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WLA WEDNESDAY

April 13, 2022



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PANEL & LUNCH:

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Wizards of the Coast Game Designer joins #WLA2022!

We're thrilled to share that Sydney Adams, Game Designer for Dungeons & Dragons at [Wizards of the Coast](#), will be joining the *LibraryCon Panel & Lunch: Follow Your Fandom* with author Brittney Morris and GeekGirlCon's Kristine Hassell on Saturday, May 7. [Register](#) for this exciting event and more!

Sydney is best known for her work as the Creative Lead of the *Magic the Gathering*, *Secret Lair: Black is Magic*, co-creator of the *Planeswalker*, *Basri Ket*, and as a contributor to both the Magic and D&D versions of *Strixhaven: School or Mages*. Sydney is an activist for diverse representation in games, and

constantly strives to champion equity for women and minorities within the gaming industry. Her work has been featured in Polygon, NPR: Here and Now, and Hipsters of the Coast.

Register today

DEADLINE for Hotel Discount

Do you plan to spend your conference nights in Bellevue? Use WLA's [reservation link](#) before it expires **TONIGHT**. As the official conference site, the Marriott Bellevue offers discounted room rates for WLA 2022 attendees.

If you have any questions, please contact the WLA Office at info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.

***Alki* Call for Papers: Imagine New Horizons**

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

Conference season is upon us, and *Alki* is looking for submissions inspired by recent conference events, including WLA, PLA, ALA, ER&L, MLA, and others. If you attended or presented at a recent conference, we want to hear from you.

Consider the following questions and thoughts for inspiration:

- Share a project, initiative, idea, or research you presented at a recent conference.
- Explore ways presenters could collaborate to further their goals.
- Tell us what it's like to attend a conference for the first time or the 50th time. Do you have any tips and tricks to share about getting the most out of professional development?
- Write a reflection on what you've learned, what you would like to implement, and how to build support for new ideas at your library.
- Share your approach to professional development. How do you make a case to attend events, find funding, or create a community learning group at your institution?
- Dream of a better way. How can we make conferences more equitable, inclusive, and accessible?
- Get creative! Submit creative writing, photos, and art inspired by your conference presentation or attendance.

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.

Email your submissions to alkieditor@wla.org by June 8. Submissions should be in a separate, email attachment (.doc, .docx, or Google Doc format) and include the following:

- Title
- Author name(s) and affiliation(s)
- Short, third-person bio and headshot of author(s)
- Text of article and citations using Chicago Manual of Style
- Images in .jpg or .png format with accompanying captions (please consider accessibility when writing your captions)
- Pull quotes or short selections of your article that you would like highlighted in larger print
- Any specific formatting requests

Ray Zill, the current *Alki* editor, is available to discuss ideas and expectations. Reach out by contacting her at alkieditor@wla.org. For inspiration, [check out the past issues of *Alki*](#).



Announcing the 2022 WLA Merit Awards!

The WLA Merit Awards offer the opportunity to recognize and highlight the outstanding work ongoing in Washington libraries. On behalf of the 2022 WLA Awards Committee, we're honored to recognize this year's Merit Awards recipients:

- **Emeritus Lifetime Membership:** Joe Olayvar
 - *Nominated by Lisa Vos*
- **Honorary Lifetime Membership:** Rep. Mia Gregerson
 - *Nominated by the WLA Legislative Committee*
- **Outstanding Service Award:** Laura Richardson
 - *Nominated by Russell Roe*
- **Outstanding Service Award:** Rick Knorr

- *Nominated by Amber Williams*
- **Candace Morgan Intellectual Freedom Award:** Gavin Downing
 - *Nominated by John Sheller and Ryan Grant*
- **Volunteer Leadership Award:** Holly Shamberger
 - *Nominated by Jessica Varang*
- **Elementary Teacher-Librarian of the Year:** Linda Peterson
 - *Nominated by Elizabeth Roberts*
- **Secondary Teacher-Librarian of the Year:** Kim Spradlin
 - *Nominated by Jessica Robins, Tammy Grubb, Sarah Grim, and Lisa D. Skagen*
- **School Library Paraprofessional of the Year:** Laura Sheppard
 - *Nominated by Sarah Logan*
- **School Library Volunteer of the Year:** Janet Crumley
 - *Nominated by Jamie Moffett*

Congratulations to this year's recipients, and thank you to all who participated in the nomination process! Winners will be celebrated on Friday, May 6 at the WLA Conference Awards Reception in Bellevue.

WLA ALD/ACRL-WA: Let's Talk About Higher Education Accreditation

The WLA ALD/ACRL-WA Steering Committee is hosting a drop-in discussion on higher education accreditation on April 27 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Bookmark this [Zoom Link](#) for the meeting!

Have you served on a college accreditation committee? Are you prepping for an accreditation? To what extent do accreditation processes impact your library and/or your work? Have you provided feedback on the [Draft 2022 ALA Accreditation Standards Revision](#)? The discussion will be facilitated by Rhonda Kitchens, ALD/ACRL-WA Communications Manager and Faculty Librarian at Big Bend Community College.

