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# SPS Library Newsletter

## Leadership

I'm over the moon to work with all of you. Since I started on November 4<sup>th</sup>, I've been impressed at your enthusiasm and collaboration. I've been touring the district and visiting schools. I've been able to visit nineteen of your libraries so far. As I see you in your natural environment it is very clear how passionate and dedicated you all are about literacy and equality for your students. From story times to library instruction, I've seen just a small piece of the instruction you are giving to students.

I've been attending regular meetings of the 1:1 committee and was able to witness a laptop deployment at Rainier Beach High School. I'm particularly interested in finding ways to strengthen our relationship with Seattle Public Library through programming, school visits and increasing student use of Library Link. We are working on ways to make Library Link part of the check out process of laptops for the 1:1 laptop rollouts. This small step can have a big impact on providing resources for our student as well as collaborating with Seattle Public Library.

I'm looking forward to working with you,

Darcy Brixey

Library and Instructional Materials  
Program Services Manager



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## Library Steering Committee

Thank you to all librarians who have shared your brags and been part of our SPS Library messaging.

We are better together!



NE Elementary Librarians



Middle School Librarians

Review the district wide agendas and notes provided by the Library Steering Committee to better unify our message and transparently work across the district to better serve students.

Please email a photo of your librarian group so we can continue to make our vast district just a little bit smaller.

## Librarian Advocacy

Reach out to Rebecca Wynkoop if you would like to be part of the Advocacy Subcommittee focused on the [Future Ready Librarian Framework](#) meeting 1/13



## New SPS Librarians

### Luke Azinger– Chief Sealth High School

After 18 years of teaching ELA in 2 countries, 5 cities, and 7 schools, Luke Azinger is finally earning his Library Media Endorsement and realizing his dream to be a teacher-librarian at Chief Sealth International High School. He loves helping students find the resources they need and is eager to co-design and teach lessons with teachers. Luke spends a lot of time reading books with strong female protagonists, and then talks about them with his two young children.



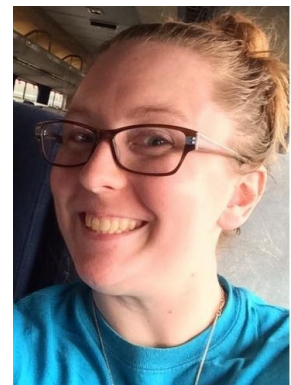
### Sara Johnson– Seattle World School

Sarah Johnson is a tea-drinking, cat-owning, cardigan-sporting, research skill-teaching, tech-embracing, information literacy-wonking, unapologetically librariany-librarian. She joins the Seattle World School after six years of local hiatus and ten years teaching and library-ing in Baltimore City Public Schools. She's so thrilled to be back in a library, building its program, and meeting and reaching an exceptional population of students.



### Rebecca Shipe– Sanislo Elementary School

Becky is so excited to join SPS this year as Sanislo Elementary's new librarian. Since she taught middle school last year, she knows what type of things this year's 5th graders will be working towards in the coming years! She is looking forward to helping all students learn to master the use of the online catalog and to help them learn how to locate books with little advice from an adult!



The submissions deadline has been extended to **February 10th**.

Share this with your staff, students, and families as we put Library Love Letters out in the universe!

# Collaboration with Seattle Public Libraries

SPL Librarian Wally Bubelis leads a monthly [#BooksandBites](#) collaboration at Madison Middle School that encourages a school full of readers! He brings a great selection of books, book talks, and builds a relationship with students and his SPS Librarian, Stacia Bell.



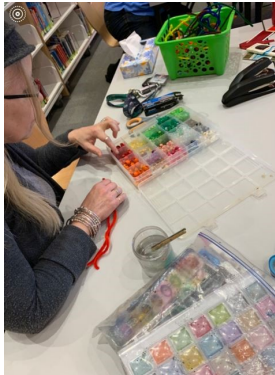
Contact your SPL librarian to do something similar– **Come for the Cookies, Stay for the Books!**

## Buy Nothing Makerspace Materials by Rebecca Wynkoop

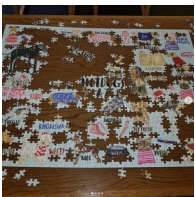
Facebook Buy Nothing groups are great for librarians and Makerspace materials.

If you are on FB, are you a member of your neighborhood Buy Nothing group? This is a great place to get maker materials (beads, ribbons, craft supplies, puzzles, Legos, etc) in addition to library related items (book donations, coffee pots, pillow, vacuums, and more)! You can also post to the group when you are in search of something specific. The groups are geographically based and you could ask to sign-up for one in your own neighborhood and well as one in your school’s neighborhood-making pick-ups a snap!

