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WELCOME TO
WLA WEDNESDAY

October 12, 2022



2023 WLA Elections
Voting Open!

Voting for the [2023 WLA Elections](#) is now open! As a current WLA member, please take a few minutes to vote for our 2023 Board, Division, and Section leadership!

Voting will be open through Oct. 26.

- **Step 1:** [Read through](#) the candidate statements.
- **Step 2:** [Vote](#) using our online ballot. To access the voting form, you will need to log in to your WLA account.

All current WLA members may vote for WLA Board positions. Ballots for WLA Divisions and Sections are restricted to current members of those groups.

If you'd like to vote for particular candidates in a Division or Section you don't currently belong to, please complete the [Add a Division or Section Form](#). Additional Division memberships are \$10 each. All Sections are FREE to join.

Winners will be announced November 2 in WLA Wednesday! New leadership terms will begin January 1, 2023.



WLA2023 Request for Proposals

WLA is accepting proposals for the [2023 WLA Conference](#), March 30-April 1, 2023 in Wenatchee, WA. On behalf of the conference committee, we invite you to submit a program proposal!

The 2023 conference theme is *All In, Reach Out*. Programs relevant to **all kinds of libraries** are sought! Program session lengths available include:

- Preconference workshops: 3, 4, or 7 hours
- Conference sessions: 45 or 75 minutes
- "WLA After Dark" sessions: 45 minutes
- Lightning Talk sessions: 10 minutes

As you ready your proposal, we recommend collecting the following information in advance:

- Presenter Information (including the name, phone, email, job title, organization, and address of ALL presenters)
- Program Format
- Program Title and Description (approximately 100 words in length)
- Intended Outcomes of Program
- *See a preview of all questions at <https://tinyurl.com/WLA-RFP-2023>*

Proposals are due no later than Wednesday, Oct. 26. Applicants will be notified of their proposal status by Nov. 9.

Ready to submit your proposal? [Access the application form](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to the WLA Office at info@wla.org.



[Registration](#) is open for the [2022 WLA Accessibility in Libraries Summit!](#)

This all-day virtual event on Friday, Oct. 21 will bring together library professionals to engage in topics surrounding accessibility. Divisional round tables will take place at the end of the day so that attendees can connect and reflect on what they've learned.

The Summit will have a single interdisciplinary track. View [program descriptions](#). Attendees can look forward to a schedule that will include:

- Opening Keynote: "Library Accessibility: What I Didn't Learn in Library School" (*Renee Grassi, Dakota County Library*)
- Accessible E-Resources (*Ray Zill, Evergreen State College*)
- See, Feel, Hear: Multisensory Youth Programming (*Erin Groth, Washington Talking Book & Braille Library*)
- Accessibility Courses & Accessibility Applied at CWU (*Dr. Naomi Jeffery Petersen and Elizabeth Brown, Central Washington University*)
- Keeping Board Game Collections & Events Inclusive (*John Pappas, Lower Merion Library System*)

Cost to attend the Summit is \$20 for WLA students, \$35 for WLA members, and \$55 for non-members. [Organizational rates are also available!](#) Those who cannot attend the sessions live will receive recordings after the event.

New! WLA is pleased to share that the Washington State Library is offering Professional Development grants for the Accessibility in Libraries Summit! This grant can be used for organizational and individual registration through a reimbursement process.

Applications are due prior to **Friday, October 14, 2022**. Please contact Tami Masenhimer at the Washington State Library if you have questions or need assistance completing the application.

WSL PD Grants Application

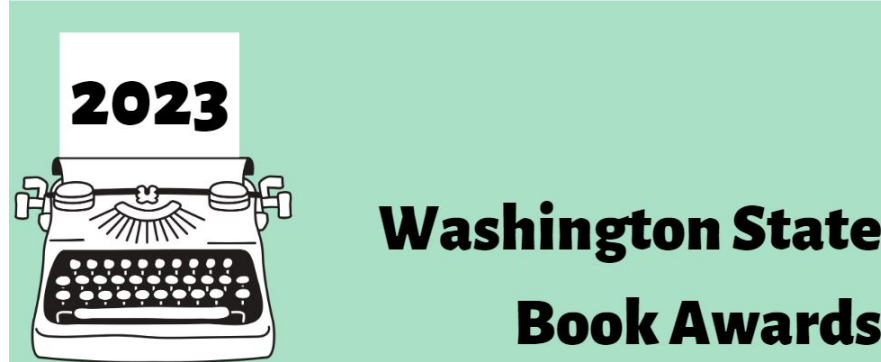


#K12Librarians4AllWA Campaign Launched!