Jacquelyn Ray, MLIS, MA, Director of Library Services, FYE & Interim Director of Continuing Education at Walla Walla Community College will also “drop in” on the discussion.

These drop-in discussions are meant to be informal, with discussion guided by the participants. Past discussions have been loosely facilitated by WLA ALD/ACRL-WA Steering Committee members.

Would you like to see a particular topic covered at an upcoming discussion? Are you interested in facilitating a discussion? Please fill out [this form](#) to share

with the ALD/ACRL-WA steering committee!



WLA Social Media *takeover*

Submit a Social Media Takeover from Your Library!

Want to help the [WLA Marketing & Communications Committee](#) show off a typical week for library workers in various Washington State libraries?

We're planning to share some social media takeovers on WLA's accounts this year to help everyone get to know the work Washington State libraries are doing. The takeover is open to any Washington State library worker (WLA members AND non-members), as well as out-of-state WLA members.

We're asking people to fill out some of the prompts in this [Google form](#) so we can post the content on their behalf to WLA's social media platforms. You are welcome to [review the questions](#) before filling out the form. We plan to do these periodically over the next few months (maybe the whole year if there's enough interest!). We'll let participants know in advance when their takeover posts will go live.

Thanks for considering! If you have any questions, please reach out to Hanna Roseen at hroseen@ncwlibraries.org or Marisa Petrich at marisp2@uw.edu.

Look Who's Hiring

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

Bellingham Public Library is seeking a [Children's Services Librarian](#).

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

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager \(Three Creeks\)](#).

Gonzaga University is seeking a [Business & Leadership Studies Librarian](#).

Grays Harbor College is seeking a [Library and Archives Paraprofessional 3](#).

Kelso Public Library is seeking a [Library Assistant III](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking an [Associate Director of Community Libraries](#) and [Associate Director of Programs & Resources](#).

Orcas Island Public Library is seeking a [Library Director](#).

San Juan Island Library is seeking an [Outreach & Technology Librarian](#) and a [Bookkeeper](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Health Sciences Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Circulation Supervisor](#) and a [Part-Time Library Associate \(Mariner\)](#).

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

Spokane Public Libraries is seeking a [Central Branch & Social Services Manager](#).

Saint Martin's University is seeking an [Electronic Services Librarian](#).

Tacoma Community College is seeking a [Dean of Library and Learning Innovation](#).

Timberland Regional Library is seeking two [Library Managers 2 \(Aberdeen, North Mason\)](#) and an [Operations Supervisor \(Chehalis\)](#).

University of Puget Sound is seeking a [Public Services Specialist](#).

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is hiring a [Teen Programming & Outreach Associate \(Burbank\)](#).

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

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

NWILL 2022 Virtual Conference: Call for Programming

The [Northwest Interlibrary Loan & Resource Sharing](#) Conference Committee invites proposals on interlibrary loan and resource sharing from all over North America and the world: pre-recorded lightning rounds (7-10 minutes), presentations or panels (45 minutes), or workshops (90-120 minutes).

Submissions from all types of libraries are encouraged, as are proposals from individuals from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds, identities, and communities. Presenters and co-presenters will receive free registration to the conference. Proposals are due on **April 18 by noon**. [Learn more and submit a proposal](#).

[Bobbi Newman](#) (University of Iowa; Network of the National Library of Medicine) will be the 2022 NWILL keynote. Bobbi will discuss topics from her forthcoming publication from ALA Editions, [Fostering Wellness in the Workplace](#).

The NWILL Conference Conference will be ONLINE Sept. 8, 14, and 16, with virtual workshops held Sept. 9.



Attend the Spring Virtual Conference for CLA

The [Catholic Library Association](#) (CLA) will be hosting its [virtual spring conference](#) on April 29 from 6:15 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. PT. Registration is free for CLA members and \$25 for non-members. [Register in advance](#).

Guest speakers will include recipients for the Aggiornamento Award, Regina Medal, St. Katharine Drexel Award, and Jerome Award. Sessions will be recorded, and CLA members will have access to the full recordings at no charge.

For more information, please email cla2@cathla.org or call (225) 408-4417.

Be an Advocate for Your School Library!



Contact

Contact your elected officials
via WLA's [Engage](#).



Show

Use images, data, and anecdotes
to tell your library's story.



Attend

Attend school board , PTA, &
community meetings.



Invite

Invite public officials, school
leaders to visit your library.



Shine

Don't be shy! Step up for
awards and recognition.



Write

Share library news or write an
op-ed with your local paper.



Tag

Use social media to share
#schoollibrary stories.
@WLA_SCLD #FReadom.



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and school officials.

Visit wla.org/school for more
advocacy news and tips!





Attend the 2022 Native American Read-In!

The [UW iSchool](#) and [Read-a-Rama](#) will be hosting the [Native American Read-In](#), on April 24 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. [Register here](#)! This will be a live online event that will not be recorded.

Join this family-friendly celebration of the work of Native American creators. Attendees will enjoy reading/telling sessions, Native art and music, and live Q&A with the artists. All are welcome for this #OwnVoices read-aloud event.

