

2026 FALL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, September 10th

Wenatchee Convention Center | Wenatchee, WA



7:30AM - 9:00AM

Registration and Breakfast
Grand Apple Ballroom

9:00AM - 9:30AM

Welcome and Opening Message
Grand Apple Ballroom

9:30AM - 10:30AM

Opening Keynote
Grand Apple Ballroom

10:30AM - 12:00PM

Case Law Update | Morgan Damerow, Jennifer Steele and Ramsey Ramerman
Grand Apple Ballroom | C000082 (W)

Update on the latest PRA cases from the courts and new legislation passed in this year's session.

12:00PM - 1:00PM

Lunch, Business Meeting, Elections and Networking
Grand Apple Ballroom

1:15PM - 2:15PM

Breakout Session One

Video Footage and the PRA | Melissa Drewry
Grand Apple Ballroom | F000195 (W)

Managing footage doesn't have to feel like a puzzle. Step into this collaborative breakout session where we'll dive into real-world scenarios and discuss actionable solutions for identifying, storing, and producing various types of video footage while staying fully compliant with the Public Records Act.

Build a Records Committee | Alex Acevedo and Amanda Collins
Fountain Hall 1 | E000530 (W)

This session explores how to build or rebuild a records or information governance committee, with examples from Intercity Transit and the City of Seattle. Learn how to gain leadership support, establish an effective structure, streamline records management, and address common challenges with practical solutions and professional resources.

Model Rules Update | Morgan Damerow
Fountain Hall 2 | A000134 (W)

A discussion of the anticipated and accepted changes in the public records model rules and how they can be integrated into the regular practice of public records processing by practitioners at every level.

2:15PM - 2:30PM

Break

2:30PM - 3:30PM

Breakout Session Two

Personal Devices & Their Records | Jeff Myers
Grand Apple Ballroom | D000250 (W)

This session will focus on management of records on personal devices, focusing particularly on text messages. We will explore a recent case so that the application and daily implications of records management when it comes to texts and other personal device records can be explored in a practical manner.

Updates to the CORE and Emergency Communications Retention Schedules | Megan Shoemaker and Scott Sackett
Fountain Hall 1 | E000531 (W)

In June 2026, the Local and State Records Committees approved Version 2.0 of the Emergency Communications (911) and Dispatch Records Retention Schedule. In addition, a minor revision to the Local Government Common Records Retention Schedule (CORE) has been drafted. Join Washington State Archives staff as we summarize these changes, answer questions, and provide insights into proposed changes.

Security Exemptions and the PRA | Michael Nigrey
Fountain Hall 2 | A000135 (W)

This practical training explores when security concerns justify withholding or redacting public records under RCW 42.56.240 and RCW 42.56.420. Through key cases, legislative history, and real-world examples, learn how to assess legal risk, understand security systems, and balance transparency with employee safety and facility security.

3:30PM - 3:45PM

Break

3:45PM - 4:45PM

Breakout Session Three

Serial Requesters | Ramsey Ramerman
Grand Apple Ballroom | B000396 (W)

Serial requesters happen. But how do we handle this phenomenon when it occurs? Legal and customer service options for handling the administrative and personnel burden that can come from habitual requests from the same requester.

The Defensible PRA Process | Doug Mitchell and Morgan Damerow
Fountain Hall 1 | B000394 (W)

This session offers a concise overview of how mindset, records management practices, and communication choices shape the defensibility of your PRA process. Participants will learn how to reduce risk, avoid litigation, and strengthen compliance by focusing on clarity, customer service, and consistent procedures. You'll leave with practical insights to identify vulnerabilities and improve your agency's approach to public records.