The [WLA Advocacy Committee](#) and [School Library Division](#) have been hard at work laying the groundwork for a 2023 campaign aimed to get all Washington K-12 students access to qualified Teacher-Librarians. **#K12Librarians4AllWA** is the official hashtag for this WLA-supported campaign. So far, WLA members have created a [website](#) to inform Washington residents about the campaign and how they can help, crafted a letter of support for WLA to send state legislators, and even designed a campaign logo.

We need the support of ALL WLA members to make this campaign a success. Check out the [website](#) to learn more about the current state of school libraries in Washington and why this campaign is important. Share our [graphics](#) on social media (with #K12Librarians4AllWA), and let your friends and families know about this essential campaign. Most important, **write to your state legislators** with your reasons for supporting strong school libraries. **Invite your state legislators, district administrators, and school board members into your school library.** You find out how to contact your legislators on the campaign website along with a [sample letter](#) and [talking points](#).

Today's students encounter more information, and more disinformation, than ever before. Strong school library programs help fight disinformation, increase student achievement, prepare students for college, career, and community, and help close the achievement gap for students experiencing poverty. Current Washington law has a loophole which allows individual school districts to take funds provided for Teacher-Librarians and use them for other things. **Help us close this gap and ensure that Washington's K-12 students have access to the strong school library programs they need.**



2023 Washington State Book Awards Call for Judges

The Washington Center for the Book (administered by Washington State Library) and The Seattle Public Library are seeking judges for the 2023 Washington State Book Awards.

We are looking for librarians, booksellers, and past WSBA finalists and winners to judge our adult and youth categories.

Applications are due by November 1.

For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

***Alki* Call for Papers: 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.

The deadline to submit for this issue of *Alki* is Oct. 15.

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. Submissions could include the following:

- Art, opinion pieces, or articles written by indigenous members of our community
- Visual tours or spotlights on tribal libraries, museums, archives, or research centers

- Pieces highlighting programming and/or partnerships between libraries and local tribes, tribal members that center tribes, or tribal revitalization efforts
- Theoretical pieces on how libraries could support tribal sovereignty efforts
- Reports on how libraries have worked with local tribes to feature authentic
- Native arts in their physical or virtual spaces
- Articles or research on integrating indigenous language, knowledge, and information sharing in your library
- Research on critical concepts that non-Indigenous peoples need to know

Submission guidelines can be viewed at <https://www.wla.org/alki-instructions>. If you have any questions or want to discuss ideas and expectations, please email *Alki* Editor Ray Zill at alkieditor@wla.org.



October CAYAS Storytime Share

Join us on Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. to celebrate all things youth services through resource sharing, networking, and troubleshooting to further library programming for children!

[Log in](#) to the WLA Meeting & Events calendar to access the registration link!

The October theme is: Let's talk about music in storytime! Do you have a favorite welcome song? The perfect song to get the wiggles out? A scarf song that all of your storytime attendees love? What about a recorded song that you use every single storytime? Come share your favorites and get some new ideas from your colleagues!

Save the date for the last CAYAS Storytime Share of the year: Dec. 30 at 2 p.m.

National Friends of Libraries Week is October 16-22!

Join WLFFTA and Friends of the Library to celebrate National Friends of the Libraries week with examples of Friends' group activities across the state on October 19th, 12 p.m.

[Log in](#) to the WLA events calendar to access the Zoom meeting link.

Now is the time to set your plans to recognize the hard work of your community Friends of the Library Group.

Want some ideas on how to do this? United for Libraries has some great suggestions including:

- Plan a membership drive
- Send out a press release with the great activities your Friends group has planned
- Share a photo of your Friends group on social media and library displays
- Create a proclamation establishing a Friends group for a library that needs some love and support from the community
- Submit a nomination by December 2nd for a great Friends group in your community to win \$250 for their stellar activities at your library!

As part of the National celebration, the American Library Association is sharing a free webinar about the interesting and scalable fundraisers planned by Friends groups from across the country. Register [here](#).

Look Who's Hiring

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

Central Washington University is seeking a [Access Services Student Supervisor](#) and [Archives & Special Collections Technician](#).

Chastek Library at Gonzaga University School of Law is seeking a [Research and Instruction Librarian](#) and a [User Services Associate](#).

