



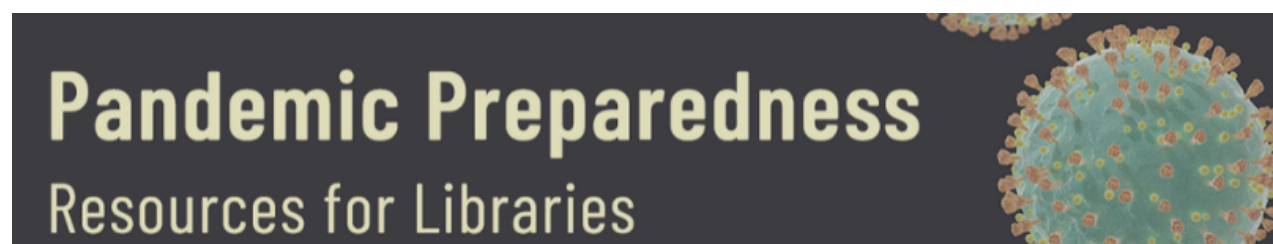
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This month, ODLOS highlights news from ALA, updates on COVID-19 resources, and new virtual opportunities.

If you'd like to stay in touch with the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS), please consider [subscribing to our monthly newsletter](#).



Mark Your Calendars for ALA Virtual - Community Through Connection

ALA Virtual - Community Through Connection is an online event with educational programming, special author events, and social networking. ALA is looking forward to this unique opportunity to stay connected as we move forward with our profession and support our communities.

ALA members can use a [special promo code to register for \\$60](#).



Register on the [ALA Virtual website](#).



TULIAO RUNS 125 MILES TO HONOR NYPL ANNIVERSARY & SUPPORT SPECTRUM

[Learn More](#)

ALA SPECTRUM
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

June is Rainbow Book Month™



Formerly known as GLBT Book Month™, the American Library Association (ALA) will now observe the month of June as Rainbow Book Month™, a nationwide celebration of the authors and writings that reflect the lives and experiences of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, pansexual, genderqueer, queer, intersex, agender and asexual community.

Library professionals are encouraged to take advantage of free resources and tools to support

Rainbow Book Month activities and share event photos and information over social platforms under the hashtag #RainbowBookMonth. ALA's Rainbow Round table provides resources to support virtual LGBTQIA+ literature programming, author engagement, and book discussion groups.

Learn how you can get involved on the [Rainbow Book Month website](#).

#LibrariesRespond

Combating Xenophobia and Fake News in light of COVID-19

ALA Releases 2020 State of America's Libraries Report



The American Library Association (ALA) has released its 2020 State of America's Libraries report, an annual summary of library trends released during National Library Week, April 19 – 25, that outlines statistics and issues affecting all types of libraries during the previous calendar year.

Although the report focuses on 2019, libraries are shown to be on the frontlines addressing societal and community challenges – a role they are certainly playing during the COVID-19 pandemic

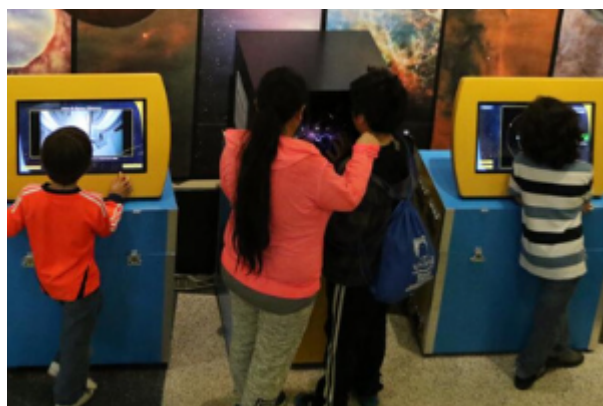
today. Many libraries serve as first responders who take on roles outside of traditional library service that support patrons' needs and community development. Functioning at various times as career counselors, social workers, teachers and technology instructors, library staff give special care to adopt programs and services that support the most vulnerable and curious.

