



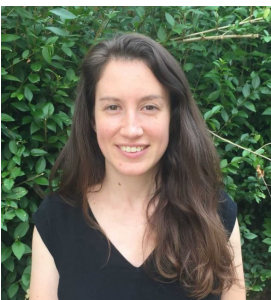
## SPS Library Newsletter

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### RECENTLY HIRED SPS LIBRARIANS

#### Liz Crouse- Nathan Hale High School

As a sixth-year teacher and first-year librarian, Liz is most excited to hear her students' ideas for the library. She's especially passionate about media literacy and helping students sort fact from fiction. Her most recent favorite book is *Strange the Dreamer* by Laini Taylor; old favorites include *Harry Potter* and *His Dark Materials*.



#### Emily Valdez– Queen Anne Elementary School

Many years ago she was a high school teacher of special education and ELL students in rural Idaho (American Falls, outside of Pocatello). She returned to the classroom as a substitute and remembered why she loved being in schools: the students! Being a librarian meshes her love of teaching with her love of books. She's so excited to connect students with books and create a learning library in the tight and friendly community of Queen Anne. Her favorite book is probably still Milan Kundera's *Book of Laughter and Forgetting*...though she keeps finding new favorites.



#### Emily Christiansen– Jane Addams Middle School

Emily is most excited to meet the students at JAMS. She loves matching the most reluctant reader to a book they love and is absolutely crazy about Grishaverse and anything by Nicola and David Yoon.



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## LIBRARY STEERING COMMITTEE

Committee member Tina Buster, southeast elementary school representative, will be rotating out of her position.

Thank you to Tina for all the hard work and energy she's contributed in service to all SPS librarians and libraries.



Welcome, JK Burwell, southeast elementary school representative and librarian at Graham Hill Elementary School.



The Steering Committee meets monthly and shares minutes and agendas at Job-Alike meetings. Reach out to your Steering Committee members to learn more.

If interested in additional leadership opportunities please reach out to Rebecca Wynkoop. She is leading an Advocacy Subcommittee focused on the [Future Ready Librarian Framework](#).

## RECENTLY HIRED SPS LIBRARIANS

### Claire Scott– Lincoln High School

Claire Scott (she/her) is the Teacher Librarian at the brand-new Lincoln High School. After ten years at the Oakland Public Library and the Seattle Public Library, she's thrilled to finally be back in a public school connecting with readers -- and viewers, talkers, athletes, creators, artists, scientists, writers, and geeks -- about what they love or are critical of. Her razzle-dazzle is enthusiasm: bringing it, sharing it with students and teachers, and pulling it out of almost everybody! She couldn't possibly choose a favorite book, but this summer the books that made her the happiest are *Love From A to Z* by S.K. Ali and *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez.



\*More new hires will be showcased as we learn about positions!

## WASHINGTON STATE BOOK AWARDS



Each year, the Washington State Book Awards honor authors and illustrators from Washington State for both adult and children's books. On October 12, 2019, the awards for books published in 2018 will be announced at an open-to-the-public ceremony at the Central Library in downtown Seattle.

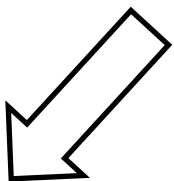
This year's youth Awards judging panel (of three) included Chris Robert, teacher-librarian at Roxhill and Highland Park Elementary Schools. (Chris took over a spot held for a number of years by Tom Brown, teacher-librarian at Laurelhurst.) Reading/judging began in December 2018 with over 90 local submissions in four categories – **picture books**, **books for young readers** (ages 6-8), **middle grade** (ages 8-12), and **young adult** (ages 12 and up). That list was whittled down to 30 semi-finalists by March 1. At the end of May, the judges met and chose the 19 finalists, with 4 of those finalists being a winner in each of the four youth categories. (Don't ask Chris who the winners are; he is sworn to silence!)

Here is a link to the finalists for both adult and children's books and the ceremony -

[Washington State Book Award Finalists](#)

[Washington State Book Awards Ceremony](#)

SUMMER  
HOURS



NEW SPS TEACHER LIBRARIANS: “BRAVE BEFORE PERFECT” - ANNE ALIVERTI

Many of us, ahem, seasoned veterans remember those first few days, weeks, and year of becoming a teacher librarian: the euphoria of finding that perfect book for a student or creatively connecting the library program to classroom instruction; the deer in the headlights feeling of a Destiny crash or a patron who doesn't like to read. One aspect of our profession I have come proudly to embrace is that we don't need to have all the answers; instead, we develop a sense and system for knowing where to go and how to problem solve. The following tips come from several SPS teacher librarians. (Click on the links to learn more.)

Familiarize yourself with your collection

No, you won't get to read everything in your library!