To expand access to this important event, the Native American Read-In will be presented free of charge. The iSchool and Read-a-Rama will compensate creators for their work, and are asking attendees to pitch in. [Make a gift today!](#)

Apply for New Round of ALA Emergency Relief Grants

The American Library Association (ALA) has announced it will make available [\\$1.55M in emergency relief grants](#) to more than 75 libraries that have experienced substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The ALA COVID Library Relief Fund invites public, school, academic, tribal, and correctional libraries across the United States and US Territories to [apply for grants](#) of \$20,000, through April 21.

The ALA COVID Library Emergency Relief Fund is administered through the ALA [Chapter Relations Office](#). For more information and questions, please email cro@ala.org.

Join NNLM's Book Discussion

You are invited to join us for the first [Network of the National Library of Medicine](#) (NNLM) Book Discussion! From May 1 until July 31, participants will read by Maya Dusenbery's [Doing Harm: The Truth About How Bad Medicine and Lazy Science Leave Women Dismissed, Misdiagnosed, and Sick](#).

The NNLM Book Discussion offers all library staff interested in better understanding health issues their communities face an opportunity to explore topics with other professionals and earn Continuing Education Credit.

Participants can complete the book and earn CE credit on their schedule. A new book is selected each quarter. Participants can acquire the book in their preferred format and will have three months to complete the requirements.

Visit the [NNLM Book Discussion webpage](#) to learn more and register to participate.



Celebrate Climate Resiliency During 2022 Preservation Week

Celebrate Preservation Week 2022 from April 24-30! Plan events and check out webinars at preservationweek.org.

The 2022 theme is *Preservation in the Face of Climate Change*. Celebrating the concept of climate resiliency, Preservation Week 2022 will highlight the effects of climate change on our shared cultural heritage materials. Libraries, museums, institutions, and communities are urged to examine the effects on collections and their keepers, as well as resiliency strategies.

This year's Honorary Chair is Elizabeth Yeampierre, Executive Director of the Brooklyn-based Latinx community organization [UPROSE](#). Prior to this role, Elizabeth worked as the director of Legal Education and Training at the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund, director of Legal Services for the American Indian Law Alliance, and was the dean of Puerto Rican Student Affairs at Yale.

University. She currently serves as the Co-Chair of the [Climate Justice Alliance Board of Directors](#).

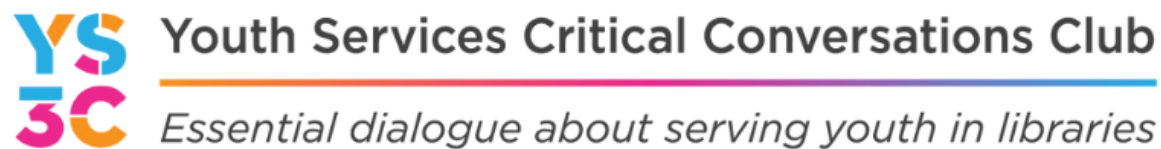
Follow Elizabeth on Twitter with [@yeampierre](#) during [#PreservationWeek](#) for the latest conversations focusing on racial and climate justice.

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



Youth Services Critical Conversations Club: Project VOICE

Join this month's Youth Services Critical Conversations Club (YS3C) with Katie Campana, Ph.D., and J. Elizabeth Mills, Ph.D. on April 14 from 10-11 a.m. PT for [a webinar](#) on Project VOICE. [Register in advance](#).

Project VOICE offers research-based findings on how community values can translate into meaningful outcomes that can yield advocacy material to support and sustain your outreach work. The webinar offers an opportunity to learn from and share current strategies and challenges as you identify and assess value-centric outcomes to strengthen your programs.

Prior to the webinar, attendees are asked to spend some time reflecting on their own experiences with developing and measuring outcomes. The webinar will be recorded and will be included in the Project VOICE dataset. Due to this, attendees are asked to complete a consent form, which can be found at: https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6tIQmrMzUcN9sRo.

Please contact Sara White (sara.white@sos.wa.gov) if you have any questions.

YS3C 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.

WebJunction: "Broadband Improvements: Free Planning Tools for Libraries"

Join Stephanie Stenberg ([Community Anchor Program](#)) and Carson Block ([Carson Block Consulting](#)) on April 20 from 10-11 a.m. PT to learn how to use the Toward Gigabit Libraries toolkit. [Register in advance](#).

The [toolkit](#) is a free, self-service guide created to help libraries understand and improve their IT capacities and broadband resources. The toolkit can help staff better articulate the library's needs to leadership, policy makers, and broadband service providers, in order to improve on digitally serving the community and planning for the future.

A recording of the webinar will be available afterwards for those unable to attend the event live.

Hands Up: Live ASL Practice for Library Staff (Intermediate)

Join [Stories by Hand](#) to practice and gain confidence in your American Sign Language skills for library settings in this interactive series on Tuesdays, April 19-May 24 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. PT. [Register in advance](#).

This series will take place over Zoom, and include recording access for all sessions through June 25.

Cost for individuals is \$240. A 20 percent discount is currently available with code LEVELUP at the top of the ticket form. Discounted group rates and direct invoicing are available to groups of 10 or more.

For questions or more information, please contact info@storiesbyhand.com.

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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