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Resolution on Racism and Sexism Awareness

In a move for direct action against racism and sexism in the library profession and in library service, the Council of the American Library Association passed the following resolution during the ALA's Centennial Conference in Chicago, July 18 - 24, 1976.

WHEREAS, during the last 200 years the United States has failed to equalize the status of racial minorities and of women, and

WHEREAS, the American Library Association has professed belief in the principle of equality yet has failed to aggressively address the racism and sexism within its own professional province;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Library Association actively commit its prestige and resources to a coordinated action program that will combat racism and sexism in the library profession and in library service by taking the following steps:

THE ALA WILL SURVEY LIBRARY SCHOOLS TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH RACISM AND SEXISM AWARENESS TRAINING FORM A PART OF THE CURRICULA AND URGE THAT SUCH TRAINING BE ADDED TO THE CURRICULA IN EVERY LIBRARY SCHOOL WHERE IT IS NOT NOW INCLUDED.

THE LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION-PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION SECTION WILL DEVELOP A MODEL IN-SERVICE PROGRAM PROVIDING RACISM AND SEXISM AWARENESS TRAINING FOR LIBRARY PERSONNEL.


THE RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION WILL DEVELOP A COORDINATED PLAN FOR THE REFORM OF CATALOGING PRACTICES THAT NOW PERPETUATE RACISM AND SEXISM.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President and Executive Board access the extent of implementation of these steps and report on progress by the 1977 Annual Conference.

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