



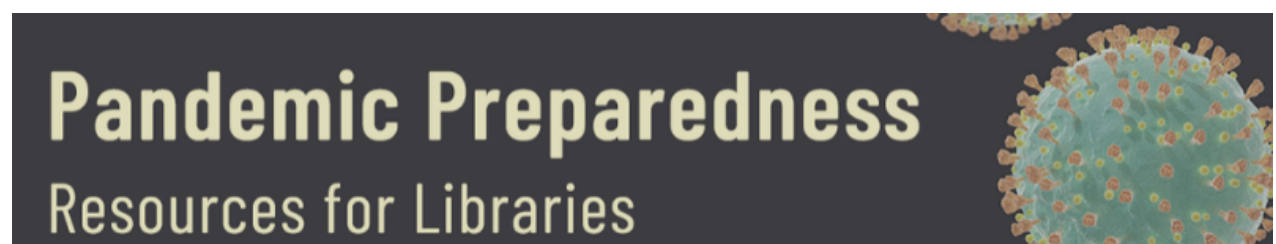
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This month, ODLOS highlights news from ALA, updates on COVID-19 resources, and information on this year's National Library Week.

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ALA Annual 2020 Canceled and Virtual Event Planned

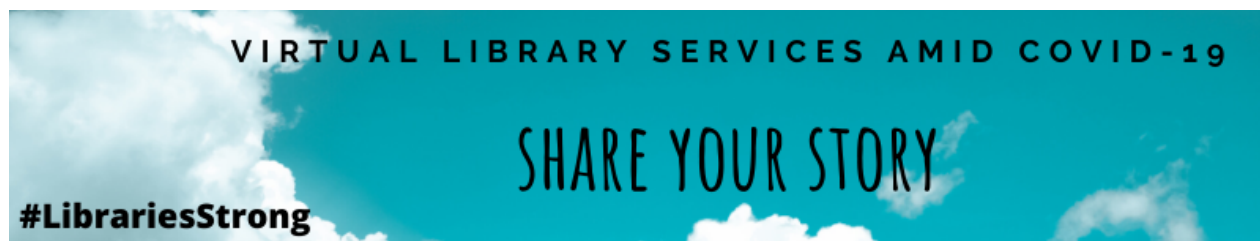
The American Library Association's Executive Board announced that the 2020 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition scheduled for June 25-30 in Chicago has been canceled.

"ALA's priority is the health and safety of the library community, including our members, staff,



supporters, vendors and volunteers,” said Wanda K. Brown, ALA president. “As the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds, it’s become clear that in the face of an unprecedented situation, we need to make tough choices.”

ALA is currently planning a Summer 2020 Virtual Event that will take place June 24-26, 2020. ALA will update [this website](#) with information on the new format, specific content, registration, and other details as planning progresses.



Patty Wong Wins 2021-2022 ALA Presidency



Patricia "Patty" M. Wong, city librarian at Santa Monica (Calif.) Public Library, has been elected 2021-22 president-elect of the American Library Association (ALA).

As ALA president, Wong will be the chief elected officer for the oldest and largest library association in the world. She will serve as president-elect for one year before stepping into her role as president at the close of the 2021 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

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

Last Day to Support Spectrum and Buy Merch

The Spectrum Scholarship Program’s [fundraiser](#) includes several apparel options and highlights their tagline, “Success Through Community.” Your purchase of a hoodie, raglan, or t-shirt directly supports the continued work of Spectrum in recruiting and retaining an ethnically and racially diverse library workforce - from providing direct funds to support degree completion, to bringing



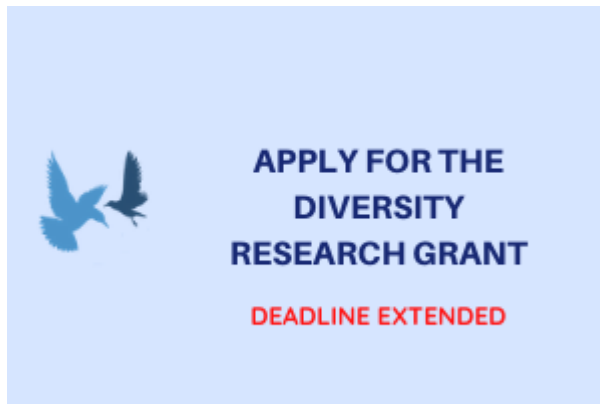
Scholars together at ALA Annual conference, to fostering continued community building and professional development at the local level year-round.

Consider supporting their fundraiser by purchasing an item from this collection; sales close tonight, April 16 at 11:59 p.m. EST! And if you wish, you can add an additional donation upon checkout.

If you're interested in donating only, you can

always visit <https://ec.ala.org/donate>.

