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WLA WEDNESDAY

July 6, 2022



WLA is now a 501(c)(3)

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WLA gains 501(c)(3) nonprofit status

The Washington Library Association (WLA) has officially shifted from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. It is exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

[Charitable contributions](#) to WLA and the WLA Scholarship Fund are now tax deductible. As a public charity, WLA is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers, or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522.

WLA will be awarding its annual scholarships later this year, for which donations are still being accepted at wla.org/giving.

WLA Executive Director Brianna Hoffman shares that the initial idea to switch from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3) was planted in 2016. However, WLA's official journey to become a 501(c)(3) organization did not begin until 2018, when that year's board was presented with the benefits of 501(c)(3) status. WLA worked with Apex Law Group on the transition, first on a pro bono basis, and then in a retained capacity at the direction of the board.

“This is such a wonderful change for our organization and I’m looking forward to the opportunities that it will bring,” says Hoffman. “I’d like to recognize Jacob Ferrari and Judy Andrews of Apex Law Group for their help and guidance through this process. I also want to thank our current WLA Board — and WLA Boards of the past — who have worked so hard to make this happen.”

To learn more, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org.



Application open 6/10-7/10

2022-2023 WLA Scholarships

Visit wla.org/wla-scholarships
for more information.

Deadline to Apply for WLA Scholarships this Sunday

The application for 2022-2023 WLA Scholarships is open through July 10, at wla.org/wla-scholarships!

WLA scholarships are professional development and/or memorial scholarships for WLA members, created and funded by families and friends in memory of their loved ones to honor each person’s service to libraries.

This year's scholarships include:

- **[Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship](#)**: \$1000 - \$3000 to one or more WLA members who is enrolled in an ALA-accredited Masters degree program and has completed at least one semester or quarter.
- **[Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship](#)**: \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.
- **[John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship](#)**: \$1000 to a current WLA member of color toward a degree, certificate, or graduate level study

in the Library or Education fields.

- **Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library paraprofessional and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. *Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.*
- **Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship:** \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library employee and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop or educational event. *Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.*
- **WALE Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1000 to a WALE member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields. *Sponsored by WALE (Washington Library Employees, a section of WLA).*
- **WALE Library Paraprofessional Scholarship:** up to \$1000 to a current library paraprofessional and WALE member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. *Sponsored by WALE (Washington Library Employees, a section of WLA).*

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

Call for *Alki* Milestones!

The Milestones section focuses on significant moments for libraries statewide—recognizing notable new hires, transitions, retirements, as well as remembrances of those who have passed.

Alki is looking for submissions, of approximately 250 words, that highlight notable accomplishments in the careers of those profiled. Photographs are encouraged.

Please send your Milestones submissions for the *Alki* Summer 2022 Issue to Ray Zill, *Alki* editor, at alkieditor@wla.org by end of day today, **July 6**.

Call for Papers: *Alki* Winter 2022 Issue Indigenous Librarianship

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.

For far too long, American libraries have had problematic interactions with local tribes, reinforcing destructive colonial relationships or helping to perpetuate the mythology that Native peoples are “disappearing.” December’s issue of *Alki* will publish pieces that center indigenous voices in our community, consider our relationships with local tribes, and highlight the practice of indigenous librarianship. Indigenous librarianship prioritizes the interests, practices, needs, and support of Indigenous people and can be practiced by both indigenous and non-indigenous librarians.

Interested in submitting for this issue? Learn more at <https://www.wla.org/alki-home>. Ray Zill, the current *Alki* editor, is also available to discuss ideas and expectations. Reach out by contacting her at alkieditor@wla.org.



2023 WLA Election Timeline Begins in July 2022

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.

**PLD Little-Known Libraries & Resources Series:
WA Talking Book & Braille Library**

The WLA Public Library Division (PLD) is offering an informational session with Reilly Curran, outreach librarian for the [Washington Talking Book & Braille Library](#) (WTBBL) on July 19 from 9-10 a.m. via Zoom. Bookmark [the Zoom invite](#) for your calendar.

