#)

Members of PLA, Oregon Library Association, and Pacific Northwest Library Association receive exclusive access to the Early Bird discount extended through Jan. 31.

The conference will offer over 100 educational [sessions](#), a dynamic slate of [speakers](#), the latest in library technology and solutions from [over 150 vendors](#), and plenty of opportunities to [explore](#) the weirdness of Portland.

SUNYLA Midwinter Virtual Conference 2022

The State University of New York Librarians Association (SUNYLA) is holding its free [midwinter conference](#) on Feb. 4 from 7 a.m.-12:45 p.m. PT. [Register today!](#) You do not need to be a SUNYLA member to attend.

The virtual conference theme is *There's No Map for That: Adventures in Library Innovation, Integration, and Collaboration*. To read more about the conference sessions, please check out the [session description page](#).

Recordings of the sessions will be available through YouTube shortly after the conference.



PUBLIC LIBRARIAN SUPPORT AWARD

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BRASS Public Librarian Support Award Seeking Nominations

Do you know any business reference superstars who are public librarians? Consider nominating them for the [ALA Business Reference & Services Section \(BRASS\) Morningstar Award](#).

This annual award offers \$1,250 in travel funds to a public librarian, who has performed outstanding business reference service, to attend [ALA Annual](#) in Washington, D.C., June 23-28, 2022.

The deadline for nominations is Feb. 11. Find and complete the [nomination form](#). Self-nominations are accepted. If you have questions, please contact BRASS Committee Chair [Michael Schor](#).

News & Notes

WA Finalists for SLJ Librarian/Teacher Collaboration Award

Washougal High School's Hillary Marshall and Brenda Hitchins were recently [announced as finalists](#) for the inaugural School Library Journal Librarian/Teacher Collaboration Awards. Marshall is the school's library media specialist and a former WLA School Library Division Chair, and Hitchins is the school's culinary arts teacher.

Over the past five years, the pair has partnered on multiple projects to enhance student learning. Notably, Marshall and Hitchins launched the Cookie Cutter Project, a tech-based project that integrated library services with CTE curricula related to engineering and food and hospitality.

The [Librarian/Teacher Collaboration Award](#) honors a pair of K-12 educators—a library professional and a teacher—for stellar achievement in engaging students toward fostering curious, lifetime learners.

The image is a promotional graphic for the Washington State Book Award. It features a purple background. On the left is the book cover for 'ALONE TOGETHER: LOVE, GRIEF, AND COMFORT IN THE TIME OF COVID-19' edited by Jennifer Haupt. The cover lists authors such as Faith Adelle, Iwame Alexander, Jeno Blum, Andre Dubus II, W. Ralph Eubanks, Jamie Ford, Nikki Giovanni, Pam Houston, Major Jackson, Jeon Kwak, Devi S. Laskar, Caroline Leavitt, Ada Limón, Dani Shapiro, David Sheff, Garth Stein, Luis Alberto Urrea, Steve Yarbrough, and Lidia Yukovitch. In the center, the text reads 'Jennifer Haupt Alone Together: Love, Grief, and Comfort in the Time of COVID-19 Feb. 2 6 pm'. To the right of the text is the logo for the Washington Library Association, which includes a stylized house icon and the text 'WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'. On the far right is a portrait of Jennifer Haupt, a woman with brown hair wearing a blue sweater.

Washington State Book Award: *Alone Together*

Join [Washington Center for the Book](#) and WLA tonight, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. to celebrate the winner of the 2021 Washington State Book Award for Nonfiction: *Alone Together: Love, Grief, and Comfort in the Time of COVID-19*, edited by Jennifer Haupt. [Register now!](#)

[Alone Together](#) is a diverse collection of essays, poems, and interviews conducted by Haupt. It's a lifeline for negotiating how to connect and thrive during times of isolation and instability, as well as a historical perspective that will remain relevant for years to come.

This is [part of an online series](#) of author events celebrating the 2021 WSBA winners.

Tribal Libraries Granted Access to Federal Funds for Affordable Internet Under FCC E-Rate Program

On Jan. 27, the Federal Communications Commission adopted an order to update rules in the [E-Rate program](#), clarifying that Tribal libraries can access funding to provide affordable internet access in their communities. Tribal libraries are now eligible to apply within the [current program application](#) filing window, which closes March 22.

The Order updates the definition of “library” in the E-Rate program rules to make clear that it includes Tribal libraries, resolving a longstanding issue that limited their access to affordable broadband connectivity through the program.

The E-Rate program, established in 1996, is a universal service support mechanism to ensure that schools and libraries can obtain affordable broadband service.

