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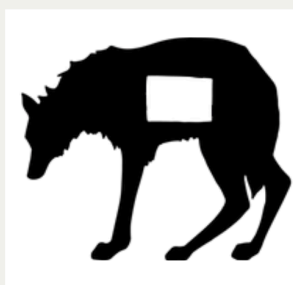


WLA 2025 Spring Fundraiser

Online Silent Auction | May 6-31

Only a few days left to bid in our [WLA Silent Auction](#) – Bidding ends Saturday, May 31 at 8pm PDT. [Check out our site to bid on your favorite items!](#)

Preview our amazing items available:



**\$30 Gift Card to
Sea Wolf Bakers**



**Four Passes to the
Museum of Flight**



**1 Night Stay at Lodge at St.
Edwards + \$50 dining credit**



**Author Visit with
Mary Boone**



Custom Book Nook



**Two tickets to Seattle
Sounders v Austin FC, June 28**



**4 Once Upon a Dance
Books + tote and swag**



**Author Visit with
Suma Subramaniam**



**Family membership to the
WA State History Museum**

Winning Grants



**Signed copy of *Winning
Grants* by Stephanie Gerding**



**4 free admission passes to
Oregon Historical Society**



**1-hour Strategic Planning
Consult with Audrey Barbakoff**



**\$50 gift card to
Burgerville**



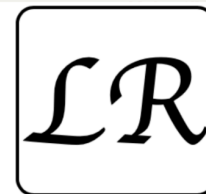
**Signed copy of *That
Librarian* by Amanda Jones**



**Walla Walla Wine!
Bottle of Syrah**



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Spanish Language Instruction,
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**1 week of Dance
Summer Camp**



Antique Card Catalog



**Author Visit from
Kelly Jones**



**Horse From Nueruet
by Mike Smith**



**Goose
by Mike Smith**



**2 Pairs of Earrings
(Winner's Choice)**



**Author Visit from
Audrey Barbakoff**



**Unique Individually
Painted Art Box**



**Author Visit from
Brian Kimmel**



OLLI Application is NOW LIVE!

The School Library Division is excited to announce the second annual [**Olympic Library Leadership Incubator**](#) (OLLI) for current and pre-service teacher-librarians. Whether you are studying to begin your library career or have been working in libraries for a while, you are invited to join this group designed to supercharge your leadership skills. Invigorate your practice, share your passions, and elevate your impact with librarian leaders from across the state.

This in-person meeting will be held August 4-5, 2025 at the Capitol Hill branch of the Seattle Public Library.

If you are interested in applying, please [complete this form](#) by **May 31, 2025**. A limited number of travel stipends are available. Accepted applicants will be notified no later than Monday, June 2.

If you have any questions, please email Sarah Logan at sarah.logan.wla@gmail.com

Alki* Call for Papers: Summer Issue - *Building Bridges

Did you participate in the [WLA Conference, Building Bridges & Connecting Communities](#)? The summer issue of *Alki* will focus on work and ideas that come out of the annual conference. If you presented, moderated, held a workshop, did a pop-up or exhibit, or anything else related to the conference, this is an opportunity to give a more permanent form to your work by having it published. Maybe you didn't present, but you attended? We also hope the conference itself inspired commentary or maybe an unexpected article.

Possible topics might include:

- Reflections on a conference workshop or program
- A field note about a book award—the process, the candidates, and the winners
- An article encapsulating a presentation

- Art submissions of your exhibit or table with a brief description
- Milestones—program launches, space updates, award winners
- A field note reflecting on your conference experience

Please check back later for more WLA meetings happening in our community!

All WLA Meeting Zoom links are available on the [WLA Member calendar](#).

Sign up for your spot today or get help working through a potential article

concept by emailing your name and the topic of your proposed piece to Editor-in-Chief, Traci Timmons, at alkieditor@wla.org. Submission guidelines can be found [here](#). The deadline for completed work is **June 7**.

Washington State check out [past issues of *Alki*](#), especially the summer issues devoted to the conference.

