June 1, 2022

Happy LGBTQIA+ Pride Month from WLA!

In celebration of Pride Month, we're launching the new Washington Library Association Pride logo! The logo will be available on pins, stickers, t-shirts, and more, *all year round* in the WLA Store.

The logo's digital file will also be available on our website so that you can showcase your WLA pride online. Log in to your member profile page to access the image.

WLA Scholarship Application Workshop

First Tuesdays: WLA Scholarship Application Workshop

Did you know that the Washington Library Association offers 7 scholarships each year for graduate, undergraduate, and continuing education studies? Are you interested in applying, but don't know where to start? The WLA Professional Development Committee invites librarians, MLIS students, teacher-librarians, and paraprofessionals to learn more about funding opportunities at our Scholarship Application Workshop on June 7 at 9 a.m. Register in advance. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

You will learn tips and tricks for drafting your narrative, selecting references for recommendation letters, and submitting the application forms. You will also have the opportunity to meet current scholarship winners and learn more about the Committee's application scoring rubric.

This discussion session will provide an overview of the scholarship process, the benefits of being a recipient, and strategies to assist in building a successful application. Hear from previous scholarship recipients as they answer questions and share their experiences of the process and how the scholarship has benefited their studies. Committee members and scholarship winners can answer questions you have about the process.

2023 WLA Election Timeline Announced

Are you seeking leadership experience? Looking to meet new people in the library field? Passionate about advocacy for libraries and library professionals?

Whether you're a longtime member or new to the association, WLA invites you to throw your hat into the ring for a leadership position! There are many opportunities to get involved. Check out the elections timeline for 2023. The nomination window opens this summer on July 20, and will last through early fall, Sept. 16.

If you have any questions, please contact info@wla.org.

Application open for the
2023 Conference Committee

Apply for the 2023 Conference Committee!

WLA is seeking volunteers for its 2023 Conference Committee! Whether you're new to WLA or a longtime volunteer, we would love for you to get involved!

The 2023 WLA Conference will take place in Wenatchee, WA from Thursday, March 30 through Saturday, April 1, 2023, and committee members will receive a discount on their registration to attend!

Committee members should:
   - Participate in the meetings and activities of the committee.
   - Have an interest in the work of the committee.
   - Be a WLA Member

Please complete the **application form** by Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

The committee will meet once per month and as needed, with email communication in-between. Appointment on the committee will run July 11, 2022 through April 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the WLA Office by emailing info@wla.org or calling/texting (206) 823-1138.

Get Involved with the School Library Division!

If you're a member of the School Library Division (ScLD) and are looking for more ways to become involved in WLA, the ScLD steering committee wants to hear from YOU!

Tell us about your interests and availability in this Google form. The form does not commit you to a specific role; it will simply help the committee match your interests with volunteer opportunities!

If you have any questions, please reach out to the WLA Office by emailing info@wla.org. You can also contact the members of the ScLD steering committee at wla.org/contact-scld.

Did you attend WLA2022?
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.
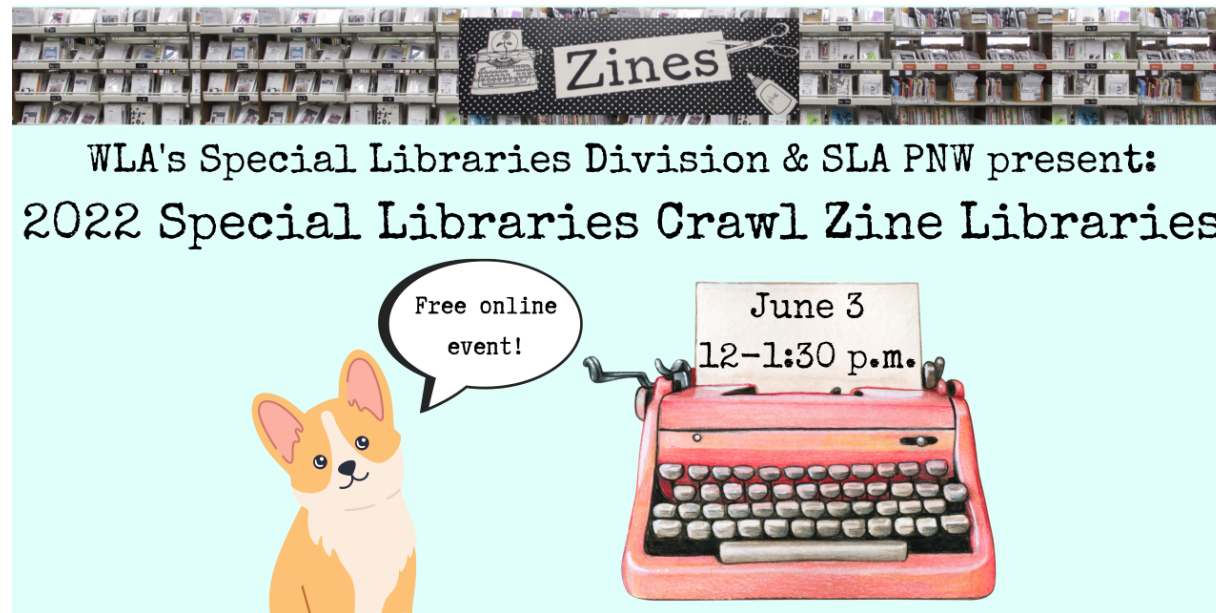

