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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022

2022
WLA MERIT AWARDS



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!

The WLA Awards offer the opportunity to recognize and highlight the outstanding work that has been ongoing in Washington libraries. To nominate an outstanding individual or group for an award, please complete the [WLA Award Nomination Form](#) by **Wednesday, March 16**.

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!**

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](#).



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 **today, 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.

Look Who's Hiring

Bellevue College Library is seeking an [Undergraduate Research Librarian, Assistant \(Tenure Track\) Professor](#).

Bremerton School District is seeking a [Library Media Specialist/Technology Facilitator \(Bremerton High School\)](#).

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

City of Grandview is seeking a [Library Director](#).

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 [Associate Director of Community Libraries](#) and [Associate Director of Programs & Resources](#).

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 [Librarian \(Children's\)](#) and [Bilingual Spanish Outreach Specialist](#).

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

Spokane Public Libraries is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

Tacoma Public Library is hiring a [Collection and Technical Services Manager](#).

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](#).

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

Tigard Public Library is seeking a [Bilingual \(English/Spanish\) Youth Services 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.

Conference Bulletin



EB Registration Opens for #WLA2022 Next Week!

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 next 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.



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ALA American Library Association

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](#).

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.



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 Talk Story Grant!

[Talk Story](#) is accepting applications from libraries and community organizations for programs that promote family literacy and oral traditions among Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, American Indigenous, and/or Alaskan Native communities.

Libraries and community organizations that serve API/APIA or AIAN children and their families are eligible to apply. Four total recipients will each receive a \$500 grant to support their family literacy programs. [Read more](#) about the grant, and [complete](#) the application by March 15.

The program is a joint project sponsored by the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) and the American Indian Library Association (AILA). Please contact familylit@apalaweb.org or AILA.TalkStory@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 **Friday, March 4**. If you have questions, 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](#).

WA Center for the Book Participates in *Read Around the States*

The Washington Center for the Book, an affiliate of The Library of Congress Center for the Book, and a partnership of Washington State Library and The Seattle Public Library, is thrilled to be a part of the Library of Congress [Read](#)

[Around the States](#) project.

The program features members of Congress reading from their favorite books for young people.

WA Rep. Derek Kilmer (D, 6th District) [recently read](#) from Nikki McClure's [1, 2, 3 Salish Sea](#), followed by an interview with McClure.

The Learning Curve

Student Authored: UW Open Pedagogy & Publishing

Join University of Washington (UW) on March 7 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. for a panel of UW instructors who will speak about their work developing digital publishing projects with student authors and artists.

Panelists will include Marie La Fond, Lecturer, Department of Classics, UW Seattle ([Museum of Greek and Roman Mythology](#)); Julie Shayne, Teaching Professor, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, UW Bothell ([Persistence is Resistance: Celebrating 50 Years of Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies](#) and [Badass Womxn in the Pacific Northwest](#)); and Juliet Sperling, Assistant Professor and Kollar Endowed Chair in American Art History, School of Art + Art History + Design, UW Seattle ([Jacob Lawrence in Seattle](#)).

Attendees will learn about how the projects were structured within and outside the classroom, publishing platforms, and challenges and successes, followed by a Q&A. Find the event's [Zoom link](#).

NicheAcademy: "Designing Effective Library Signage: Communicating Strategically to your Users"

Join Mark Aaron Polger on March 9 at 11 a.m. PT in this webinar on best practice guidelines when designing effective library signage. [Register in advance](#).

Topics covered will include the process of conducting a signage audit (or inventory), how to compose an effective signage message, design basics, the different types of digital signage, mounting/placement, ADA compliance, and more.

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.

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.



"WSL Youth Services Critical Conversations Club: "Since Time Immemorial Early Learning Kits – Tribal and Public Library Collaboration"

Join Heather Jefferson, Theresa Morrison, Julie Mauermann in this Youth Services Critical Conversations Club (YS3C) on March 10 from 10-11 a.m. [Learn more](#) and [register in advance](#)!

In the session, attendees will learn how the Whatcom County Library System and local tribal communities worked together to create Since Time Immemorial Early Learning kits. The presenters will discuss how the project came about, the intentions behind it, the process, challenges, and the continued collaboration and relationship between the libraries, Lummi Nation, and Nooksack Indian Tribe.

The 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.

NNLM Region 5 Listens - "Membership: Reaching More People in More Ways"

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) Region 5 invites you to join in conversation at its next Listens Session on March 15 at 3 p.m. PT. [Register in advance](#).

This month's discussion topic is Member: Reaching More People in More Ways. Outreach & Access Coordinator Emily Hamstra will give a short presentation on NNLM's free membership and respond to attendee questions.

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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