Diversity Research Applications Extended Through May 15



ALA Diversity Research Grant Program has extended 2020-2021 grant applications through May 15, 2020.

The Diversity Research Grant (DRG) consists of a one-time \$2,500 award for original research. A jury of ALA members evaluates proposals and is encouraged to award a total of three awards. Grant proposals may address any topic that speaks to critical gaps in the knowledge of equity, diversity, and inclusion issues within library and information

science.

The Diversity Research Grant Program is currently accepting proposals for projects running July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, proposals should be sent to diversity@ala.org by 11:59 p.m. Pacific time on May 15, 2020. The 2020 Diversity Research Grants will be announced on June 15, 2020.

For submission guidelines and more information on the grant, visit their [web page](#).



Find the Library at Your Place During National Library Week



The theme for National Library Week 2020, "Find your place at the library," was chosen some time ago, before any of us could imagine the emergence of a global pandemic that would force most libraries to temporarily close their physical spaces.

This year during National Library Week, let's celebrate by showing our appreciation for the many innovative ways libraries, librarians and library workers are continuing to serve their communities during a time of crisis.

Celebrate with [ALA all week](#), specifically on Wednesday for [National Bookmobile Day!](#)



BCALA & NCAAL Anniversary Items Now Available at the ALA Store



New Items at the ALA Store



ALA Graphics has updated the ALA Store to include items celebrating Banned Books Week, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, and more.

Peruse the store [here](#).

Call for Proposals: Internet Filtering, Digital Literacy, and Information Poverty: Intersections and Challenges

Internet filtering is a crucial issue because it restricts access to a broad array of information, needed to combat the rising tide of fake news and misinformation. Experts agree that the best ways to



combat “fake news” are improved digital literacy and better access to better information. Nonetheless, internet filtering—which impacts both literacy and access—remains widespread. Internet filtering has three interrelated research issues: a lack of research and knowledge about internet filtering in the U.S.; disparate effects of filtering, along socioeconomic lines; and negative impacts on digital literacy.

This national symposium at the University of Kentucky will investigate these interlocking problems of internet filtering, digital literacy, and information poverty. Individuals are encouraged to submit proposals by June 15, 2020.

The call for papers can be found [here](#).

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The Joint Mini-Conference was an initiative of ALA Immediate Past President Loida Garcia Febo when she was President of REFORMA Northeast as a way to bring all the ethnic affiliates together to share best practices, network together, and learn and grow through and with each other.

Because of this year's extraordinary circumstances, instead of coming together physically, the Mini-Conference will be a virtual event, and instead of being an all-day event, it will be just a half-day conference on Juneteenth (Friday, June 19). The theme will be "Facing New Challenges: Working in Community, Responding to Crisis."

Please consider [submitting a proposal to present](#).



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 Continues Plans for 2020 Conference

ABOS is continuing with their plans for their 15th Anniversary celebration in Dallas, Texas. Conference dates are October 14-16. Additional information on awards and registration can be found on [their website](#). As part of their 15th celebration and in an effort to reach more colleagues, ABOS is asking everyone to [LIKE their Facebook pages](#) and in turn, invite your others to do the same.



AILA 2020 American Indian Youth Literature Awards

AILA celebrated their first American Indian Youth Literature Awards which were announced at ALA Midwinter as part of the Youth Media Awards on Monday, January 27. Read the full press release of the award winners on their [website](#).



Next President

Congratulations to APALA Life Member Patty Wong, the first Asian Pacific American to be elected ALA President-Elect! Congratulations also to APALA members Yasmeen Shorish, who served as the University of New Mexico's Ashton Speaker on March 10, where she presented a lecture and workshop on "Being a Critical Partner: Valuing Privacy in a Surveillance Society," Carol Ng-He, who is the Chicago Area Archivists' 2020 Member of the Year, Alicia Yao, on her appointment to the prestigious 2021 Newbery Award Selection Committee, and to Frans Albarillo and Ray Pun, who were selected as cohort 3 members to participate in the Library Freedom Institute (LFI) program focusing on privacy advocacy work in libraries!

APALA Congratulates Patty Wong on Becoming ALA's



Deadlines Extended for 2020 ARSL Conference Scholarships

Due to current circumstances, the deadline to apply for the 2020 ARSL Fall Conference Scholarships has been extended to Friday, April 24, 2020 at 5:00 pm (central time). [Click here](#) to get to the application page on the ARSL website and then click the name of the scholarship.

BCALA Postpones their 2020 Conference to 2021



CALA Members in Leadership



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. After extensive deliberation, BCALA Leadership has decided to move the conference ahead one year to Summer 2021. A great deal of work has already taken place in preparation for the conference and the 50th-anniversary celebration. 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."

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 May.

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