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WLA WEDNESDAY

August 9, 2023

WLA Special Libraries Division Seeks Committee Members

Are you looking for leadership experience? Hoping to meet new people in the special library field? Passionate about advocacy for libraries and library professionals? The WLA Special Libraries Division (SpLD) is presently seeking members for the following positions on its leadership team: [Vice Chair/Chair-Elect](#) and [Secretary/Communications](#).

Contact SpLD Chair Julie Thompson and the WLA Office at info@wla.org for information on how you can make a difference!



Registration Open for Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit!

The [2023 WLA Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit](#) will be held online on Friday, Sept. 8. All registration types are now open.

Note: The Washington State Library and the State Library of Oregon have both purchased state-wide access, which means **[all library employees in](#)**

Washington and Oregon can access the summit for free!

Thank you to the Washington and Oregon State Libraries for providing all library employees in your state with access to the summit!

Employees in Washington: request your discount code and registration instruction by [submitting this form](#).

Employees in Oregon: please stay tuned for communication and instructions for registration from the State Library of Oregon.

The virtual Neurodivergence & Libraries Summit will offer day-long programming around neurodivergence: a broad overview of what neurodivergence is, how to improve library services for your neurodivergent patrons, current research around the experiences of neurodivergent library workers, conversations around special autism libraries, and more.

Whether you are new to the field or deeply versed, we are hoping that a gentle program that offers breaks, time for questions, and different presentation styles will equip you to feel more confident and to serve as an advocate for your neurodivergent patrons and staff. All sessions will be recorded and made available to all registrants.

[Neurodivergence Summit Registration](#)

For questions, please email info@wla.org or call/text (206) 823-1138.



Save the Date for the ACRL-WA & OR Joint Conference

ACRL-WA & OR will be holding their joint Fall conference **in-person** and **online Friday, Oct. 27 from 8 am - 5 pm** at Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA. Early Bird and virtual registration will open Sept. 6. [Registration rates are now available](#).

The conference theme is **The Work of Libraries**. People, and their labor, are the core of academic libraries. This work can be exciting, monotonous, high stakes, invisible, precarious, invigorating, and exhausting. Like other forms of labor,

work in academic libraries has changed dramatically since the advent of the pandemic, and continues to change.

Stay tuned for conference program schedule to be announced soon. Learn more about the [conference here](#). For questions, please email info@wla.org.

Public Library Division Quarterly Meeting

Have you ever wondered about getting involved with the Public Library Division or want to connect with other public library workers from around Washington? Join us for our next meet up **August 11th from 7 – 8 PM**. We will answer questions, share ideas and possibly have some lively discussion. We look forward to seeing you!

Quarterly Meeting #3 – Friday, August 11th at 7pm – **“Why WLA? Joining WLA (and getting your employer on board!)”** Access the meeting by logging into your account on the [WLA Members Calender](#).

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WLA All Day



***Alki* "WLA All Day" Edition Available Now!**

The [*Alki*](#) Summer issue is usually dedicated to the annual WLA conference to give those who weren't able to attend a peek at the event. This year, however, *Alki's* editorial committee decided to expand the theme to encompass all of WLA goings-on, official or otherwise.

Experience some of the talks featured at the conference in Wenatchee, such as a deeply punny and soil-enriching how-to guide for building a seed library, and an inspiring tale of introducing virtual reality to patrons. Then, get an insider look into the unofficial meetings within the conference through Ekaterini Papadopoulou and Lizzie Brown's description of the Academic Librarians' Unconference, and Sandy Littletree and Cindy Aden's retelling of their gathering of tribal librarians. This issue also features witty commentary on the conference experience written by our new "A Day in the Fray" columnist, Neil McKay, Steve Bailey's Annual ALA Update, and a heart-warming letter to the WLA community from one of its newest members.

[Read the July Edition of *Alki* Here!](#)



***Alki* wants to hear from YOU!**

Call for Papers: *Libraries, Disrupted*

Alki's Winter issue submission window is now open! You voted and we listened! *Alki* thanks everyone who offered ideas and voted in our surveys for the December theme.

Consider the following ideas while you work on your articles:

- Politics pit *us* against *them*. How do you and your library handle the negativity? What do you do to combat anti-library rhetoric? Tell us about your community.
- Change is inevitable and—good or bad—it disrupts the routine. What disruptions do you encounter in your library?