You’ll be amazed at what neighbors are willing to share with our school libraries!



## Collaborative SPS Makerspace Projects

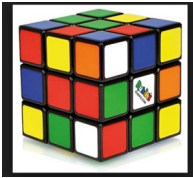


### SPS Great Puzzle Challenge Information

All schools are encouraged to participate, no puzzle is too small and no school will be turned away!

### SPS Rubik’s Cube Challenge

All SPS staff and students are invited to use the [SPS Rubik’s Cube order form](#) to begin sharing Rubik’s Cubes. It is free and fun– just use the code SPS20 to get free shipping.



**SPS Lego Challenge** – The Great #CornMazeChallenge of 2019 is over but the #WinterWonderland challenge is in full swing.

Encourage your students to create their best #WinterWonderland using Legos and share photos with other SPS librarians in the district.

## eSports in Libraries

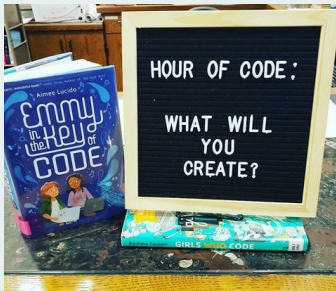
eSports is a form of competitive video game playing. Much like traditional sports, eSports can be played either on a team or as an individual.

eSports offers a unique pathway to encourage interest in STEM fields such as programming, graphic design, networking, and video game design.

To learn more about how to start an eSports program in your library, talk to Quinn Longhurst at Franklin High School.



## Hour of Code



Please share what you created for the Hour of Code!

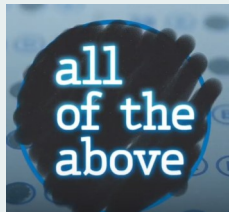
## Racial Equity

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



The eighth book is *Heavy* by Kiese Laymon.

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



How does your identity impact your teaching? – ***All of the Above*** Season 3 Ep. 6 FULL EPISODE

How do our identities impact our work and what can educators do to explore their identities in the pursuit of educational justice?

Watch the episode and consider joining SPS Librarians to discuss more.

## Project Ready: Reimagining Equity and Access for Diverse Youth



At AASL 2019 Abby Levin, attended the session "Equity: Moving Beyond Intention to Inclusive Practice" and was blown away by the SUBSTANTIAL, FREE curriculum for ongoing inner and outer work required to lead an equity-driven, anti-racist library. She believes it is excellent for ALL libraries. Please reach out to her to learn more about the ***Project Ready*** curriculum.



### Book Made Into Short Film

***Hair Love*** is live! *Hair Love* is an animated short film about an African American father learning how to do his daughters hair for the first time. Written & directed by Matthew Cherry,

co-directed by [@BruceAlmightee](#) [@Mr\\_Scribbles](#) and stars [@IssaRae](#).

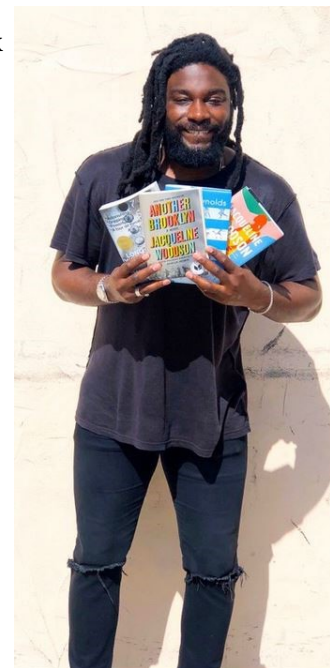
## Staying True To Yourself with Jason Reynolds

***The Stacks Podcast with Jason Reynolds*** - sits down with Jason to discuss his new book *Look Both Ways*, how his love of music led to a career as an author, and what book he would assign in high school. The episode is titled, *Staying True to Yourself*.



## YA Books with LGBTQIA+ Themes

***YA Books with LGBTQIA+ Themes*** list for books with gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender characters or themes. Books on this list are published for YA, middle grade, and elementary school students.



## Student Voice with Makerspace by Stacia Bell

In the Madison Makerspace, students are becoming graphic designers! Their current MakerSpace project is teaching students to turn images into scaleable vector graphics that can be cut on their **Silhouette Cameo** to create stickers, stencils, and more! A parent volunteer is heading up this club at lunch on Mondays and providing certification on these tools so that the students can become the teachers!

The first big project will be creating and cutting out stencils with the end goal of collaborating with Rainworks Seattle to spread positive messaging around their school. Let's turn rainy days into a reason to smile! Check out this [video](#) to learn more.