Clark College is seeking a [Full-Time Temporary Librarian](#), an [OER Fellow](#), and a [Tenure-Track Technical Services & Systems Librarian](#).

Evergreen State College is seeking a [Library and Archives Paraprofessional 3](#)

King County Library System is seeking multiple [Library Regional Managers](#) and a [Network and Systems Engineer](#).

Kent School District is seeking a [Teacher Librarian / Technology Integration Specialist](#).

Kitsap Regional Library is seeking a [Branch Manager \(Silverdale\)](#).

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

Primary Source Seattle is seeking a [Full Time Administrative Assistant](#).

Seattle University is seeking a [Scholarly Communications Officer](#) and a [Business & Economics Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Library Associate](#) and a [Public Services Assistant I](#)

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

South Seattle College is seeking a [Dean of Instructional Support Services \(Library, Tutoring, and Teaching and Learning Center\)](#).

UW Records Management is seeking a [Compliance Analyst](#).

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

Washington Talking Book & Braille Library is seeking a [Library & Archival Paraprofessional 2](#).

Yakima Valley Libraries is seeking a [Librarian II – Youth Services](#).

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



Register for the 2022 Public Library eBook Conference

[Registration](#) for the 2022 Public Library eBook Conference is open, with a preliminary program schedule [now available!](#) Scheduled for Nov. 3-4 at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma, the Public Library eBook Conference will explore issues of interest and concern around the topic of eBook and eAudiobook collections in public libraries.

Eligible travel expenses will be reimbursed by the Washington State Library. More details and instructions can be found on the [registration form](#). Hotel conference rates are guaranteed through Oct. 12. **The final registration deadline is Oct. 24.**

For additional information, or if you have any questions or comments about this event, please contact Will Stuiivenga at will.stuivenga@sos.wa.gov.

The conference is sponsored by Washington State Library (WSL) and underwritten with federal LSTA (Library Services & Technology Act) funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

ChLA Conference Call for Papers

The 50th [Children's Literature Association](#) (ChLA) Conference, hosted by the University of Washington iSchool, will be held June 15-17, 2023 in Bellevue, WA.

ChLA is currently [accepting](#) main conference proposals **through Nov. 11**. Presenters can also submit on topics from various ChLA Committees, including:

- Diversity Committee - Climate In Crisis: Diverse Children's Literature and the Anthropocene (*deadline: Oct. 31*)
- Accessibility - Disability & Intersectionality Roundtable (*deadline: Nov. 11*)
- Phoenix Award Roundtable (*deadline: Oct. 21*)

[Visit here](#) for proposal guidelines and the application. If you have any questions, please contact ChLA at info@childlitassn.org or (630) 571-4520.

2023 OLA Call for Proposals

The Oregon Library Association (OLA) 2023 Conference will be held virtually and in-person in Bend, Ore., April 19-22. OLA'S Conference Committee is now seeking program proposals! The theme is *Rekindle | Rejuvenate | Reimagine*.

Please use [this form](#) to pitch a program you or a group of colleagues would like to bring to the 2023 conference. The committee is looking for programs that will engage attendees in acknowledging challenges, bring comfort, and spark ideas. These can be presentations, panels, facilitated discussions, group activities, and more.

Presentations can include half-day or full-day pre-conferences on Wednesday, April 19 or 75-minute presentations for Thursday, April 20 through Saturday, April 22.

Proposals will be accepted through Oct. 15. If you have questions, please email Program Chair Sonja Somerville at ssomerville@cityofsalem.net.

News & Notes

Improving Air Quality in Overburdened Communities

The WA State Department of Ecology is conducting engagement on improving air quality in overburdened communities through Washington's newly adopted Climate Commitment Act.

Your input is important to help make sure the process used to identify overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution reflects the air quality concerns of your community and all communities across Washington. Ecology would like your feedback on:

- Draft indicators to identify overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution
- Draft factors for creating community boundaries
- Data sources

Find more information [at this link](#) which has ways to engage, including registering for the virtual sessions, providing feedback, and contact information.