NCW Libraries is seeking a [Bilingual Branch Librarian](#) (Mattawa) and a [Finance Director](#) (Wenatchee).

Neill Public Library is seeking a [Library Services Director](#) (Pullman).

Seattle University is seeking a [Metadata Strategist Librarian](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries is seeking a [Public Services Assistant](#) (Edmonds).

Spokane Falls Community College Library is seeking an [Adjunct Librarian](#).
Share Your Story Today:

Outside of Washington State

The National Museum of Library Services Board is pushing back against Executive Order 141738, warning that it endangers vital programs supporting libraries and museums nationwide. [Read the letter here.](#)

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. These testimonials will be used to raise awareness of the

work being done by these vital institutions through social media, campaigns, and more. Thank you for sharing your story with us and our community.

News & Notes

Clock Hours Available: Researching Current Trends in Media Literacy and AI Education

Independent Work Time | March - June

New WLA Merch!

Develop a research plan on current trends in media literacy education, conduct research using a time log, create a bibliography, and write a reflective summary.

Hosted By: [Action 4 Media Education](#) **Shop New WLA Merch!**

Total Clock Hours Available: 3-10
Show your Washington library pride with our new "[Protect WA Libraries](#)" collection! Whether you're a librarian, library lover, or passionate about protecting public resources, now's the perfect time to show your support.
[Register at this link.](#)

The Humanities Washington Award

The Humanities Washington Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the public humanities—people and organizations who bring new stories to light, connect their communities, and encourage us all to think, reflect, and learn.

Anyone can nominate, and nominations are due this Friday, May 31. Those chosen for this honor will receive \$1,000 and the opportunity for public recognition at one of our 50th anniversary regional events.

Ten awards will be given in five geographic regions across Washington State (Central, Central Puget Sound, Eastern, Northwestern/Islands, and Southwestern/Coast).

Please [visit here](#) for more details and to submit a nomination.

Survey: Instructional Programming for Adults in Public Libraries

Laura Saunders, Professor at the Simmons University School of Library and Information Science and Don Simmons Jr, Associate Professor at Simmons University School of Library and Information Science invite you to take a survey that they are conducting on instructional programming for adults in public libraries.

They are interested in learning about the extent and types of instructional programs offered to adults through public libraries in the United States, as well as the factors that might enable or hinder such programming. The study received approval from the Simmons University Institutional Review Board (IRB 25-233).

Please answer as many of the following questions as you wish based on your own experience. Your participation is voluntary. You may decline to participate or discontinue your participation at any time. If there are any questions you do not feel comfortable answering, you may skip them. Your decision to participate, not participate, or to withdraw at any time from this study will in no way affect your standing with your library.

The survey should take you about 20 minutes to complete. All of your responses will be recorded anonymously. You can access the survey using this [link](https://simmons.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5vwIP4AVjd3C2we) (https://simmons.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5vwIP4AVjd3C2we)

If you have questions about the research, please contact Laura Saunders at laura.saunders@simmons.edu and/or Don Simmons at don.simmons@simmons.edu.

ALA: Support IMLS by Sharing Your Library Story with Congress

Since ALA announced the Show Up For Our Libraries campaign after the Inauguration, we've seen a barrage of attacks on a wide array of federal agencies, programs, and policies. Unfortunately, in the year ahead, we expect continued efforts to slash the federal budget. ALA, like many of you, is concerned about the broad-reaching effects of these efforts and other newly implemented policies and decisions.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the only source of federal funding dedicated to libraries. Every member of Congress needs to know why libraries are not just a "nice to have," but a necessity. Tell Congress your library story: bit.ly/4iqzFqk



Registration Open: ACL Annual Conference

June 1-4 | Nampa, ID

The librarians at Northwest Nazarene University (Nampa, ID) and [The Association of Christian Librarians](#) cordially invite you to participate in the 2025 ACL Annual Conference, **June 1-4** for a week of learning, encouragement, and connections as we explore this year's theme: **Libraries: Gems of the Community**. This conference is ACL's annual keystone event, and YOUR opportunity to engage in professional development, network with colleagues, and explore a variety of topics relevant to librarianship.