[Read the report.](#)

SHOP THE ALA STORE



ALA announces STEAM Funding and Exhibitions for Rural Libraries Serving Latino Populations



Public library workers in rural communities are invited to participate in a project that will bring culturally inclusive STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) programming and exhibitions to their patrons, especially often-underreached Latino populations.

Through the [STAR Net STEAM Equity Project](#), 12 public libraries will receive \$15,000 over four years (winter 2020 – summer 2024) to participate in professional development activities, support

community partnerships and purchase STEAM learning materials. In partnership with library staff and their community collaborators, the project will engage families to empower tweens in STEAM culture and learning.

[Learn more about the process.](#)

OCLC, IMLS, and Battelle COVID-19 Research Partnership - REALM Project website



Join the ALA Connect Live Conversation



In times of uncertainty, connection and conversation are more important than ever. These town hall-inspired conversations allow for an open dialogue with the Executive Board and with fellow library professionals. The [April conversation focused on COVID-19 and the Library Community Response](#).

The next town hall will be "ALA Connect Live: COVID-19 and the Well-being of Library Workers" on Thursday, May 21 from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EST. If you'd like to submit questions, [complete the survey](#).

Register [here](#).



ALA VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND INFORMATION SESSION

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](#).



ACRL, ARL, ODLOS, and PLA Announce Joint Cultural Competencies Task Force



The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the American Library Association's Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS), and the Public Library Association (PLA) announce the formation of the Building Cultural Proficiencies for Racial Equity Framework Task Force.

The task force is charged to create a framework for cultural proficiencies in racial equity that can be used in public and academic libraries.

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

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.

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 (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 Plans 15th Anniversary Conference

ABOS continues to move forward with plans for their 15th Anniversary Celebration conference in October. ABOS invites you to nominate yourself or a colleague for one (or more) of their numerous awards. By way of celebration of the 15th anniversary, ABOS has increased their Carol Hole travel grants to 15. [Please see the ABOS website](#) for more information on the conference and the award nomination process.



AILA Membership Hangout

The American Indian Library Association (AILA) held a Virtual Membership hangout via Zoom on April 24. Members shared updates from their library and community.



APALA Recognizes Member Efforts

Happy Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month! The coronavirus has radically changed



ARSL Round Table on COVID-19

The Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) [hosts a](#)

work and life for many of us. [APALA members recorded](#) some of those changes as part of the What's Your Normal? series. Thank you to all APALA members who stood for election and congratulations to APALA members and ALA Councilors-at-Large Dora Ho, Liana Juliano, Binh P. Le, Alanna Aiko Moore, Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada, Ray Pun and Sandy Wee! Congratulations to APALA member Julie Moore for receiving the 2020 Margaret Mann Citation!

[weekly round table](#) to learn how other library workers are managing the COVID-19 public health crisis. This free, one-hour open house is held online via Zoom every Thursday at 2 p.m. Eastern. All are welcome to attend and participate.



BCALA Postpones their 2020 Conference to 2021

BCALA's Executive Board announced that the 11th National Conference of African

American Librarians (NCAAL XI – 2020) scheduled for August 5-9 in Tulsa, Oklahoma has been postponed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. The conference location will remain in Tulsa and retain the current theme: "Culture Keepers XI the Sankofa Experience: Inspired by Our Past, Igniting Our Future."



CALA Members in Leadership

Congratulations to CALA members Dora Ho, Sandy Wee, Ray Pun, and Binh P. Le for being elected as ALA Councilor-at-Large to serve a three-year term (2020-2023).



JCLC Reveals Next 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!](#)



REFORMA Member to Serve as President

REFORMA member Lucia M. Gonzalez has been elected as President-Elect for the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC).

That's it from us this month, stay safe everyone and we'll see you in June.

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