Online Tracking Service Grant



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Washington State Library Announces Online Tracking Grant

Washington State Library (WSL) has officially launched the application and LibGuide for the WSL Online Tracking Grant.

WSL will reimburse awardees for an online tracking service. Your library may be reimbursed up to \$1,000 per year for three years. Public and tribal libraries in Washington State are eligible. This is a non-competitive grant, and everyone who applies will be eligible to receive this award. Libraries who already subscribe to a tracking service prior to this grant are eligible, as well as new subscribers.

Learn more about the grant and the application process by visiting the [grant's LibGuide](#). There are two deadlines available for requesting the grant: **Feb. 4, 2022** or **March 4, 2022**. If you have questions, please contact wslgrants@sos.wa.gov or sara.white@sos.wa.gov.

This 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.

ALA Games and Gaming Round Table Announces Opening of 2022 "Game On!" Grant Application

The Games and Gaming Round Table (GameRT) of the American Library Association (ALA) has announced its [annual grant program](#) to enable libraries to develop gaming programs or collections for their patrons. [View the application](#), and apply by March 1.

Through the grants, \$500 will be available to be awarded either as one grant of \$500, or two of \$250 each, to assist a library or libraries in developing gaming programs or collections for their communities.

ALA members in good standing currently employed at a public, school, academic or special library in the United States or Canada are eligible to apply. Libraries will need to illustrate a plan for a sustainable gaming program created with the funds as well as financial need and institutional support for the proposed program.

If you have questions, please reach out via the [GameRT Contact Us page](#).

TLA & ALA to Host Freedom to Read Roundtable

Did you miss the WLA Intellectual Freedom Panel during WA Library Legislative Week? Join the [Texas Library Association](#) and the [The ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom](#) on Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. PT for a free roundtable discussion on censorship and tangible steps to protect the freedom to read. [Register in advance](#).

The roundtable will include a teacher, librarian, parent, legislator, author, and students, responding to the recent book bannings in Texas. All attendees will receive resources following the event.

Teacher-Librarian Professional Development Feedback 2022

Do you work in a school library? The Washington State Library (WSL) is currently in the process of planning a one-day professional development opportunity tailored to the needs of individuals who work in school libraries. WSL has created a survey to gauge training needs and interest. [Access the survey.](#)

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and all data collected will be kept private and will only be used in aggregate. If you have any questions, please contact WSL Youth Services Consultant [Sara White](#).

The Learning Curve

WebJunction: "Growing Digital Equity through Community Partnerships"

Join Dr. Audrey Barbakoff from King County Library System (KCLS) on Feb. 3 at 12 p.m. PT about overcoming digital access barriers and meeting the digital needs of your own communities. [Register in advance.](#)

Dr. Barbakoff will share a variety of innovative services and partnerships that KCLS has instituted for sustainable digital inclusion, such as launching a Digital Navigators service, circulating hotspots and laptops to partners to reach people experiencing homelessness, participating in a community-owned wireless network, and supporting telehealth. Related resources and links are available on the [webinar's event page](#).

NNLM Region 5: "Data for Everyone!" Listens Session

Join this month's [Network of the National Library of Medicine \(NNLM\), Region 5](#) Listens Session on Feb. 15 from 3-4 p.m. PT. [Register in advance.](#)

The February discussion topic is "Data for Everyone!" NNLM Outreach & Data Coordinator Nancy Shin will give a short presentation on accessible data visualization and will answer participant questions.

Please note: you must have a free NNLM user account to register for the Listens Session. Need help creating an account? [Follow these easy instructions.](#)

NNLM Region 5: Library Carpentry Workshop (Winter Session)

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine \(NNLM\), Region 5](#) will host two free online sessions on Library Carpentry in Winter and Spring of 2022. Both sessions have 25 spots available and cover the same content/material.

The Winter session is Feb. 22-24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. PT. [Register here](#). Registration closes Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. PT. Notification of registration approval and meeting information will be provided by Feb. 18 at noon PT.

Library Carpentry focuses on building software and data skills within library and information-related communities. These hands-on, approachable workshops empower individuals, in a variety of roles, to use software and data in their own work and support effective, efficient, and reproducible practices. [Learn more](#) about Library Carpentry.

The workshops are open to all. Training will focus on skills for library workers. No prior knowledge is needed. Registration from Region 5 states (Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States) will be prioritized.

For questions or more information, please visit the [Region 5 Blog](#) or contact Nancy Shin and Daina Dickman at nnlm@uw.edu.

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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