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WLA WEDNESDAY

February 23, 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.

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, **tomorrow 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](#).



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 an [Evening & Weekend Circulation and IT Assistant](#) and 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 [Multiple Positions](#).

North Olympic Library System is seeking a [Community Outreach Specialist](#).

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

Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Senior Business Analyst](#) and [Network and Systems Operations Specialists](#).

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 [Multiple Positions](#).

Timberland Regional Library is seeking an [Operations Supervisor - Chehalis](#).

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

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#) and an [Interlibrary Loan Technician](#).

Washington State University Libraries is seeking a [Library and Archives Paraprofessional 3](#).

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

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

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



Registration Rates for #WLA2022 are Available!

Planning your trip to #WLA2022 in Bellevue? Conference registration rates are now posted on [WLA's conference site](#)!

On behalf of the 2022 Conference Committee, we're pleased to share that one-day registration rates have returned, for Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7. Additionally, there are discount rates for organizational groups attending in-person.

If you or your group plans to stay at the Marriott during conference, a discount link is also available through April 13.

[View Rates](#)

Early bird registration opens Wednesday, March 9. Have questions? Please reach out to the WLA office at info@wla.org or (206) 823-1138.

NNLM Funding Opportunity for PLA 2022

Are you a librarian interested in improving health and digital health information services for your community? Do you want to connect with other librarians with similar goals? Apply for a Network of the National Library of Medicine [All of Us](#) PLA Professional Development Award!

The All of Us national program is pleased to offer funding of up to \$3,000 each for up to 25 public library workers to attend the [Public Library Association \(PLA\) Conference](#) taking place in Portland, Ore. March 23-25. Find [more information and apply](#) by March 4.

Individuals who have already registered for the conference, reserved travel, and/or reserved lodging are still eligible for this award!

If you have questions, please contact lib-nnlmallofus@uiowa.edu.



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.



Register for ALA Annual Conference

Early bird registration is now open for [ALA Annual](#), taking place in-person and online June 23-28 in Washington, D.C. The advanced registration deadline is March 31. [Register now](#).

The conference will offer a dynamic gathering of leaders, authors, and celebrity speakers. Attendees will reconnect with and learn from their peers, as well as meet exhibitors with top-tier products and services. Check out the [preliminary schedule](#).

Questions regarding registration, accessibility, and more can be directed to alaregistration@csreg.zohodesk.com.

MLA Virtual Conference Registration Awards Available

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine \(NNLM\) Region 5](#) is offering a new award to support Region 5 members' virtual attendance at the [Medical Library Association's \(MLA\) 2022 Annual Meeting](#), May 3-7.

Up to 20 members will receive a registration code for the virtual 2022 MLA meeting. [Apply now](#). Awardees will be asked to report back on their MLA

experience through participation in a future online Region 5 meeting or by writing a post on the Region 5 blog. [Learn more](#) about the award. The application deadline is March 18.

If you have questions, please contact NNLM Region 5 Assistant Director [Daina Dickman](#).

News & Notes



Washington Digital Heritage 2022



WA Digital Heritage Grants Open for Applications

Washington Digital Heritage Grants will provide up to \$15,000 to libraries for digital projects that promote the creation and sharing of digital content documenting Washington's history.

Grants are open to public, academic, tribal, and special libraries for projects running through April 2023. The deadline for applications is March 16. Learn more about this grant opportunity at <https://washstatelib.libguides.com/2022WDH>.

Washington Digital Heritage Grants are funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Apply to be a WA AmeriCorps Project Site

[Washington Service Corps](#) (WSC) and [Washington Reading Corps](#) are pleased to announce that the [2022-23 Request for Applications](#) (RFA) to host AmeriCorps members is now available!

Both programs are offering 10.5-month member service terms, with term start dates in September and October. The application deadline is June 30, 2022.

WSC will host live Q&A sessions every other Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., **today, Feb. 23** thorough April 20. There is no need to pre-register. [Join online](#) or call in to 564-999-2000 (Meeting ID: 911 356 808#).

If you have questions not addressed in the guidance materials, or would like a project-specific consultation, please contact wscmail@esd.wa.gov.



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.

NNLM Region 5 Announces New Funding Opportunities!

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 5](#), under cooperative agreement with the U.S. National Library of Medicine, is pleased to announce the release of the following funding opportunities:

- [Health Information Outreach Subaward](#): minimum of 1 award for up to \$25,000
- [Express Outreach Awards Addressing Environmental Health Justice](#): minimum of 2 awards for up to \$5,000 each
- [Express Outreach Awards Addressing Health Misinformation](#): minimum of 3 awards for up to \$5,000 each
- [Express Outreach Awards Addressing Technology Equity](#): a minimum of 2 awards for up to \$5,000 each

An email to nnlm@uw.edu stating intent to apply is due March 15 by 5 p.m. PT. The application deadline is April 12 by 5 p.m. PT.

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

Applications Open for Professional Development Grant

Applications are 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.

Online Tracking Service Grant



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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 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.

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



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 with questions or for more information.

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](#).

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 now](#).

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.

NicheAcademy: "Introduction to Strategic Planning for Public Libraries"

Join Joy Fuller on March 2 at 11 a.m. PT to learn how libraries of all sizes can get started in strategic planning. [Register in advance](#).

Fuller is author of the Public Library Association's newly released book, [*Strategic Planning for Public Libraries*](#). She will introduce an approach outlined in the book and provide a sneak-peek into important steps in the strategic planning process.

The webinar will be recorded and available to registrants who are unable to attend the live event. If you have questions, contact info@nicheacademy.com.

Fast Forward Libraries: "That's a Good Question: Developing an Effective Community Survey"

Join Amanda Standerfer and Sarah Forbes on March 2 at 10 a.m. PT to learn how to develop good questions for a community survey! [Register here](#).

How can your library learn more about community needs to plan for the future? After this session, attendees will be able to develop questions to get clear, useful data that will help them plan programs, services, collections, and facilities.

For more information, contact amanda@standerferconsulting.com.

PLA: "Facing the Challenge: Intellectual Freedom in Libraries"

The Public Library Association (PLA) will host a FREE virtual town hall on recent dramatic increases in book banning attempts, March 4 at 11 a.m PT. [Register in advance](#).

During the event, a panel of speakers will participate in facilitated conversations that explore responses to the coordinated attempts at censorship currently sweeping the nation. A moderated chat will follow, during which attendees will be welcome to ask questions and share insights.

Please contact plawebinars@ala.org for more information.

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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