Creative pieces, art, and photos are always encouraged.

Sign up for your spot today by emailing your name, a working title of your proposed piece, your bio, and a headshot to alkieditor@wla.org.

Do you have an article ready? Email your submissions as a .doc, .docx, or Google Doc to alkieditor@wla.org **before Tuesday, Oct. 17**. Be sure to include each of the following in your submission:

- Article title
- Author name(s) and affiliation(s)
- Short bio written in third-person, and headshot of author(s)
- Any citations are in Chicago Manual of Style
- Images in .jpg or .png format with both captions *and* alt-text
- Chosen quotes or short selections of your article that you would like highlighted as pull-quotes

Look Who's Hiring

For inspiration, [check out past issues of A/ki.](#)

Burlington Public Library is hiring a [Bilingual Children's Services Associate](#).

Central Skagit Library is seeking a [Marketing Specialist](#).

FVR Libraries is seeking a [Senior Public Services Librarian, Youth Services](#) and an [Engagement Manager](#) for Vancouver Community Library.

Gonzaga University is seeking a [User Services Specialist](#).

Highline College is seeking [Part Time Faculty - Library & Information Services](#).

Joint Base Lewis-McChord MWR Library System is seeking a [Supervisory Librarian NF-04](#).

Kent School District is seeking a [Teacher, Librarian / Technology Integration Specialist - TL2304](#).

King County Library System is seeking [Librarian & Information Services Managers](#).

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

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Supervising Librarian I w/ MLIS \(Omak\)](#) and [Branch Librarians](#).

Primary Source is seeking an [Administrative Assistant](#).

San Juan Island Library is seeking [Library Substitutes](#).

Seattle Central College is seeing a [Library Associate \(LAPP2\)](#).

Seattle Public Library is seeking an [Adult Services Librarian \(Business, Science & Technology\)](#), and an [Adult Services Librarian \(Humanities\)](#).

Seattle University is seeking an [Operations Specialist, Learning Commons Partners](#) and a [Manager, Student Success Hub Program](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Cataloging Coordinator](#), a [PT Library Associate, Darrington](#), and a [PT Library Associate \(Arlington\)](#).

Spokane County Library District is seeking a [Facilities Specialist](#).

Tacoma Public Library is hiring a [Neighborhood Services Manager](#).

Walla Walla County Rural Library District is seeking a [Library Assistant and Districtwide Substitute](#).

Washington State Library is seeking a [Branch Librarian](#) and a [Library Associate \(Prison Libraries\)](#).

Washington State University is seeking a [Tenure-track Medical Librarian](#).

Whitworth University Library is seeking an [Assistant Professor of Library \(Education, STEM, Health Sciences and Instruction\)](#).

Salem Public Library (OR) is seeking an [Access and Acquisitions Library Supervisor](#).

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

RFP Open for School Library In-Service Training Day

The School Library In-Service Training Day is a full day, Clock Hours eligible, virtual training opportunity for individuals in Washington who work in school libraries, put on by the Washington State Library. This year's event will be held on Zoom on Friday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

[Proposals are open](#) for school library professionals to apply to present a session at this training day. If you'd like to see last year's schedule of presenters, you can find it [here](#).

All sessions will be 45 minutes long, including Q&A. The School Library In-Service Training Day committee is looking to create a slate of practical sessions on diverse topics for elementary, middle, and high school presented by Washington school library practitioners.

More information:

- Presenters must be available to present their session live on Zoom on Friday, Oct. 13.
- All sessions will be recorded and available for viewing to registered attendees after the live event.
- Session proposals are due by **Sunday, Aug. 19 at 11:59 pm**
- Applicants will be notified no later than **Friday, Sept. 1 at 5:00 pm**

Email sara.white@sos.wa.gov with any additional questions.

News & Notes



Photos Courtesy of Madison Rosenbaum, Mid-Columbia Libraries

Secretary of State Honors Walla Walla High Students for Efforts to Stop Book Bans

Secretary of State Steve Hobbs was in Kennewick on July 25 to meet with election officials and recognize local high school students for their efforts against recent book bans.

