This month, ODLOS provides resources on the Black Lives Matter movement, information on the upcoming ALA Virtual, and upcoming webinars.

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Libraries Respond: Black Lives Matter

The librarian profession suffers from a persistent lack of racial and ethnic diversity that shows few signs of improving. In 2018, just 6.8 percent of librarians identified as Black or African American.

Many people are feeling helpless, but there are many ways we can center the voices and
experiences of Black library workers and Black community, support the broader Black Lives Matter movement, fight against police violence, and help the cause of racial justice.

Learn how you can support Black Lives Matter in the profession with the Libraries Respond resource.

From Refugee to Librarian: In our own words webinar

Title: From Refugee to Librarian: In our own words
Date: June 18, 2020
Time: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. CST

Moderator: Clara M. Chu (Director, Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library)

Panelists: Constantia Constantinou (H. Carton Rogers III Vice Provost and Director, Penn Libraries) and Touger Vang (Director, Montgomery Community College Library)

Register here

Description: As librarians, we have worked to create welcoming spaces and services for refugees. We have learned about them in order to support their resettlement and integration. The refugee stories we read about come from the communities we serve. How about the refugee stories that come from our own professional and academic community? In this webinar, we give voice to refugees who have become librarians or library educators. They will share their journey from persecution to resettlement to a professional career, giving the listener a glimpse into their experiences of struggle, resilience, hope, and belonging.

Co-sponsors: Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services, ALA International Relations Office, ALA Services to Refugees, Immigrants,
and Displaced Persons (SRIDP) Sub-Committee, and ALA International Relations Round Table.

More information at Project Welcome.

#LibrariesRespond
Combating Xenophobia and Fake News in light of COVID-19

ALA Virtual Sessions

ALA Virtual - Community Through Connection is an online event with educational programming, special author events, and social networking. This online event will take place from June 24 - 26, 2020, and ALA members can register for only $60.

ALA ODLOS round tables and affiliates are getting involved by hosting 45-minute presentations. Learn more about these events and be sure to add them to your calendars!

Round Table Sessions

Serving the Transgender Community: It's More Than Just Bathrooms!
Wednesday, June 24, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. CT | Learn More

Herstory through Activism: Women, Libraries, and Activism
Thursday, June 25, 2020 | 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. CT | Learn More

EMIERT Chair’s Program Promoting Multicultural Library Services in Virtual Spaces
Friday, June 26, 2020 | 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. CT | Learn More
SRRT Afternoon of Social Justice  
Monday, June 29, 2020 | 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. CT | Learn More

ALA Book Award Celebration

The American Library Association (ALA) is offering an exciting new 11-hour virtual event called “The ALA Book Award Celebration”.

ALA will be celebrating the winners of several of its major book awards, including the esteemed Newbery and Caldecott medals, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, the Printz Award, and the Stonewall youth and adult Book Awards beginning at 9 a.m. CT on Sunday, June 28, 2020, over ALA’s YouTube channel. Pre-recorded videos from book award winners will appear throughout the day, according to the times designated by the following schedule:

- 9 a.m. CT - Coretta Scott King Book Awards
- 10:30 a.m. CT - Batchelder, Excellence in Early Learning Digital Media, Geisel and Sibert Awards
- Noon - Stonewall Book Awards
- 2 p.m. CT - Belpré Celebración
- 3:30 p.m. CT - Odyssey Award Ceremony
- 5 p.m. CT - Printz Award Ceremony
- 7 p.m. CT - Newbery and Caldecott Medals and Children’s Literature Legacy Award Virtual Banquet

Affiliate Sessions

Treasure Hunters at Libraries? Why Not!! (CALA LIVE)  
Wednesday, June 24, 2020 | 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. CT | Learn More

Out-Doing Outreach in a Post Covid-19 World (ABOS LIVE)  
Thursday, June 25, 2020 | 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. CT | Learn More
Honouring and Respecting Relationship: Rethinking Library Praxis (AILA LIVE)
Thursday, June 25, 2020 | 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. CT | Learn More

E. J. Josey's 1964 Charge: 'Keep on Pushing' (BCALA LIVE)
Friday, June 26, 2020 | 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. CT | Learn More

Behind the Wires: American Concentration Camps Then and Now (APALA LIVE)
Friday, June 26, 2020 | 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. CT | Learn More

Juntos: Latinx Family Engagement at Your Library
Friday, June 26, 2020 | 12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m. CT | Learn More

