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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

March 9, 2022



Early Bird Registration Open for #WLA2022!

[Early Bird Conference Registration](#) is now open for #WLA2022! We look forward to sharing our hopes and visions of a new horizon with you this spring.

Registration rates are available for individuals, in Bellevue and online. There are also in-person registration rates available for groups associated with a single organization.

[Register Now!](#)

Early bird registration closes Wednesday, April 6.

Want a discount for your #WLA2022 registration? Spend \$40 or more at the [WLA Store](#) on Redbubble! You'll be able to enter the order number from your purchase into the conference registration form for \$5 off.

Have questions? Please reach out to the WLA office at info@wla.org or (206) 823-1138.



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](#).

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](#).

Gonzaga University is seeking a [Business & Leadership Studies 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 Falls Community College is seeking a [Director of Learning Support](#).

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](#).

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



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](#).

Call for Proposals for 9th Annual Virtual LILi Conference

The 2022 Virtual [Lifelong Information Literacy](#) (LILi) Conference will occur July 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. PT! LILi welcomes everyone interested in topics of lifelong information literacy to submit proposals for presentations related to this year's conference theme, *Teaching and Learning: Introducing New Topics, Pivoting Online, and Starting from Scratch*.

LILi will be accepting proposals for lightning talks, presentations, and virtual poster sessions through April 1. [Submit a proposal](#).

If you have questions, please contact LILi Chair [Liz Cheney](#) or LILi Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect [Michael Habata](#).

News & Notes



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Washington State Library Circulating STEAM Kits

The Washington State Library (WSL) is now circulating [STEAM Kits](#) (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) for public, school, and tribal libraries in Washington State! [Request a kit](#) today.

Most kits are designed for 15 participants, though there are some kits which will work with a larger audience. Everything that is necessary to put on a STEAM program is contained within the kits, with the exception of consumable materials.

Only Washington State public, school, and tribal libraries are eligible to request that the kits visit their libraries. If more than two locations within a system or district wish to sign up, then the library system or school district will need to designate an individual to coordinate the kits' movement among branches or schools.

If you have questions, please email steam@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.

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.

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](#).



TALK STORY

sharing stories, sharing culture

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.

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.



Youth Services Critical Conversations Club

Essential dialogue about serving youth in libraries



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"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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