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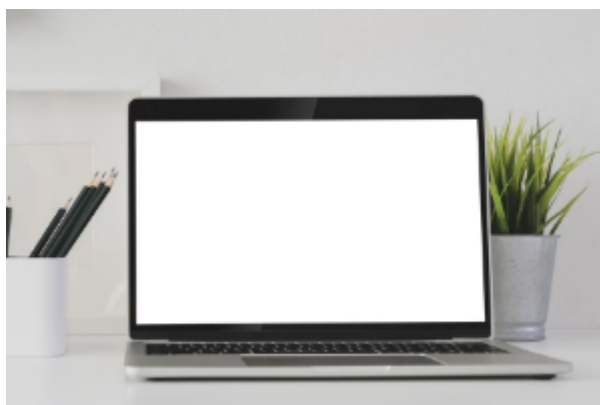
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This month, the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS) provides anti-racism resources, information on upcoming opportunities, and more.

If you'd like to stay in touch with ODLOS, please consider [subscribing to our monthly newsletter](#).

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## American Library Association Announces 2021 Midwinter Meeting Will Be Virtual



The American Library Association's Executive Board announced that the 2021 ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits scheduled for January 22-26 in Indianapolis will take place virtually.

"It is clear that as we continue to coexist with coronavirus, we need to adjust our approach to meetings and events," said Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., ALA president. "In the last few months, we have successfully pivoted our delivery to present the Virtual Event in June and ALA's Holding Space tour

series this summer. Though we very much hoped to be able to meet in person in Indianapolis, the health and safety of conference attendees, ALA members and staff, exhibitors, and other stakeholders are the priority."

Learn more in the [press release](#).

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# MEET THE 2020-2021 SPECTRUM SCHOLARS

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## 2021 ALA Annual Conference Program Proposals Submission Opens



ALA Conference Services began accepting program proposals on July 15, 2020, for the 2021 ALA Annual Conference, to take place in Chicago, Illinois from June 24 to June 29, 2021.

Proposals will be accepted via one submission site for all ALA Divisions, Round Tables, Committees, and Offices.

The deadline to submit content is September 30, 2020, 12:00 Midnight (EST).

Learn more about [the process](#).

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## VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE

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## SRRT Hosted an Afternoon of Social Justice



ALA's Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) hosted an Afternoon of Social Justice.

This free virtual event featured librarians and scholars as they presented on a variety of topics including Native American treaty rights, democracy in the time of COVID-19, and women activism and libraries.

View the webinar recordings [on Youtube](#).

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# #LibrariesRespond

## Protecting and Supporting Transgender Staff and Patrons

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### COVID-19 Recovery



Strong libraries are essential to the recovery of communities devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. To help guide communities, library workers and library supporters along the path to recovery, the American Library Association launched a curated, online repository of tools, guides and resources.

The ALA COVID-19 Recovery website includes everything from the latest information on safely reopening libraries to funding opportunities

available on the local, state and federal level.

This site will be updated often and replace the existing COVID-19 Response page that has served the community through the pandemic thus far.

Visit the [website](#).

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# #LibrariesRespond

## Black Lives Matter

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### Reading and Talking about Race: An Intro to ALA's Great Stories Club

ALA's Public Programs Office hosted a two-part webinar series about free ALA book club resources that can help navigate difficult conversations and critically examine race and privilege.

View the recordings and gather resources about [ALA's Great Stories Book Club](#).



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Resolution Condemning Police Violence Against Black,  
Indigenous, People of Color,  
Protestors, and Journalists

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## Recipients of the 2020 David Cohen/EMIERT Multicultural Award Announced



Denice Adkins, associate professor at the School of Information Science & Learning Technologies, University of Missouri, Jenny Bossaller, associate professor at the University of Missouri's School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, and Heather Moulaison Sandy, Ph. D. associate professor and director of graduate studies at the University of Missouri's School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, are the recipients of the 2020 American Library Association (ALA) Ethnic and Multicultural

Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) David Cohen/EMIERT Multicultural Award for their article entitled "Exploring Reader-Generated Language to Describe Multicultural Literature."

Learn more about [the award](#).

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# CRITICAL CONVERSATION

A series for educators on talking with students about race



## A Call for New Members for the Booklist Publications Advisory Board

The word 'Booklist' is written in a large, bold, black serif font on a light gray rectangular background.

The American Library Association's nationally respected book and media review publication, Booklist, is seeking volunteers with readers'-advisory and/or collection development experience, or related business experience, to serve on its advisory board.

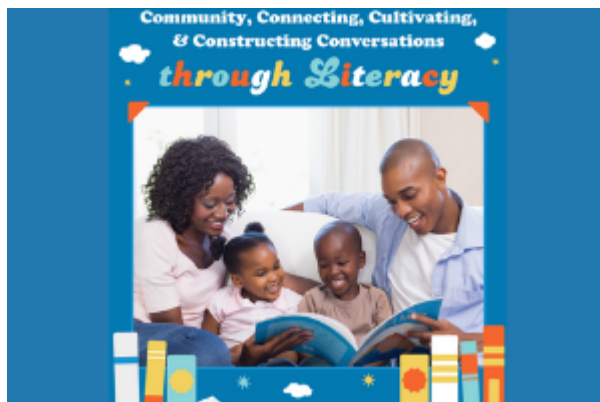
Booklist's trusted reviews have helped library workers decide what to buy and how to guide library patrons, students, and children in choosing what to read, view, or listen to for more than 100 years. Booklist now includes two print magazines, an extensive website and database, e-newsletters, webinars, and other resources that support librarians in collection development and readers' advisory.