## Learning and Leading Professional Growth

### January 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> **Leading Equity Virtual Summit**

is a FREE online event designed to inform, improve, and inspire educators to ensure equity at their schools.



### February 29<sup>th</sup> **Children's Literature Conference in Bellingham**

Gather to celebrate and learn about children's literature.

### January 14<sup>th</sup> **WLA Virtual Conference**

This all-day event will bring together library professionals from around

Washington and the world to build connections and envision the future of libraries.



## WASHYARG

### March 6<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>

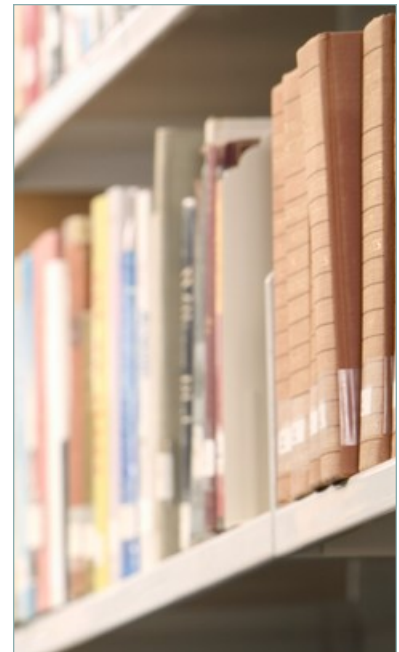
**WASHYARG** the Washington State Young Adult Review Group (WASHYARG) is a regional organization of school and public librarians and other individuals interested in reviewing books, magazines and other media appropriate for teenagers



**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia** exploring the many futures of academic, public, school, and special libraries.

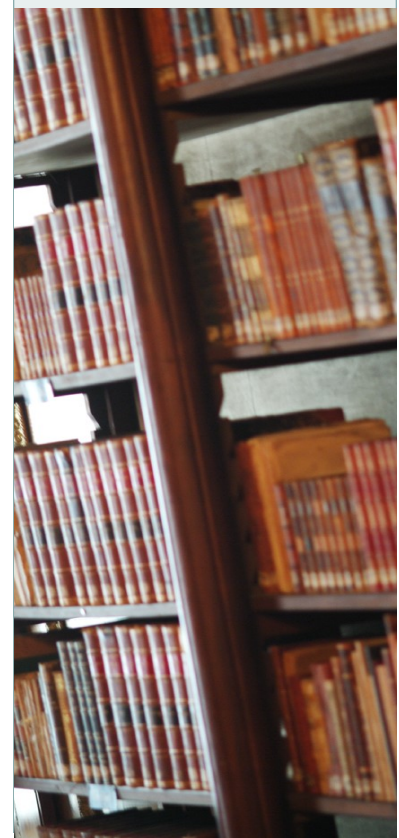


**March 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Emerald City Comic Con** 2020 is the premier comic book and pop culture convention in the Pacific Northwest.



"The biggest thing to know as an anti-oppressive educator is that the way things have always been done has gotten us where we are now, and that's not okay."

-Cornelius Minor



## Best Books of 2019

Don't miss the "[Best Books of 2019](#)" Collection by [@FollettLearning](#) Destiny.

It's filled with amazing best books of 2019 lists of all

### BEST BOOKS OF 2019



## Technology Tips



**Noun Project** - is a website that aggregates and catalogs symbols that are created and uploaded by graphic designers around the world.



**Teachingbooks.net** - is an online database that can be used by teachers, students, librarians, and families to explore children's books and young adult literature and their authors. It is one of our SPS Online resources available to staff and students. Explanation of possible supports [here](#).



**Actionbound** - is an **app** for playing digitally interactive scavenger hunts to lead the learner on a path of discovery. Multimedia-based hunts called 'Bounds' can be created with digital timelines of events or a places of interest tour, with the use of GPS coordinates and pre-placed codes and mysteries. It is a great tool for math teachers. Geometry [example](#) at BHS.



**Adobe Spark** - can transform your ideas into stunning visual stories. This incredibly easy tool can help you create impactful social graphics, web pages, and short videos in minutes. We are showcasing this tool again to highlight the [Extreme Reading Campaign](#) for the winter.

Check out Extreme Reading videos SPS Librarians created: [Madison MS](#), [McDonald ES](#), [Ballard HS](#)

## Leadership and Promoting Your Library

Are you currently promoting your work in staff newsletters, with table tents at staff meetings, sending out all school emails or newsletters to families and community members?

How are you making your work visible to the school, your community, and the world? Please let us know so we can highlight your efforts in the next newsletter.



Please let us know what you have planned for:

Seattle Super Readers  
Reading Programs for Winter Break  
Global Reading Challenge  
Black Lives Matter at School



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

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