Refer to book award lists for reader's advisory and yourself

Simplify your planning

Encourage and utilize community helpers

**Embrace your teacher librarian community**

Remember, we teacher librarians are in the service business. When you pose a question to our group via email, you will get lots of ideas, suggestions, and solutions. Sometimes, you may even start a group problem solving situation. It's how we all improve! Our monthly regional PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) will introduce you to colleagues in your region and provide myriad resources for your consideration. Contact a demonstration teacher librarian for support:

Elementary: TBD

Elementary/K8: Debi Fournier, Hazel Wolf K-8: [demandel@seattleschools.org](mailto:demandel@seattleschools.org)

Middle School/High School: TuesD Chambers, Ballard High School: [tschambers@seattleschools.org](mailto:tschambers@seattleschools.org)

For any Destiny questions or troubleshooting, contact Angie DeBoo: [amartinez@seattleschools.org](mailto:amartinez@seattleschools.org)

For cataloguing questions, contact Andrea Young: [acyoung@seattleschools.org](mailto:acyoung@seattleschools.org)

For answers to many of your questions, using a district computer, consult our librarian's wiki: [library.seattleschools.org](http://library.seattleschools.org)

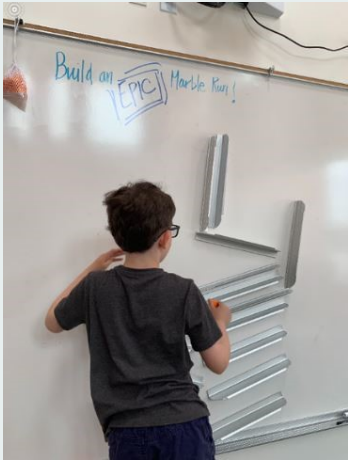
**“Brave Before Perfect”**

These last words of advice come from LeAnn Miller of Decatur Elementary. *Brave before perfect* references [this article](#) and encourages us all to be risk-takers when building and maintaining a library program that meets the present and future needs of our patrons. When something fails, learn from it. When it flies, celebrate your success and don't forget to share it with our group.

Good luck and welcome to SPS Libraries!



MAKERSPACE



MARBLE RUN ANYONE?

Have you ever found a pile of magnetic whiteboard trays, been “gifted” a pile of scrap cardboard or wondered what you might do with magnets from an old science kit?

Consider a make your own marble run for your next maker space activity.

Have questions, email Rebecca Wynkoop!



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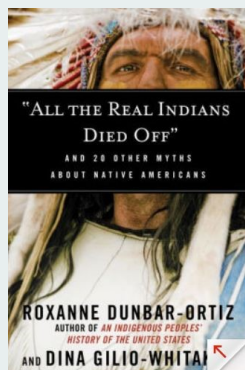




## Racial Equity

Everyone is invited to join our **SPS Library Racial Equity Book Club** on Teams on Thursday mornings at 7:30 am once a month during the school year.

The seventh book will be *All The Real Indians Died Off*, a title generously donated for check out by Gail Morris, Native American Education Program Manager. Please contact her if you are interested in learning more about Native Education and resources.



Please go to Schoology and join the course at 7QNKV-9V7WS

The first meeting will be in September. Reach out to TuesD Chambers to receive copies of the book.

## RACIAL EQUITY

**The 1619 Project** a special issue of *The New York Times Magazine*, marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans to Jamestown, Virginia with a series of essays, images, stories, and poems that challenge readers to reframe their understanding of U.S. history by considering 1619 as the start of this nation's story. Through over 30 visual and written pieces from historians, journalists, playwrights, poets, authors, and artists, the issue examines the vital questions.

Please challenge yourself, your students, and colleagues by reading and using this resource to reframe history and examine the modern-day legacy of slavery. It is available at Seattle Public Library using your Digital Library Link account.



### The Urgent Need for Anti-Racist Education-Christina Torres

Please take this opportunity to learn more about anti-racism work and its importance in Seattle Public Schools and alignment to the [Strategic Plan](#).

“If we teach our students to work against white supremacy and racism, we can help create a world that no longer nurtures hatred, but actively challenges the hateful beliefs that lead to targeted violence.” -Christina Torres, @biblio\_phile

Consider sharing this resource with staff and students:

[Eight Black Female Writers and Thinkers on Toni Morrison's Life and Legacy](#)



## IN THIS LIBRARY



## Y'all=ALL

The inspiration for this image and [Jennifer LaGarde's blog post and image](#) captures so much of what we all feel our libraries should be for our students.

Read her blog and consider how we can use these resources in our own libraries.

# FREE MAKERSPACE PD– CRAIG SEASHOLES

Our Seattle "Taste of Maker" PD efforts last year are having an impact beyond our own libraries!

At the August planning meeting for this year's WA State Library-IMLS grant-funded TLC3 PD training cycle, we began developing plans for a **one-day free training on Makerspace for School Librarians** that will roll out this fall across the state. First trainings are in Spokane, Bremerton and Washougal on Nov 19th. Interest and scheduling will determine when/how many trainings come to Seattle.