Visit [Booklist](#) to learn more.

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**APPROACH**  
to Library Services



## BCALA and ALSC Social Justice Reading List



This reading list was a collaborative effort between the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) and the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association.

Titles on this list were compiled by members of BCALA and members of ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee.

View the [reading list](#).

# ALA statement affirming the rights of transgender people

## ALSC 2020 Equity Fellowship Application Cycle Opens



The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) is pleased to announce that the ALSC Equity Fellowship application cycle is open.

This fellowship will award five ALSC fellowships to American Indian/Alaska Native/First Nations, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Middle Eastern, and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander individuals who commit to service within ALSC and demonstrate a capacity for future leadership.

Fellowship recipients will receive funding for two-year ALSC and ALA memberships and one year of conference registrations and travel stipends, if applicable, for ALA Midwinter and ALA Annual Conference. Fellowship recipients will also receive mentorship from members of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) within ALSC Implementation Task Force.

Learn more in the [press release](#).

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## What's on Intersections?



*Intersections*  
a blog on diversity, literacy, and outreach

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Have you visited Intersections lately? [Intersections](#), ODLIS' blog, highlights the work of library and information science workers as they create safe, responsible, and all-inclusive spaces that serve and represent the entire community, as well as initiatives and projects supported by the office that promotes their work.



This past month, ODLOS has highlighted stories on representation, the digital divide, land acknowledgments, and cultural considerations in relation to COVID-19.

Peruse the blog posts and offer your own thoughts by visiting [Intersections](#).



## ODLOS & AFFILIATE COLLABORATIONS



### What our Affiliates are Doing

While the American Library Association collaborates with 27 affiliates, the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services works closely with 8 groups.

These affiliate groups are created based on ethnicity, geographical locations, and interests. Affiliate groups are not governed by ALA but their mission and work often align with ALA's.

Learn more about these affiliates [here](#).

Continue reading for their monthly updates.



#### ABOS Upcoming Conference

ABOS' 15th anniversary conference will be virtual.

[Registration opened August 10](#). The conference runs Tuesday, October 13 through Friday, October 16. Cost will be \$79 for individuals and \$69 per person for departments of 3 or more. The first 250 registered attendees will receive a "Swag Bag" mailed to them. 35+ educational programs, fun, raffles, vendor exhibits, and surprises!



#### AILA Celebrates New Scholars

AILA acknowledged members Alexander Soto, Brave Heart Sanchez, and Kaia MacLeod who were chosen as [ARL's Diversity Scholars](#). Alexander Soto and Kaia MacLeod were also chosen as [ALA Spectrum Scholars](#).



#### APALA Recognizes Members

Kudos to APALA members for their appointments and recent accomplishments. Dr. Adriene Lim was named to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Board of Directors. Ngoc-Yen Tran and Emily K. Chan published a new Choice white paper, "Supporting Scholarly Research:



#### Registration Is Open for #ARSL2020

The ARSL Conference Committee Chairs and members of the ARSL Board recently met to discuss our options for holding the ARSL 2020 Conference. It was a tough but

Current and New Opportunities for Academic Libraries.” Lynn Nguyen recently led a successful series on "Virtual Career Day Program" for teens through Los Angeles Public Library with over 40+ guest speakers and 750+ attendees.



### **BCALA Receives IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program Award**

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association

(BCALA) is the recipient of an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program Award in the amount of \$100,000. The grant will support the “Breaking Barriers: The Future of Black Librarianship” national forum, a one-day pre-conference event to strengthen support for Black/African American MLIS students [Learn more](#).



### **JCLC Seeks Volunteers**

The 4th National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color will be held October 5-9, 2022, at the TradeWinds Island Grand Resort in St. Pete Beach, Florida. The Steering Committee is currently seeking volunteers for its committees. Complete the [volunteer form](#).

unanimous decision—ARSL 2020 will be held virtually. [Learn more and register](#).



### **CALA Hosted Virtual Poster Session**

On June 24, The Chinese American Librarians Association hosted a virtual poster session. Posters can be viewed on [CALA's website](#).



### **REFORMA Welcomes New Leadership**

New officers have been sworn in and taken office: Immediate Past President Kenny Garcia, President Oscar Baeza, Vice-President/President Elect Nicanor Diaz, Secretary Alma Ramos-McDermott, and Central Chapter Representative Esther de Leon are all taking on new roles. Manny Figueroa was re-elected as Eastern Chapter Representative.

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That's it from us this month. Take care of yourselves and we'll see you in September.

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