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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

February 9, 2022

Call for Papers  
**Spring 2022 Issue:**  
*Work in Progress*

**Alki**

### **Deadline Next Week: *Alki* Spring Edition**

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

The deadline for submissions is coming up on **Feb. 16!**

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 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](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org). For inspiration, [check out the past issues of \*Alki\*](#).

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### Join LIFE's February Coffee Break

WLA's [Leadership Is For Everyone](#) (LIFE) Section will host an informal coffee break for leaders at all levels on Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. Bring your coffee, tea, or drink of choice and connect with other library leaders in Washington! Log-in to the [WLA Meeting & Events Calendar](#) with your member profile to access meeting information.

Looking for inspiration? We love Simon Sinek, author of [Leaders Eat Last](#) and [Start with Why](#), who gave a [great talk recently](#) on leadership in tough times.

Want to become a member of LIFE? Joining the section is free with membership! [Add the section](#) to your existing WLA membership or request to join by contacting the [WLA Office](#).

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### 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](mailto: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](#).

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

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

NCW Libraries is seeking an [Adult Services Manager](#) and [Latinx Services Manager](#).

Pacific Lutheran University is seeking a [Cataloging and Metadata Specialist](#).

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](#).

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

Tigard Public Library is seeking [On Call Librarians](#).

*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



### Advanced Registration Open for PLA 2022

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

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.



## PUBLIC LIBRARIAN SUPPORT AWARD

sponsored by Morningstar

### 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](#).

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### Registration for RUSA Virtual Forum Now Open

Join the [Reference and User Services Association](#) (RUSA) at its first-ever [Virtual Forum](#), March 8 and 10. The Forum will showcase the work of RUSA's sections and interest groups with the theme *Reference and User Services Re-engaged*. [Register now!](#) Those who register by Feb. 15 will save \$20 with the Forum's early bird discount.

Keynote speakers will include ALA Executive Director Tracie Hall, ALA President Patty Wong, and ALA Immediate Past President Julius Jefferson, Jr. for the opening event "Using Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) to provide Reference and User Services."

The Forum is meant for all types of libraries in reference, user services, adult readers advisory, and collection development, as well as resource sharing, genealogy and archives, business reference and reference technology.

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# AKLA 2022

*Growing. Changing. Thriving*

**JOIN US ONLINE FEB 24-27**



## Registration Open for AkLA Online Conference

Join the [Alaska Library Association's](#) 2022 online conference "Growing, Changing, Thriving," coming up Feb. 24-27. [Register now!](#)

[Keynote speakers](#) will include Kaetrena Kendrick Davis, Gregory Newby, and Jessie Loyer. The [conference schedule](#) will offer concurrent sessions and keynotes that will be available for later viewing, as well as pre-recorded sessions throughout the week.

If you have questions about programs, registration, the conference's silent auction, and more, please reach out via the conference's [contact page](#).

## News & Notes

### Applications Open for Professional Development Grant

Applications are now open for the 2022 Pat Carterette Professional Development Grant. [Apply now!](#)

The [ALA Learning Round Table](#) (LRT) will award up to \$1,000 to an individual to participate in continuing education event(s) between Sept. 1, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2023. The award recipient will be required to share their new learning with other Round Table members in some way. Please note, you do not have to be an ALA member to apply.

The deadline to apply is March 18. The selected recipient of the grant will be notified prior to the ALA Annual Conference in June. [Learn more](#) on the grant's website.

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### NNLM Region 5 to Launch New Funding Opportunities

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine \(NNLM\) Region 5](#) will soon announce new funding opportunities to support Region 5 member organization projects conducted between May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023. A request for applications will be posted to [nnlm.gov/funding](#) with detailed instructions starting Feb. 15.

Awards will focus on health information outreach, environmental health justice, health misinformation, and technology equity. Learn more about this funding and how to prepare on the [NNLM Region 5 blog](#).

If you have questions, please contact Outreach & Engagement Coordinator [Michele Spatz](#) or Executive Director [Cathy Burroughs](#).

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# 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](#). The next deadline for requesting the grant is **March 4**. If you have questions, please contact [wslgrants@sos.wa.gov](mailto:wslgrants@sos.wa.gov) or [sara.white@sos.wa.gov](mailto:sara.white@sos.wa.gov).

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## 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](#).

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### **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 [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.

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### **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**

### **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](#).



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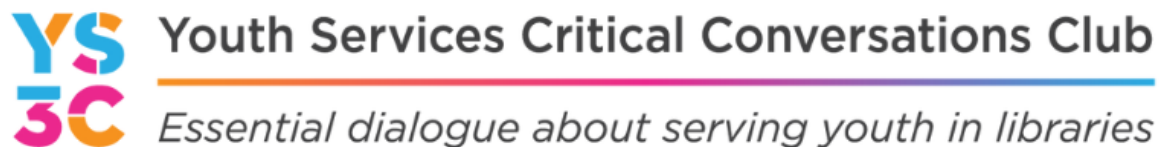
## ACRL & PLA: "Love Library Data: Project Outcome 101"

In celebration of [Love Data Week 2022](#), the Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL) in partnership with the Public Library Association (PLA) will host a free webinar centered on outcome measurement in libraries, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. PT. [Register in advance](#). The webinar is free to attend.

Participants will be introduced to the [Project Outcome](#) toolkit and will have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters. It is recommended that participants [register for Project Outcome](#) for public or academic libraries and review basic materials in the toolkit prior to the webinar.

If you have questions, please contact [plawebinars@ala.org](mailto:plawebinars@ala.org) or 800-545-2433 ext. 5PLA (5752).

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### Youth Services Critical Conversations Club: Community Asset Mapping

Join [Washington State Library](#) with presenters Leah Larson and Verena Getahun of Minnesota State Library Services for the next YS3C meeting on Feb. 17 from 10-11 a.m. [Register in advance](#).

If you think of your community as a jigsaw puzzle, asset mapping is the process of identifying the pieces – seeing where they connect and who the library might connect with. Join the meeting to learn about and explore asset mapping. This session will provide background and tools that you can use to identify the assets in your community.

If you have questions, please contact Sara White at [sara.white@sos.wa.gov](mailto:sara.white@sos.wa.gov).

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### 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](mailto:nnlm@uw.edu).

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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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