Many of our "Taste of Maker" organizational structure and activities framework were "hacked" and included in this full day training...with a whole lot of other ideas and activities to help give you ways to include #MakerED in fun and meaningful ways in your library. I am happy to be part of the crew of smart librarians developing and delivering the curriculum to you....the experts on what and how Maker can work in your school.



Our team of librarians was gathered by Siri Hiltz, the Youth Services Consultant at the WA State Library and Dennis Small at Ed Tech @OSPI to represent all levels and areas of our state. The first "Beta" trainings will be held in Spokane, Washougal and Bremerton areas on Nov 19th, at least two other dates in Winter and Spring are TBD: interest and scheduling will determine when/how many trainings come to Seattle; so contact [siri.hiltz@sos.wa.gov](mailto:siri.hiltz@sos.wa.gov) and I to help push for trainings closer to home

## LEARNING AND LEADING PROFESSIONAL GROWTH



**AMP 2019 September 6th-8th**, getting organized, learn from one another, and taking action to turn back the tide to strengthen inclusive democracy.

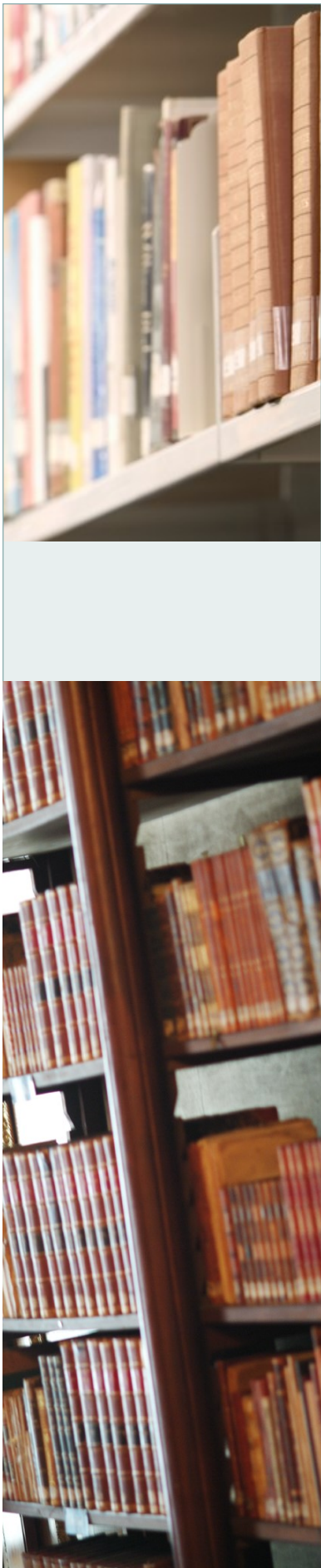
**Seattle Children's Book Festival—September 28th 2019** Mark your calendars to be a part of the list of authors and illustrators featured at Greenwood Elementary



**Fall.Cue.2019 October 19th-20th 2019** learning and innovation in tons of different ways.



**November 14-16th AASL** National Conference devoted solely to the needs of school librarians.



## Orientation Videos

A great way to shift your practice and share vital information is with digital resources.

Consider making an orientation video for your library and expectations.

A few examples include:

[Rebecca Wynkoop](#) from Robert Eagle Staff MS

[TuesD Chambers](#) from Ballard HS

If you have a video please share!



## TECHNOLOGY



**Your Next 5 Books** - Looking for something fantastic to read? Tell SPL a little bit about what you like (and hate!) to read. They'll email you a list of five books chosen just for you. If doing this with students please give SPL advance notice.



**Microsoft Translator** is a free, personal translation app for 60+ languages, to translate text, voice, conversations, camera photos and screenshots. You can also download languages for offline translation for free to use in the classroom and when you travel.



**Toon Camera** captures the world around you through a cartoon lens, "cartoonifying" everything you see. You can even make videos using ToonCamera with the filters.



**Novel Effect** uses voice recognition to compliment read alouds with sound effects and music. Librarians can use it to spice up their read alouds or revisit old favorites by adding a new soundscape. Librarians can model their reading fluency as the app also responds to their voice.

## Amplifying Library Programs



Have you asked your parents, students, staff, and community members to attend a school board meeting?

Meetings occur every two weeks and sign-ups occur Monday mornings at 8 am.

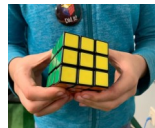
Support and advocacy for library programs is always appreciated!

Please learn more [here!](#)

## SPS RUBIK'S CUBE CHALLENGE



Click on this [Rubik's Cube Lending Library](#) link to borrow the 2x2, 3x3, 4x4, or mixed cubes with a prepaid return label.



You can also put in a request multiple times for the upcoming school year using **SPS20** to plan ahead with prepaid return labels!



## SPS LIBRARIANS PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR:

Professional Development

Superintendent Juneau's [#SeattleSuperReaders Campaign](#)

Racial Equity Book Clubs

Banned Book Week

Have news to share? Questions? Please send to TuesD Chambers at [tschambers@seattleschools.org](mailto:tschambers@seattleschools.org)

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