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Read the Summer Issue of *Alki*

The [July 2022 issue of *Alki*](#) is here! This month's issue is packed full of conference take-aways and reflections on new horizons by the WLA community. Let's get together again to share, reminisce, and explore new horizons.

Don't miss an exclusive report from the conference co-chair or the community conversations from dindria's social justice warriors. We've got simple tips for engaging your community, from The Curbside Pickle to poetry boards. Let's sit back and unpack the ongoing book challenges in our country and state. And, don't get us started on algorithmic bias in library products. There is too much good stuff to list here. You'll just have to read it yourself at wla.org/alki-home.

Curious what's on the horizon for *Alki*? Check out the [Call for Papers](#) for our December issue focused on indigenous librarianship.



2023 WLA Elections

Nominations Open

☐ *for future WLA leaders*

2023 WLA Election Nominations Are Open!

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. Self-nominations are welcome!

[2023 Nomination Form](#)

The nomination application will remain open through Friday, Sept. 16. For other important dates, check out the [elections timeline for 2023](#).

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



Save the Date for WLA's Accessibility Summit

Mark your calendars for the fall [WLA Accessibility in Libraries Summit](#) on Friday, Oct. 21, 2022!

This all-day virtual event will bring together library professionals from around Washington and the world to engage in topics on accessibility in libraries, from planning events to maintenance of electronic resources and more! Divisional unconferences at the end of the day will allow attendees to connect and reflect on what they've learned.

Stay tuned for updates on registration and a full schedule of events, which will be posted later this summer at wla.org/AccessSummit.

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

ALD/ACRL-WA Spring Newsletter Ready to Read

The ALD/ACRL-WA Spring 2022, No. 88 newsletter has arrived! Visit the [ALD/ACRL-WA Newsletter page](#) to find the latest issue.

The spring newsletter features notes from the ALD/ACRL-WA Unconference at WLA 2022, a drop-in session wrap-up on accreditation, the upcoming ACRL-OR Conference, as well as campus news from your peers!

Look Who's Hiring

Big Bend Community College is seeking a [Library Consortium Services Manager](#).

Centralia College is seeking an [Instruction & Systems Librarian](#).

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

Mid-Columbia Libraries is seeking a [Branch Manager I \(West Pasco\)](#).

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Finance Director](#) and [Branch Librarian MLIS/MLS \(Brewster\)](#).

Neill Public Library is seeking a [Library Division Manager - Adult Services](#).

North Olympic Library System is seeking an [IT Systems Administrator](#).

Pacific Lutheran University is seeking an [Assistant Professor/Archivist & Special Collections Librarian](#) and [Manager of Access and Building Services - Library](#).

Pierce County Library System is seeking a [Supervising Librarian \(Buckley\)](#) and a [Youth Services Librarian \(Parkland/Spanaway\)](#).

Port Townsend School District is seeking a [Library Media/STEM Specialist](#).

Puyallup School District is seeking a [High School Librarian](#) and a [Junior High Librarian](#).

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

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

St. Thomas School is seeking a [Library Instructional Assistant](#).

UW Bothell/Cascadia College Library is seeking a [Research & Instruction Librarian](#).

UW Center for an Informed Public is seeking an [Education & Engagement Manager](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#).

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



Celebrate Summer Reading with SLJ Teen Live!

Join School Library Journal for [SLJ Teen Live!](#), a free virtual event tomorrow, Aug. 4 from 6 a.m.-2 p.m. PT. [Register in advance!](#)

Participants will about the latest and most exciting forthcoming titles for teens and tweens. From rom-coms and mysteries to graphic novels and classic coming-of-age stories, our [daylong program](#) of author panels, in-depth conversations, and [keynote talks](#) will keep attendees inspired and entertained.

Participants will also have the opportunity to visit the virtual exhibit hall to meet with leading publishers, enjoy additional chats, and download digital galleys and other free resources.

Note that the event environment and the sessions have attendance capacity limits! If on the day of the event you find that you are unable to access the environment or join a session, please know that sessions will be available for on-demand viewing within 24 hours, and the entire event will be accessible for three months from the event date.

Call for Programs: ALA LibLearnX 2023

[ALA LibLearnX 2023](#) is heading to New Orleans, Jan. 27-31, and is seeking Education Program Proposals! The deadline to submit a program is approaching this **Friday, Aug. 5**.

Formats for proposals range from 15 minutes to two hours in length, and should be geared toward higher-level education conversation, hands-on interaction, and trend-scanning information. Program decisions will be announced Sept. 30.

Learn more about submitting a program proposal, including requirements and guidelines, at www.2023.alaliblearnx.org/call-education-program-proposals.

PNCMLA 2022 Conference is Virtual Again!

Save the dates of Oct. 20 from 12- 4 p.m. PDT and Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. PDT for the 2022 [Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association](#) (PNCMLA) Virtual Conference!

PNCMLA is calling for these types of presentations on topics of interest to health sciences librarians in any setting:

- Research, quality improvement, program development or evaluation presentations (15 minutes)
- Lightning talks (5 minutes)
- Posters (3-5 minutes, 1 poster slide)

The deadline to submit proposals is Aug. 31. [Submit your proposal today!](#)



WA Books, Authors for National Festival

[Washington Center for the Book](#) has selected one youth book and one adult book by Washington authors to represent the state at the [2022 National Book Festival](#): [The Last Cuentista](#) by [Donna Barba Higuera](#) and [Red Paint: The Ancestral Autobiography of a Coast Salish Punk](#) by [Sasha taq'wseblu LaPointe](#).

