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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

August 10, 2022



2023 WLA Elections

Nominations Open

☐ *for future WLA leaders*

Attend an Open House for WLA 2023 Elections!

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

Consider running for a Board, Division, or Section leadership position in 2023. You can learn more from current WLA leaders about getting involved by attending an upcoming virtual open house.

Register to attend on one of the following dates:

- **Monday, Aug. 29** | 4-5 p.m. | [Register here](#)
- **Wednesday, Sept. 7** | 12:30-1:30 p.m. | [Register here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Visit <https://www.wla.org/elections> to find available positions, this year's election timeline, and the nomination form, which is also available below.

The nomination application will remain open through Friday, Sept. 16. If you have any questions, please contact info@wla.org.



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.



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.

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](#).

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

Puyallup School District is seeking 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](#).

Tacoma Public Schools is seeking an [Elementary Teacher Librarian](#).

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](#).

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

Accepting Proposals for the PNC-MLA Fall Conference

Save the dates for the 2022 [Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association](#) (PNC-MLA) Virtual Conference, which is free to attend.

- Oct. 20 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. PDT
- Oct. 21 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. PDT

PNC-MLA is calling for presentations on topics of interest to health science 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!](#)



ALA Annual 2023: Call for Proposals

ALA looks forward to offering cutting-edge trends, resources, and creative solutions at the [2023 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition](#), June 22-27 in Chicago!

If you have developed successful best practices or strategies that you'd like to share with colleagues and peers at ALA Annual, you are invited to submit an [education program proposal](#). The proposal deadline is Sept. 16.

If you have questions regarding #ALAAC23, please visit the conference's [Contact Us](#) page.

News & Notes



Celebrate Educators and Librarians with STYLE!

The [Bushwick Book Club](#) Seattle's education program [STYLE](#) is hosting a summer party at [Birdsong](#) on Aug. 15 from 6-9 p.m. to celebrate educators and librarians, and to share their mission and programs!

Bushwick will provide cold beverages, nibbles, and live music, while you mingle with other librarians, teachers, and STYLE teaching artists.

If you would like an invite to the party, please [use this link](#) and share it with any educator and librarian friends!



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 taq̓wseblu 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 today, Aug. 10 from 10:30-11:30 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.

Grants



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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.

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.

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

**Mackin's *Lifting Voices*: "A Sign of the Times:
Agency & Voice in Middle Grade Literature"**

Join New York Times bestselling authors [Jewell Parker Rhodes](#) ([Ghost Boys](#); [Paradise on Fire](#)) and [John Cho](#) ([Troublemaker](#)) in conversation with educator [Sarah Park Dahlen](#) on middle grade literature in this free webinar, Aug. 16 at noon PT. [Register here!](#)

Attendees will hear discussion on writing exciting, emotionally rich fiction that features young people navigating the challenges of their families and neighborhoods, while exploring some of America's most urgent social movements.

A certificate of attendance will be issued to those who attend the webinar. A recording will be posted afterward to [Mackin's website](#) for those who cannot participate in the live session.

ACRL Choice: "From the Great Resignation to the Great Reset: Libraries Preparing Academics for What's Next in the Job Market"

This free [ACRL Choice](#) webinar on Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. PT will feature discussion on preparing the next generation of workers for the job market and supporting students and faculty during transformational times. Attendees of the webinar will also learn more about [O'Reilly for Higher Education](#) as a tool for helping students expand their skill sets and prepare for technical certifications. [Register here](#).

Speakers include Hans Baierl (Moraine Park Technical College), Adrian Graham (Austin Community College), and David Rachlin (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University). The webinar is sponsored by [ProQuest, Part of Clarivate](#).

All Choice webinars offer Zoom's auto-generated AI captioning. If you have any questions, please contact scofer@ala-choice.org.

Fast Forward Libraries: "Strategic Sprints: Results Focused Planning in Bite-Sized Chunks"

Does strategic planning sound like a daunting task that your library can't ever seem to fit in? Then this free webinar at 10 a.m. PT on Aug. 31 is for you! [Register here](#).

Join Amanda Standerfer with [Fast Forward Libraries](#) to learn how your library can be strategic in smaller, more manageable ways by using a strategic sprints framework. Similar to scenario planning, strategic sprints can be a powerful situational tool to help your library work towards goals in meaningful ways.

This webinar will be recorded, so please register even if you can't attend live. You will receive a link to the recording the day after the webinar.

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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