Walla Walla High students Ava Kirtley and Arin Iverson are the founding members of the Banned Book Club, which works to keep banned books in schools and protects access to them for students interested in reading the controversial titles. Secretary Hobbs honored them, along with Walla Walla High School library media specialist Kim Casetto, for their efforts. Kirtley, Iverson, and

Casetto were interviewed about their experiences as part of a panel on censorship at the 2023 WLA Conference.

"We have to respect the first amendment," Secretary Hobbs said. "It's a freedom and books are part of that." To read the full article and watch the news clip from the event, [visit here](#).

Thank you to Mid-Columbia Libraries for hosting this event!

SJSU iSchool Student Seeking Interviews about Book Challenges

The Student Advocacy President at the San Jose State University (SJSU) iSchool is looking for current librarians, library professionals, library media specialists, and teacher librarians that are willing and able to talk about book challenges and book bans for an advocacy project for the iSchool.

The interviews will be recorded over Zoom and made into a video about this topic with other interviews and shared on the Library Advocacy page/social media, and potentially over one of the iSchool's Virtual Reality experiences.

If you or anyone you know would be interested, feel free to reach out at lauren.west@sjsu.edu.

SHLB Thrilled with FCC E-rate Reforms, Simplifying Application Process for Schools and Libraries

Washington, D.C. (July 20, 2023) - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved a series of significant reforms to the E-rate program, with the aim of simplifying the application process for Tribal libraries and small and rural schools and libraries nationwide. These changes will mark the most substantial updates to the \$2.8 billion E-rate program since 2014 and are expected to increase funding and enhance broadband connectivity for rural America.

In addition to clarifying the E-rate rules for Tribal applicants, the forthcoming Order provides an exemption from the competitive bidding process for libraries seeking less than \$3,600 in Category Two support and waives the cost allocation rule for all schools and libraries if at least 90% of an applicant's cost is for eligible E-rate uses. The cost allocation waiver could be particularly important, as SHLB and others [requested](#) a waiver of the cost allocation rule over two years ago. The Commission also adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which proposes even further improvements.

Read the full press release [here](#).

Climate Action Planning (Part 1): An Introduction

Climate action requires a focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions combined with increasing community resilience, all through a lens of climate justice. Join this webinar to find out where your time and energy can be best spent in the face of the overwhelming nature of climate action. Learn from library practitioners who have been early adopters of climate action through the award-winning Sustainable Library Certification Program, to help organize your own thinking on how to implement a climate action plan at your library that will have the biggest impact locally and globally.

This webinar will be held on Aug. 16 at 11 a.m. [Register here](#).

Presented by: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MLS, LEED AP), Executive Director, Mid-Hudson Library System (NY), Co-founder/Current President, Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI), and author

A Touch of Braille: An Introductory Braille Workshop

When: Thursday, September 14th from 1-3 pm

Where: WTBBL, 2021 9th Ave, Seattle WA 98121 (free parking)

Cost: Free

Description: Join WTBBL as we dive into the rich world of braille! In this two-hour workshop, you will learn the basics of tactile reading, the history of the braille system, and how braille can be used in our everyday lives!

Questions and Registration: Email wtbbl@sos.wa.gov or call 206-615-0400

GovLoop: Making Digital Services More Accessible

With executive order compliance and customer experience in mind, many agencies are focusing on achieving a broader and more effective definition of accessibility.

This can include revamping websites to be more readable all the way down to making proper color choices for constituent resources — it can also mean finding new ways and strategies to increase accessibility and tackle previously unmet needs.

Join online on Aug.16 from 11-11:50 a.m. PT, to learn from government and industry leaders about the steps it takes to make digital services truly

accessible.

Specifically, you'll learn:

- How the new focus on accessibility is changing the way agencies deliver services
- The impact of updated accessibility measures on constituents
- The biggest and most intractable challenges facing agencies who are looking to modernize their accessibility offerings.

Speakers:

- Serenity Thompson, Deputy Director, Digital Services Division, California Department of Motor Vehicles
- Andrew Nielson, Director, Government-wide IT Accessibility Program, General Services Administration, Office of Government-wide Policy
- Chris Dilley, Chief Technology Officer, State and local government, ServiceNow

[Register here to attend.](#)

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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