Both titles will be part of National Center for the Book's [Great Reads from Great Places](#) program. The program features books and authors representing the literary heritage of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Northern Marianas. For over 20 years the program has included a highlighted youth title from each affiliate center. In 2022, titles for adults are included for the first time.

Microsoft Releases Digital Equity Dashboard

Join the [Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition](#) (SHLB) and members of Microsoft for a demo of their new Digital Equity Dashboard! The demo will be held virtually Aug. 10 at 10:30 am PT. As an organizational member of SHLB, WLA members are welcome to attend. Log in to the [Meeting & Events calendar](#) for Zoom access.

Microsoft released its [new interactive tool](#), created by its AI for Good Lab, to help identify places in the United States with significant digital equity gaps. The dashboard goes census tract by census tract, examining 20 different indicators of digital equity — such as broadband access, usage, education, and poverty rates, aggregating public data from the Census Bureau, FCC, BroadbandNow and Microsoft's own broadband usage data. This data, taken together, provides an aggregated "score" of digital inequity in the community.



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Welcoming Libraries Grant Application Open

Applications are open for public and tribal libraries to apply for a grant from the Washington State Library to receive a [Welcoming Library!](#)

Find information about Welcoming Libraries and the grant on the [grant's LibGuide](#). Applications are open through Friday, Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. [Apply now!](#)

Recipients will receive a curated and personalized collection of picture books with accompanying discussion questions about immigration that can be used as a pop-up display in the library, lent to community groups, organizations, schools, and childcare centers, or brought to outreach events. The collection also includes a transportable pop-up display unit, consultation with the founders of I'm Your Neighbor books, storage crates, and more!

If you have any questions, please email sara.white@sos.wa.gov.

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Request for Proposals WA State Broadband Office: Digital Navigator Grant Program

The Washington State Department of Commerce is seeking proposals from firms interested in providing Digital Navigator services to their communities. [View the RFP.](#)

Digital Navigator services, devices, and subscriptions must involve one-on-one culturally literate assistance for people with limited access to services, including individuals seeking work, families supporting students, English language learners, people experiencing poverty, Tribal members, senior citizens, and Medicaid recipients.

The [WA State Broadband Office](#) anticipates awarding grants ranging between \$200,000 and \$500,000 per proposal.

Proposals are due by 5 p.m. PT on Aug. 18. Please contact [Devin Gombosky](#) if you have any questions.



**Funding Opportunity:
NNLM *All of Us* Program Center Community Awards**

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine](#) (NNLM) *All of Us* Program Center (NAPC) is excited to announce its Community Award grants for libraries and community organizations!

The Community Awards provide funding for NNLM members to design and implement programming to increase community skills in health literacy, digital literacy and/or public understanding of clinical research, build community partnerships, and promote *All of Us* and NNLM resources.

Application materials, in-depth application instructions, and other resources can be found at <https://bit.ly/NAPCAwards>. Up to five awards will be available, and the maximum award amount is \$30,000. The application deadline is Aug. 26.

Questions about the award can be sent to LIB-NAPCengage@uiowa.edu.

The Learning Curve

ACRL: "Project Outcome 101"

Are you interested in measuring learning outcomes to drive change, make data-informed decisions, and demonstrate the impact of programs and services at your library?

Join the [Association of College & Research Libraries](#) (ACRL) on Aug. 10 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. PT for this webinar that will introduce you to everything the [Project Outcome toolkit](#) has to offer. [Register in advance](#).

Learn how to measure meaningful learning outcomes at your library and how Project Outcome can help at every step in the process, from administering surveys to presenting the results.

ALA Core seeking Webinar and Classroom Proposals

The American Library Association's [Core](#) Division is seeking proposals for webinar and classroom presentations.

[Classroom proposals](#) are meant for hands-on virtual workshops that consist of two to four live, synchronous sessions with assignments and group discussion. [Webinars or webinar series proposals](#) should cover a single presentation or a series of presentations held over several weeks.

Presentations should be of interest to a wide range of library professionals in many different areas, including Access and Equity, Assessment, Leadership and Management, Metadata and Collections, Buildings and Operations, and Technology. We are especially seeking ideas for hands-on technology classroom presentations and library building security.

Presenters are offered a \$150 honorarium. Presentations are usually limited to a maximum of 3 presenters. Core seeks and encourages submissions from underrepresented groups such as women, people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, and people with disabilities.

To learn more about presenting for Core, contact the Core Continuing Education office at corece@ala.org.

New NNLM Consumer Health Class Series

The [Network of the National Library of Medicine](#) (NNLM) has created a series of consumer health classes for anyone interested in consumer health information and outreach. [Consumer Health Information Specialization](#) (CHIS) On Demand is comprised of five separate classes which cover the critical, need-to-know content related to the five Level 1 CHIS competencies:

1. Know the Community
2. Know the Health Consumer
3. Knowledge of Subject Matter and Resources
4. Evaluation of Health Information
5. Communication, Reference, and Instruction

[Register here!](#) The series of classes can be completed in any order, and one or all can be taken. Each class is designed to take one hour to complete and will

help participants increase their knowledge and confidence in providing health information to their communities.

NNLM will also help those interested in obtaining CHIS by [covering the application fee](#) for level 1 or level 2. This includes those renewing their CHIS.

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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