Alki is a journal by and for the Washington library community. We accept submissions that may not fit our theme but are still important to our community.

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*.

2022 Special Libraries Crawl Kicks Off in June!

The Washington Library Association's Special Library Division and the Special Library Association's PNW Chapter (SLA PNW) are once again teaming up to present a series of informational events to help our members learn more about special libraries in our region: The 2022 Special Libraries Crawl.

The first of the 2022 series is this Friday, June 3 from noon-1:30 p.m. and will introduce you to the world of Zine Libraries. Register in advance!

Receive virtual tours of the Olympia Timberland Library's Zine Library, The Seattle Public Library's ZAPP Collection, and the Collins Library Zine Collection at the University of Puget Sound. You'll also have the opportunity to ask questions and socialize. Grab your lunch and spend some time getting to know your library colleagues!

Attendees will also have a chance to learn more about SLA PNW and the WLA Special Library Division, including information on how to become a member.

Look Who's Hiring

Ballard High School is seeking a [Library Assistant](#). This position closes at 5 p.m. today.

Bellevue School District is seeking a [Library Media Specialist (Lake Hills Elementary)](#).

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

Cornish College of the Arts is seeking an [Access Services Librarian](#).

Highline College is seeking a [Library & Archives Paraprofessional 4](#).

Humanities WA is seeking a [Project Manager, Prime Time Family Reading](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Branch Manager (Bainbridge Island)](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking an [Area Manager](#) and [Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS (Breswster)](#).

North Olympic Library System is seeking an [Older Adult Services Librarian 1](#).

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

Pacific Lutheran University is seeking an [Assistant Professor/Archivist and Special Collections Librarian](#).

Ritzville Library District #2 is seeking a [Library Director](#).

Seattle Public Library is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Circulation/Resource Sharing Manager (Law Library)](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking [Children's Librarians](#) and [Public Services Assistants](#).

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

Spokane Public Library is seeking a [Public Affairs Specialist](#) and [Special Events Coordinator](#).

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)](#).

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

Technician.

Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking a [Patron Registrar](#).

Whatcom County Library System is seeking a [Library Branch Manager (Ferndale)](#).

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking an [Archive Librarian II](#).

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

ALA Annual in Washington, D.C., June 23-28

The [2022 ALA Annual Conference](#) is quickly approaching! Attendees will hear from amazing speakers, attend top-quality educational sessions, visit with exhibitors, hear from authors, and connect with colleagues!

Can't make it to the in-person conference? [Register today](#) for the Digital Experience, and enjoy a specially curated selection of main stage, education, and "News You Can Use" sessions that will be live-streamed directly from the conference to you!

Registration includes on-demand access to these sessions through 8/31/22. Learn more at https://2022.alaannual.org/digital-experience.

Early Bird Registration for OLA Summer Conference

Early bird registration is now open through June 15 for Oregon Library Association's Support Staff Division 2022 Conference: Rise Above. Register now. The one-day conference will take place July 22 at Timberline Lodge in Government Camp, OR.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Feminist activist and scholar Sally Eck with her address, "Interrupting Oppression in Our Everyday Lives." Read more about the schedule, sessions, presenters, and menu.

If you have any questions, contact ola@olaweb.org.

News & Notes

Humanities WA Grants Now Available for 2022!

Humanities Washington is excited to offer Opportunity Grants and Washington Stories Fund Grants for 2022!

- [Opportunity Grants](#) support statewide access to public humanities presentations and events, and are intended for small or rural organizations. Up to $1,000 awarded, no match required.
  - *20 Opportunity Grants will be awarded from March to Dec. 2022. Applications will be accepted until funds have been fully allocated.*

- [Washington Stories Fund Grants](#) seek to elevate the stories of underrepresented people or groups and enhance the public's awareness of new and unique perspectives and cultures. Up to $5,000 awarded, match required.
  - *4 WA Stories Fund Grants will be awarded in 2022. Online applications are due July 15 and notification is Sept. 1. Funded activity may begin after Oct.1.*

If you have any questions, please contact 206-682-1770 or info@humanities.org.