Come learn about what WTBBL does, their physical and digital collections, who qualifies for service, and how YOU, as library workers, can help connect people (and sign them up for services) in your community to this little-known gem in Washington State!

Reilly will give us an introduction to WTBBL, and there will be plenty of time for questions. We hope that you can join us! Please feel free to share this event with fellow library folks and organizations in your community who would benefit from this information.

Additionally: We would love this to kick off a series of monthly or bimonthly informational workshops about little-known libraries, collections, and resources available in Washington State; best-kept secrets that we don't want to keep secret!

Do you work for one of these places, or know of one? Who should we talk to? Email PLD Chair Jannah Minnix (jminnix@sno-isle.org) or PLD Vice Chair Georgia Reitmire (greitmire@yvl.org) to help us keep this series going!

Look Who's Hiring

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

Everett Public Library is seeking a [Circulation Assistant II](#).

Gonzaga University is seeking an [Interlibrary Loan Specialist](#).

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

Humanities WA is seeking a [Program Manager, Speakers Bureau & Live Events](#).

King County Library System is seeking two [Library Regional Managers](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking an [Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Brewster\)](#) and a [Facilities Project Coordinator](#).

Newberg Public Library (OR) is seeking a [Library Director](#).

Olympic College is seeking a [Library Tenure Track Faculty](#).

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

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

Pierce County Library System is seeking [Multiple Positions](#).

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

Seattle Public Library is seeking a [Director of Library Programs and Services](#) and a [Teen Services Librarian \(Rainier Beach\)](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Health Sciences Librarian](#) and a [Circulation/Resource Sharing Manager \(Law Library\)](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [District Manager](#) and a [Public Services Assistant I](#).

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

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

Timberland Regional Library is seeking two [Library Managers \(Aberdeen; North Mason\)](#).

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

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

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



NEW ORLEANS, LA
JANUARY 27-31, 2023

Call for Programs: ALA LibLearnX 2023

ALA LibLearnX will take place in New Orleans, LA, Jan. 27 -31, 2023! A call for Education Program Proposals for ALA LibLearnX 2023 begins Friday, July 8 and will last through Aug. 5.

Stay tuned or sign up for updates at <https://www.2023.alaliblearnx.org>.



Extended EB Rate for 2022 Library Tri-Conference

If you haven't registered yet for the [2022 Library Tri-Conference](#), you're in luck! The reduced early bird rate for registration has been extended to July 8!

The tri-conference will be held by [Pacific Northwest Library Association](#) (PNLA), [Montana Library Association](#) (MLA) and the [Mountain Plains Library Association](#) (MPLA) in Missoula, MT, Aug. 3-6. [Register now](#) before the Friday deadline!

Gather for exciting sessions presented by over 60 speakers from 15 U.S. States and Canada, along with a special Montana Book Awards author event featuring Abe Streep, Caroline Patterson, Mara Panich, and Michael Punke! View the [schedule](#) and [program descriptions](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to MLA Executive Director Kirk Vriesman at kirkv@mtlib.org.

Are you a library worker interested in zines? Join [ZineLibraries.info](#) July 7-8 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. PT for the [Zines & Libraries Conference](#)!

The virtual conference will bring together librarians, zine artists, and educators to learn about all things zines! Presenters will go over zine



history, cataloging, starting a collection, and tips on how to successfully integrate zines into libraries and instruction. [Register now!](#)

Captioning will be included. Please email questions about registration or accommodations to [Elizabeth Duell](#).



Attend the 9th Annual Virtual LILi Conference

The [2022 Lifelong Information Literacy \(LILi\) Conference](#) is coming up July 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. PT! [Register in advance](#).

The free event will feature engaging and interactive presentations related to this year's theme, "Teaching and Learning: Introducing New Topics, Pivoting Online, and Starting from Scratch." Attendees will explore approaches for creating, adapting, and re-imagining instruction and services in an ever-changing landscape.