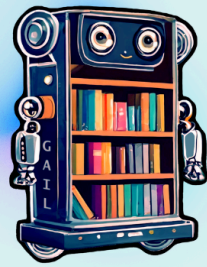
[Registration is now open!](#) Review the conference registration site for information related to the presentation/conference schedule and more!

Free Online Webinar- Advocacy at Your Library: Hosting Legislator Visits

June 10 | 1:00-2:00pm CDT

Want to know the best way you can show up for libraries in your community? Join [PLA \(Public Library Association\)](#) for a free webinar on June 10 on how you can host legislators at your library and make a significant impact in the way they think about the importance of libraries to their constituents. You'll learn best practices, tips, and advice on how to host lawmakers and how to maintain those relationships into the future.

Save your spot now: bit.ly/43yTil8

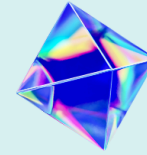


GAIL CONFERENCE

GENERATIVE AI IN LIBRARIES

June 9 -12, 2025

1-4pm EDT



GAIL Conference: Generative AI in Libraries

June 9-12 | 1:00-4:00pm

Registration is now open for the second annual Generative AI in Libraries (GAIL) Conference. This year features two keynotes by AI experts in our field. GAIL is a free virtual conference aimed specifically at librarians that seeks to explore the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in libraries. It is also an opportunity for librarians to share their experiences with generative AI technologies and their applications in the library setting.

Scheduled to take place June 9, 10, 11, and 12, 2025, from 1:00-4:00 pm EDT each day, GAIL aims to promote a deeper understanding of how generative AI can revolutionize library services like instruction, research support, collection management, access services, outreach and collaboration, while also addressing the challenges and ethical considerations this new technology brings to libraries. View more details at the [conference website](#) and [register online](#).



Original music inspired by *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe and *Sex is a Funny Word* by Cory Silverberg and Fiona Smyth

June 14 | 7:30-10:00pm

[The Bushwick Book Club Seattle](#) presents a concert of **Original music inspired by *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe and *Sex is a Funny Word* by Cory Silverberg and Fiona Smyth**, presented at [Town Hall Seattle](#) (1119 8th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101)

We've got your summer soundtrack covered! Celebrating two of the most challenged books in America, Bushwick goes big in June with a kaleidoscopic double-bill about love and self-discovery. *Gender Queer* is the reigning banned book champ, sitting atop ALA's list of most challenged books in 2023. *Sex is a Funny Word* has been banned and challenged for just about every topic it covers: sexual identity, sexual expression, and all of the weird, wonderful body parts that make us who we are.

Performers include:

[Carly Toyer](#), Evelyn Elston, [Kat Bula](#), [Sam Cori](#), [Christiana Crabbe](#), [K Van Petten](#), [Sailor St. Claire](#), [Kuwaitiana](#), [Jade Monroe](#), [Jean Mann](#), Jamie Irby, and [Lauren Fernandez](#).



Reach Further

Connecting Libraries
Beyond the Screen

PNLA
Virtual Conference

August 7-9, 2025

Registration Open: 2025 PNLA Virtual Conference

August 7-9 | Virtual

The Pacific Northwest Library Association is excited to invite you to the PNLA Virtual Conference. Early Bird Pricing is open until **July 3**.

This year's theme, *Reach Further: Connecting Libraries Beyond the Screen*, celebrates the power of libraries across the Pacific Northwest coming together online in meaningful and transformative ways.

PNLA represents library professionals from Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and beyond. What better way to connect than through virtual spaces? This conference is an opportunity to forge connections beyond physical borders, expand access to knowledge, and collaborate in ways that transcend distance.