Register for the Youth Booktalk Bonanza!

Join several amazing Washington State librarians on June 8 for 90 minutes of book-talking excitement from 2-3:30 p.m.! Prep for the summer Reader's Advisory influx by hearing about a plethora of new and diverse picture books, chapter books, and teen books to recommend to your patrons. [Register now](#).

Approximate agenda:

- 2:00-2:30: Books for 0-5 year-olds
- 2:30-3:00: Books for Elementary Schoolers
- 3:00-3:30: Books for Teens

Presenters:

- Cherise Fuselier, Tacoma Public Library
- Becky Standal, Longview Public Library
- Sheri Boggs, Spokane County Library District
- Mary Ellen Braks, Spokane County Library District

NNLM Region 5 Announces New Funding Opportunities

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) Region 5](#) is pleased to announce new funding opportunities for Data Engagement Awards and Outreach & Engagement Awards! Applications submitted by 5:00 p.m. PT, June 28 will receive first consideration.

These awards are for those in Region 5 which includes Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and the U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States in the Pacific.

- At minimum, three [Data Engagement Awards](#) for up to $25,000 each will be funded to support engagement in data literacy, data science or data management, such as through projects that support biomedical and research data services; help train the healthcare, library or educator workforce to access, understand, and use data; or create diverse community connections to further educate a wide audience on data literacy and management best practices.

- Additionally, at least three [Outreach & Engagement Awards](#) for up to $25,000 each will be funded to improve health literacy and increase health equity through engagement and training for health information, digital literacy skills, and access to trusted health information in under-resourced communities. The award also supports the purchase of technology needed to advance connectivity.

Questions? Please reach out to Nancy Shin, NNLM Region 5 Outreach and Data Coordinator at: nkshin1@uw.edu or Michele Spatz, NNLM Region 5 Outreach and Engagement Coordinator at: mspatz@uw.edu.

The Learning Curve

ACRL Live Webcast: "Cognitive Load and Instructional Design"

The next ACRL Core Webinar "Cognitive Load and Instructional Design" takes place June 9 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. PT. [Register in advance](#)! Cost is $50 for ACRL members, $71 for ALA members, and $79 for non-members.

In this interactive webinar Jason Puckett, Online Learning Librarian and

Associate Professor (Georgia State University Library) will demonstrate easy, non-technical best practices in instructional design that will help your information literacy teaching in any medium.

Attendees of the webinar will learn how to help their students learn more efficiently by reducing the cognitive load — the amount of mental effort — taken up by extraneous information and poor design. Academic instruction librarians will find the webinar most useful, but any teaching librarians will be able to use the content and ideas.

If you have a question or need to make arrangements for special assistance or additional accessibility, contact Mia Blixt-Shehan at mblixtshehan@ala.org.

OrRS: "Let's Ask More Questions!: Virtual Reference as a Conversation"

The Oregon Reference Summit (OrRS) will host a free online session "Let's Ask More Questions!: Virtual Reference as a Conversation" on June 10 from 1-2 p.m. PT, as part of its series of bi-monthly programs. Register in advance!

Presenter Andrea Marshall (Oregon State University) will discuss ways for librarians to ask their communities crucial questions during various types of online chat reference interviews that foster collaboration and creative thinking.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Dixon or Lori Moore.

Niche Academy: "Fun For All: Game-Based Programming Across the Generations"

Join Niche Academy on June 15 at 11 a.m. PT for this 60-minute webinar, based on the new book *Librarian's Guide to Games and Gamers*.

Authors and librarians Michelle Goodridge and Matthew Rohweder will provide tips and tactics to establish a variety of game-based programming in libraries. Participants will leave having ideas for cross-generational and specific user group programming suggestions outside of the perceived core game user group. Register in advance.

Registrants will receive a recording of the webinar if they are not able to attend the live webinar.

Fast Forward Libraries: "Continuous Improvement Trumps Strategy: How to Become a Learning Organization"

Just having a strategic plan doesn't guarantee success! Many strategic plans are never ending "to do" lists that don't articulate progress or impact. Shift your library by developing a meaningful, aspirational plan supported by learning-focused implementation and management tools in this free webinar on June 21 at 10 a.m. PT. Register in advance.

Presenters Amanda Standerfer (Fast Forward Libraries) and Gerry Vogel (Avon Lake Public Library) will discuss how you can ground your library's plan in systems thinking and learning organization practices. Creating a living plan that's adaptive and responsive from the inside out will help your library and community learn and grow together!

Originally presented at the Public Library Association Conference, this webinar includes practical "how to" examples for your library. If you have any questions, please contact amanda@standerferconsulting.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.

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