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



**Urban Librarianship:
Embracing Challenges
and Opportunities**

Thursday, July 14, 2022
12 – 3 p.m. US-Pacific Time

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Summer Library 2.022 Mini Conference

The second Library 2.022 mini-conference: [Urban Librarianship: Embracing Challenges and Opportunities through Innovation, Leadership, and Best Practices](#), will be held online July 14 from 12-3 p.m. PT. [Register in advance](#).

Opening keynote panelists include [Michael Lambert](#), City Librarian for the City and County of San Francisco; [Chris Brown](#), Commissioner, Chicago Public Library; [Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada](#), 2022-2023 President of the American Library Association and Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association; [Dr. Rhea Lawson](#), Executive Director – Houston Public Library; and [Kelvin Watson](#), Executive Director – Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.

Closing keynote speakers include [Naomi Jelks](#), Racial Equity Manager for San Francisco Public Library and [Dr. Sheryl Davis](#), Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

This free event will be held live online and will also be recorded. [Register](#) to attend live and/or to receive the recording links afterward.

2022 Northwest ILL Conference Registration Open

The [21st Annual Northwest Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Conference](#) will once again be held virtually.

To help minimize Zoom fatigue of attendees and committee members, the conference will be spread out over two weeks on the following dates:

- Thursday, Sept 8.
- Friday, Sept 9. (workshop day)
- Wednesday, Sept 14.

- Friday, Sept 16.

[Register here!](#) This year's conference will take place on the Whova event app. If you have a Whova account, please register using the email address associated with it.

Registration is \$18 per person, and free for BIPOC attendees (use code: bipoc2022) and scholarship recipients. To be considered for a scholarship, please complete the [application form](#) by July 15.

This year's Keynote speaker is Bobbi Newman, a librarian, writer, consultant, library advocate, and international speaker. She is the author of the forthcoming book [Fostering Wellness in the Workplace: A Guide for Libraries](#) and of the award-winning blog [Librarian by Day](#).

Additionally, at no extra cost, join copyright advisor Kyle Courtney for a virtual Copyright First Responders series, starting Aug. 19. Purchase of the "NWILL and Copyright" ticket must be made by Aug. 12 to participate. The program and dates for the series can be previewed at <https://nwill.org>.

News & Notes

Digital Equity Forum Community Survey

The Washington State [Digital Equity Forum](#) is conducting a survey to better understand the challenges that Washingtonians are experiencing when using and connecting to the internet.

The survey has been prepared in 15 different languages as well as recorded in American Sign Language to reach as many Washingtonians as possible. Please click the link below to take the survey.

[Digital Equity Forum Community Survey](#)

Do you know any Washingtonians that may be facing challenges trying to use and connect to the internet? Please help spread the word and share this survey! The WA State Office of Equity and WA State Department of Commerce are committed to hearing from as many voices as possible.

Additionally, please spread the word and share the ongoing [online speed test](#) to library users, to track true broadband speeds across the state.

If you have any questions, please email digitalequity@commerce.wa.gov.

Senior Services Week

JULY 18-22



Senior Services Week is July 18-22!

Take part in the [Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services](#) (ABOS) 2022 Senior Services Outreach Week, July 18-22!

Your library can participate by submitting a photo of your staff performing outreach with our aging communities and bragging about your programs. [Submit your photos and information](#). The deadline for submissions is July 9 at 5 p.m. CT.

Senior Services Outreach Week will take over ABOS social media platforms the week of July 18-22. Follow along on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Suquamish Tribe Awarded Over \$1M for Broadband

The Suquamish Tribe has received a grant of \$1,093,384.80 to implement the use and adoption of community broadband as part of the [Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program](#), awarded by the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Program grants fund projects that promote high-speed internet use and adoption that enable communities to access and fully utilize resources that connect them to education, healthcare, employment, and more. Funds can also be used to conduct planning, engineering, feasibility, and sustainability projects and to expand digital inclusion, workforce, and digital skills development.

NTIA received more than 300 applications during the application window, which closed on Sept. 1, 2021. The Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program will announce additional awards on a rolling basis as they move through NTIA's review process.