UW 2022 Spencer G. Shaw Lecture features Joseph Bruchac

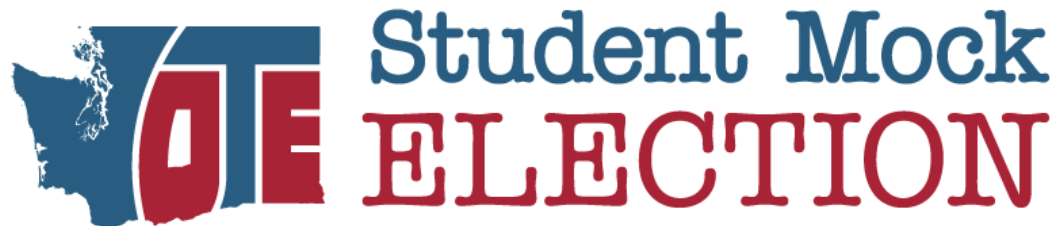
Join the University of Washington online on Oct. 20 from 12-1:30 p.m. for the 2022 Spencer G. Shaw Endowed Lecture, featuring [Joseph Bruchac](#), award-winning writer, musician, and traditional storyteller. [Register here!](#)

An enrolled member of the Nulhegan Abenaki Nation and a member of the Nulhegan Abenaki Elders Council, Bruchac is the author of over 170 books in many genres.

His book *Keepers of the Earth* (co-written with Michael Caduto) uses traditional American Indian stories to teach science and has sold over a million copies. In 2021 his novel *Code Talker* was chosen by Time magazine as one of the 100 best YA books of all time, and his novel in verse *Rez Dogs* was listed as one of the best books of 2021 by NPR. His newest book, *A Peacemaker for Warring Nations*, illustrated by Mohawk artist David Kanietakeron Fadden, tells the timely story of the founding of the Great League of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois).

Please contact Dr. Michelle H. Martin, Beverly Cleary Professor for Children and Youth Services, at mhmarti@uw.edu if you have any questions about the event.

The Spencer G. Shaw Endowed Lecture Series spotlights award-winning authors and illustrators and honors beloved African American UW iSchool Professor Emeritus Spencer Shaw, internationally known for his work as a librarian, storyteller, and teacher.



Student Mock Election Programming Resources Now Available

The [Student Mock Election](#) is a non-partisan event organized by the [WA Secretary of State](#) that teaches students about the elections process and becoming an informed voter. Students vote on real ballot measures and real candidates, just like they can when they turn 18.

Voting is free to all Washington State public, private, tribal, and homeschool students in grades K-12. No pre-registration is necessary.

Visit the Mock Election site to [order](#) free "I Voted" stickers, [download](#) the Mock Election Toolkit, and find a civics lesson in the new [Teaching Elections in Washington](#) curriculum book.

If you have any questions, please contact MoonSub Vendetta, Voter Outreach and Education Specialist, at moonsub.vendetta@sos.wa.gov.

The Learning Curve

Passionate Readers: Reaching and Engaging Every Student

The King County Library System Literacy and Readers Programming Team is kicking off the school year with a practical and inspiring event with Pernille Ripp, founder of The Global Read Aloud, literacy coach and classroom teacher. This free workshop was designed to inspire, encourage, and support parents and teachers who work with kids and teens.

We would like to invite interested youth services librarians from across Washington to join us on **Saturday, October 15, 2022 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Those who register will get limited access to a recording.

Help kids and teens find joy and deeper engagement with reading! Re-discover keys to creating a community of readers and bolstering reading identity. Leave this practical and inspiring session with ideas to try right away.

[Register here.](#)

Library of Things: The What, Why, and How of Lending Objects

Thinking of starting a Library of Things for your community? From tools to toys, cameras to kitchen appliances, fishing gear to musical instruments, and from blood pressure monitors to robots – you can do it!

The presenters will share information about launching these collections for small libraries and large suburban children’s collections alike. They will highlight their experiences selecting, budgeting, cataloging, displaying, sustaining, and marketing their Library of Things. They will also share what has and hasn’t worked, and you’ll leave with strategies for making the right decisions for your community.

Join the speakers on October 19th, 2022 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. PST for this free webinar, brought to you by WebJunction. [Register here.](#)

ACRL Webcast: "Universal Design for Learning: Principles and Techniques for Library Instruction"

Universal design (UD; also Universal design for learning, UDL) is an approach to teaching that prescribes flexibility and support for many different types of learners.

Join ACRL on November 10th, 2022 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00p.m. PST to learn how designing instruction based on UD principles not only helps accommodate learners with disabilities but supports students of all types. Learn basic UD concepts and examine simple ways to apply them to improve your library instruction.

[Register here.](#) Pricing is \$50 for ALA-ACRL Division members, \$71 for ALA members, and \$79 for non-members. ACRL members can purchase group seats at the ACRL discount rate.

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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