Public Library Association, National Network of Libraries of Medicine continue partnership with new digital literacy, citizen science tools

The Public Library Association (PLA), National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM), and the All of Us Research Program (All of Us) are working together to support health literacy by promoting the
NNLM and All of Us, in partnership with Wisconsin Health Literacy, have created a suite of digital health literacy resources for public libraries to help individuals strengthen their skills. Resources include a curriculum guide for libraries to teach digital literacy by using health topics and access to a series of online modules, called “Learn Internet Skills.” Modules are designed to teach users essential competencies, such as getting an e-mail address and creating strong passwords, which are available in English and Spanish and can be accessed at nnlm.gov/digital. These tools, along with PLA's DigitaLearn.org, are virtual and accessible at any time, helping libraries continue to promote digital equity and skill development even while closed.

Learn more in the press release.
June 20 is World Refugee Day

On June 20, 2020, the world will observe the United Nations’ (UN) World Refugee Day. This event honors the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict, and violence. Commemorate this day by pledging, sharing, and learning.

Learn more and gather resources on the World Refugee Day page.

ALA President-Elect Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. invites members to attend free Virtual Inauguration

On Friday, June 26, 2020, at 4 p.m. CT, incoming American Library Association (ALA) President Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., section head of the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., will host a special edition of ALA Connect Live. All are welcome to attend this first-ever ALA Virtual Inauguration and must register by June 20, 2020 at https://bit.ly/ALAConnectEvent.

This premiere ALA Virtual celebration will honor newly elected ALA leadership, including Jefferson, ALA president-elect, newly elected ALA Executive
Board members and incoming division presidents. Also attending guests will have an opportunity to engage with Jefferson, by submitting questions in advance of the event.

Learn more in the press release.

Reflecteds on Race and Racism

What's on Intersections?

Have you visited Intersections lately? Intersections, ODLOS’ 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 interviews with Spectrum Scholars and libraries assisting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Peruse the blog posts and offer your own thoughts by visiting Intersections.

What our Affiliates are Doing

While the American Library Association collaborates with 27 affiliates, the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS) works closely with 8 groups. These affiliate groups are created based on ethnicity, geographical locations, and interests. Affiliate groups are not governed by ALA nor are they within ALA’s many divisions, but their mission and work often align with ALA’s. ALA staff members attend affiliate meetings, promote their programming, and attend annual conferences if possible.

Learn more about these affiliates here. Continue reading for their monthly updates.
ABOS Commitment to EDI and Future Plans

ABOS President, Cathy Zimmerman, reminded members of the ODLOS and ABOS mission statements in a letter to the ABOS Listserv. ABOS is still accepting nominations for all 2020 awards. Please consult the ABOS website. Plans are moving forward for the October 15 Anniversary conference in Dallas.

APALA stands with BCALA and Black Lives Matter

APALA is proud to stand in solidarity with the BCALA in condemning increased violence and racism towards Black Americans and people of color. APALA similarly condemned racist rhetoric in a recent article in 32#2 of Against the Grain by Mark Y. Herring, former Dean of Library Services at the Dacus Library of Winthrop University. Many thanks to the APALA Executive Board for their work on both statements, particularly APALA President Alanna Aiko Moore, and to all who stood for election in the recent 2020-2021 Executive Board elections.

BCALA and GNCRT create Black Lives Matter Comics Reading List

The GNCRT is collaborating with our colleagues at the BCALA on a new Black Lives Matter Comics Reading List that aims to draw attention to the Black experiences of the past and present. View the reading list.

JCLC Reveals Next Conference

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ALF President Featured in Article

AILA president, George Gottschalk, was recently featured in an American Libraries Magazine article, "Reflections on Race and Racism."

ARSL Statement on Anti-Racism

Because Black lives matter and library professionals can be agents of change in rural and small communities across the nation, ARSL urges its members to stand up and speak out to end systemic oppression and police brutality. The ARSL Board of Directors is in active discussion about how they will commit to anti-racist work within the association.

CALA Webinar on Dismantling White Supremacy

The CALA North California (NCA) Chapter hosted a webinar in May on Disrupting White Supremacy Through BIPOC Solidarity. View the recording on Youtube.

JCLC Reveals Next Conference

REFORMA’s Northeast 16th annual Joint Mini-Conference
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. Save the date!

The REFORMA Northeast (virtual) Joint Mini-Conference will take place on June 16. View the agenda and RSVP.

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

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