Participate in ALA Survey on Library Programs, Partnerships

ALA's [Public Programs Office](#) (PPO) is partnering with [Knology](#), a nonprofit research organization, to develop impact indicators for library programming and explore library partnerships, as part of IMLS grant LG-250153-OLS-21.

As part of this research, all libraries are invited to participate in a short, 15-minute survey, accessible at https://research.knology.org/jfe/form/SV_23t3S9VfBARvjKu. Participants will be invited to provide contact information if they are interested in a follow-up interview or focus group discussion at the conclusion of the survey.

Please note that the survey will ask for information about library / library system, including service population size, staff size, operating budget, and open hours.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact [Joanna Laursen Brucker](#) at Knology.

The Learning Curve

WebJunction: Engaging Adults with Low Literacy Levels

Join Writing and Education Consultant Katherine Ware on July 7 from 12-1 p.m. PT for this WebJunction webinar, which will explore the characteristics of adults with low literacy levels and provide strategies for library staff to support reading literacy in adults. [Register here](#).

In the U.S., there are 43 million adults — nearly one in five — who read below a third-grade level, and over half of all adults read below a sixth-grade level ([National Action Plan for Adult Literacy](#), 2021). Low levels in literacy can impact many aspects of daily life including the ability to find and maintain employment, navigate health care needs, and complete government forms.

This webinar will explore the characteristics of adults with low literacy levels and how they differ from those of adults with learning disabilities, including how and why each of these groups approaches reading. Learn about the importance and value of developing literacy skills, as well as strategies for library staff on how to identify when someone may need literacy support, how to broach the subject with a patron, and ways to suggest materials and resources to reluctant adults who may be struggling with literacy.

A webinar recording will become available after the presentation. If you have any questions, please use the [WebJunction Contact Form](#).



NCCE: "LOC Teaching with Primary Sources: Crossroads of History Project"

The Northwest Council for Computer Education (NCCE) is offering a free virtual training, the [Crossroads of History Project](#), for Western region educators. The course is sponsored by the Library of Congress (LOC) and will provide instruction on using LOC primary sources to develop and implement informed, meaningful activity plans based on social justice and civil rights issues.

Participants who complete the course, which consists of six phases, will be eligible for university credit or Washington State clock hours.

2022 Cohort dates include:

- Cohort 1: June 27 – July 31 (*Registration Closed*)
- Cohort 2: July 25-Aug 29
- Cohort 3: Sept. 26-Oct. 31
- Cohort 4: Oct. 24-Nov. 30

Registration is open until the day the cohort begins. [Register now!](#)

For questions, please contact NCCE Director of Professional Learning Shannon Davenport at sdavenport@ncce.org.



WSL: Storytime Refresher Cohort

Applications for the Washington State Library Fall 2022 Storytime Refresher Cohort is officially open! [Apply now!](#)

This opportunity is intended for those who are new to providing early learning programs such as storytime, or are looking for a refresher due to the pause in early learning programming over the last few years.

The cohort will provide an opportunity to go through the [Supercharged Storytime course](#) with a professional learning community, discuss storytime challenges and successes, network with other early learning library professionals, and get back up-to-speed in best practices for storytime.

Applications will be open through the end of July. Welcome emails to accepted cohort members will be sent the first week of August. The cohort will run from mid-September through mid-December with a combination of synchronous meetings and asynchronous self-paced work.

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.



ConnectEd Professional & Community Learning

MEDIA LITERACY INSTITUTE

UW: 2022 Media Literacy Institute

The University of Washington has opened registration for 30 participants to join the 2022 Media Literacy Institute, which will occur Aug. 1-4 from 9:30-11 a.m. PT. The course fee is \$150 and includes 20 clock hours for Washington state educators. [Learn more and register.](#)

Through the course, participants will understand basic media literacy theory, get direct feedback and coaching from experienced practitioners, and learn to integrate media literacy into their lessons and curricula.

The course is a collaboration between the UW Center for Excellence in Media Literacy and the Center for Media Literacy.

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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