Register at this link: <https://pnla.org/event-5940839>



Burnout in Public Libraries: A Three-Part Series

Brought to you by the Washington State Library and Available on Niche Academy

Library work is rewarding—but it can also be exhausting. This three-part series explores the realities of burnout in public libraries through first-person narratives, research-backed insights, and expert strategies for resilience

- [Part 1: Burnout & Materials Challenges](#) – Understand how moral panics and book challenges contribute to burnout.
- [Part 2: Burnout & Workplace Wellness](#) – Discover how workplace culture, vocational awe, and emotional labor impact well-being.

- [Part 3: Burnout & a Trauma-Informed Approach](#) – Learn how to manage patron-related stress and apply trauma-informed service models.

Includes interactive self-assessments:

- Life Enjoyment Inventory
- Copenhagen Burnout Inventory
- Best Possible Future Exercise

Gain valuable perspectives from library professionals, social workers, and researchers to help you navigate burnout and reclaim your passion for library service.

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.



Authors Against Book Bans is Here for Washington

A new state law prohibits schools from banning books used in curriculums solely because they were written by or about members of marginalized groups. Even so, book challenges continue to be a reality and dealing with one can be stressful. Authors Against Book Bans (AABB) in Washington State is dedicated to protecting the intellectual freedom to read and the availability of diverse voices on library

shelves.

Comprised of a coalition of writers, illustrators, anthology editors and contributors, AABB offers support to librarians, teachers, and others involved in book challenges. Some of the ways members can help include:

- Writing emails and letters, sending recorded videos, and/or making phone calls to curriculum committees, school boards, and other decision-makers
- Sharing personal experiences demonstrating the importance of diverse books
- Appearing before public meetings in support of diverse books
- Sending personal messages of support (e.g., email or postcards) to individuals embroiled in challenges

For support or more information find AABB at authorsagainstbookbans.com.



Save the Date: America's 250th Anniversary in 2026

July 4, 2026

Plans are already underway for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Washington State has established an official state committee to plan events and activities, and recently launched the official America250 WA website.

Libraries are encouraged to partner with America250 WA to help educate and promote semiquincentennial activities. Join the list of partners to help promote activities in your community at this [link](#).

Lorraine Ralston, the state America 250 coordinator, will be working with partners to help ensure this commemoration is a statewide observance. Please feel free to contact her with questions at info@america250wa.org.

For more information about Washington State plans, visit America250WA.org.

NAMLE

CONFERENCE 2025

National Association for Media and Literacy Education Conference

July 11-12 | Online

Year after year, [NAMLE's annual conference](#) serves as a beacon of knowledge and inspiration, bringing together professionals from diverse disciplines and grade levels to explore the latest resources, technologies, teaching practices, and core concepts in media literacy education. By attending the conference, you'll have access to cutting-edge research, innovative practices, and practical strategies that you can bring into your work to align with the new standards in your region.

We are especially excited to share a closer look at our first programming announcement—our Friday keynotes—two powerful sessions that dive into the role of media literacy and AI in shaping more equitable, creative futures:

- From One Minute to Lasting Impact: Reimagining Media Literacy for the AI Generation
- Connecting Students to 21st Century Tech Skills: AI Literacy & the Digital Divide

For more information on the other great conference sessions, please view the schedule [here](#)!

Library Trends Call for Papers

[Library Trends](#) is pleased to announce a Call for Papers for an issue of *Library Trends* that will explore innovative Readers' Advisory concepts and approaches that reflect critically on the ways in which we serve leisure readers across a wide landscape.

The journal welcomes articles that address both longer theoretical discussions and present shorter, practical applications of service to leisure readers.

Perspectives from publisher, independent bookstore owners and/or authors about how they promote books to readers will also be considered.

Have news to share? Please send information to the WLA office at newsletter@wla.org by Monday to be included in that week's digest. Please include any relevant graphics, as well as the blurb you would like posted in our newsletter.

The complete Call for Papers, including a timeline for publication, is available on the [Library Trends](#) website. Prospective authors are invited to [submit an abstract outlining their proposed article](#) by **Aug. 1**.

Inquiries about the planned issue and ideas for articles should be directed to **Contact Info:** bradfordl@gmail.com) and Becky Spratford
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