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WELCOME TO  
**WLA WEDNESDAY**

February 16, 2022

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

**Alki**

### **Call for Photos: What are you working on?**

Share your personal or professional creations with the *Alki* community by submitting a photograph and short caption of a project that is in progress or recently completed.

Submissions are due March 2, and will be featured in the March issue of *Alki: The Washington Library Association Journal*. Library groups, staff, students, retirees, and friends of Washington libraries are all welcome to submit.

Examples may include:

- book displays
- new or updated spaces
- artistic expressions of all forms
- written experimentation, including poetry, prose, scripts, or song lyrics
- posters for upcoming events

To submit, fill out [this form](#). If you have questions or are experiencing issues with the form, contact Ray Zill at [alkieditor@wla.org](mailto:alkieditor@wla.org).

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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? Simon Sinek, author of [Leaders Eat Last](#) and [Start with Why](#), 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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## Call for WLA Merit Award Nominations

With the switch from a fall to spring annual conference and #WLA2022 approaching, the [WLA Merit Awards](#) are back again! On behalf of the 2022 Merit Awards Committee, we're pleased to share that the School Library Division Awards have also returned for this year's awards season.

The WLA Awards offer the opportunity to recognize and highlight the outstanding work that has been ongoing in Washington libraries.

What library achievement did you see in your community or workplace that you'd like to see celebrated? Examples can include, but aren't limited to, outstanding service in the areas of:

- Programming (virtual, educational, community building)
- Outreach to users
- Services
- Access to technology
- Access to collections
- Serving the needs of people who were vulnerable, underserved
- Providing innovative ways to deliver services, materials

Library workers at **all levels** and in **all types of libraries** are eligible. Nominees do *not* need to be WLA members (with the exception of the Emeritus Award and the WALE Award). Additionally, nominators do *not* have to be WLA members. **Award winners will receive a complimentary year of WLA membership!**

To nominate an outstanding individual or group for an award, please complete the [WLA Award Nomination Form](#) by Wednesday, March 16.

Winners will be notified on April 4, announced in WLA Wednesday on April 6, and celebrated on May 6 at the WLA Conference's Awards Reception in Bellevue.

If you have questions or wish to discuss eligibility requirements, please contact the [WLA Office](#).

## Look Who's Hiring

Chastek Library at Gonzaga University School of Law is seeking a [Research and Instruction Librarian](#).

The Evergreen State College is seeking an [Information Literacy & Assessment 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 a [Social Services Librarian](#) and [Regional Managers](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate](#) and [Public Services Assistant I](#).

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

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

University of Puget Sound is seeking a [User Experience & Discovery 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](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.



**SPRING 2022** |  REFERENCE & USER SERVICES ASSOCIATION  
A DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## 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!](#)

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.

# 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



### **Washington State Book Award: *Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen!***

Join Washington Center for the Book and WLA to celebrate the winner of the 2021 Washington State Book Award for Books for Young Readers: [\*Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen!\*](#), by Sarah Kapit.

Kapit will join KCLS Librarian Jennifer Carter in conversation, which [will be available as a recording](#) starting on March 8 at 10 a.m.

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

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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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### **Applications Open for Professional Development Grant**

Applications are now open for the 2022 Pat Carterette Professional Development Grant. [Apply now!](#) The deadline to apply is March 18.

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 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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# Online Tracking Service Grant



**WASHINGTON**  
Secretary of State  
Washington State Library



## Apply for WSL 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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## 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](#).

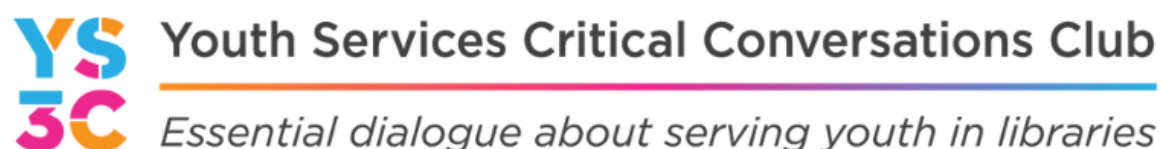
The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and all data collected will be kept private and will only be used in aggregate. If you have any questions, please contact WSL Youth Services Consultant [Sara White](#).

## 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, today, 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).



## 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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## Join the conversation



Sustainability and Climate Action  
for Libraries and Our Communities

**February 24, 2022**  
11am PT / 1pm CT

### **ALA Connect: Sustainability and Climate Action for Libraries and Our Communities**

Join the American Library Association (ALA) for this month's [ALA Connect](#) on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. PT, for a discussion on sustainability and climate action in libraries. [Register in advance](#).

Guest speakers Uta Hussong-Christian (Oregon State University) and Michele Stricker (New Jersey State Library) will highlight how their systems have supported communities adapting to climate change. They will be joined by ALA President Patty Wong, in conversation moderated by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (Mid-Hudson Library System).

Attendees are encouraged to [submit their questions](#) in advance. Please contact [membervalue@ala.org](mailto:membervalue@ala.org) with questions or for more information.

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### **NicheAcademy: "Copyright for Librarians: What You Need to Know"**

Originally presented Feb. 9, library professionals are invited to watch this free webinar recording on easy principles to use in navigating copyright issues. In the webinar, Sara Benson, Copyright Librarian and Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, covers copyright basics, copyright exceptions, and fair use. [View the webinar](#).

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### **Library 2.0: "Awkward Conversations: How to Handle Difficult Discussions with Patrons"**

Join Library 2.0 with host Dr. Steve Albrecht on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. PT for this webinar about handling awkward conversations with patrons. [Register in advance](#).

Attendees will learn about assessing patron behavior and its impact on the library; increasing employee assertiveness in response to inappropriate behaviors; determining if issues merit a call to police, medics, or the fire

department; staying consistent with enforcement goals, and more.

Cost for attendance is \$99/person; however, attendance is free to those with individual or organizational all-access passes. For more information, please contact [admin@library20.com](mailto:admin@library20.com).

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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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