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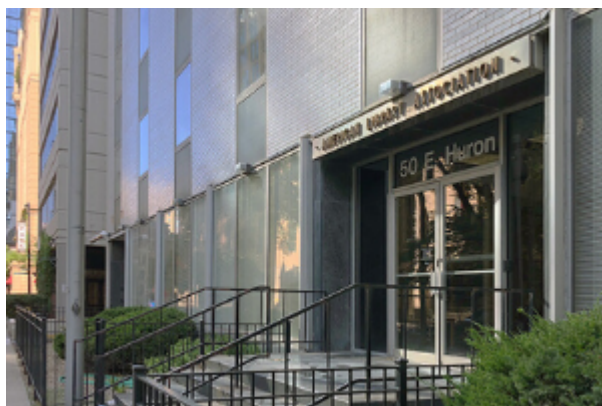
This month, ODLOS highlights news from ALA, upcoming conference deadlines, and updates on the Spectrum Scholarship Program!

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](#).



## ALA Announces Sale of Headquarters Building


American Library Association (ALA) President Wanda Brown and Executive Director Mary W. Ghikas announced that ALA has sold its headquarters buildings at 50 E. Huron and 40 E. Huron in Chicago's River North neighborhood.



In Spring 2020, ALA will be moving its Chicago-based office functions to Michigan Plaza at 225 N. Michigan Ave. Until then, ALA staff will continue to occupy the buildings on Heron until the new office buildout is complete. The move will provide ALA with modernized workspace, including enhanced meeting space.

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

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Nominate an Institution for the  
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## ALA Annual Poster Session Submission Site Accepting Proposals



The 2020 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition Poster Session Committee invites everyone to share their best ideas and work with the library community by presenting a Poster Session at the 2020 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28, 2020.

Submissions are invited from all types of libraries and on any topic relevant to librarianship and may include a description of an innovative library program; an analysis of a solution to a problem; a report of a research study; or any other presentation that would benefit the larger library community. Poster session participants populate boards with pictures, data, graphs, diagrams, narrative text, and informally discuss their presentations with conference attendees during assigned 90-minute time periods.

The Diversity and Outreach Fair takes place on Saturday, June 27 from 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The deadline to submit is January 31, 2020.

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

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## Submit Nominations for Rainbow Roundtable Awards

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### Submit Proposal for ACRL Conference



ACRL invites proposal submissions for the ACRL 2021 Conference, “Ascending into an Open Future,” to be held April 14-17, 2021, in Seattle, Washington. Today’s higher education environment calls for innovative ways to support student, faculty, and institution success. Through the efforts of talented library workers, today’s academic and research libraries are providing more open and inclusive collections and services.

Learn more on the [ACRL conference website](#).

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### Apply for the David Cohen/EMIERT Multicultural Award



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### Share Your Censorship Story



The Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) encourages library workers to report censorship incidents and challenges to library or school materials and services that occurred in 2019 using an online form by December 31, 2019. Every submitted report provides crucial information that helps the office raise awareness and respond to censorship threats by creating resources for libraries.

OIF is seeking information on challenges and removals of books, online resources, displays, and DVDs. It is also seeking information on canceled or challenged programs, and the vandalizing of library materials. All personal and institutional information submitted

through the online form is kept confidential.

Share your [story](#).

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## APPLY TO BE A SPECTRUM SCHOLAR

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### Spectrum Q&A

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2018 Spectrum Scholar Nathalie DeFelice interviewed fellow 2018 Scholar Heather VanDyne. In their interview, the two discuss the impact of the Spectrum Scholarship program, Heather's current role, and her thoughts on the challenges People of Color face in the profession.

Read the full interview [here](#).

Take the 'Library Services to Refugees, Immigrants, Migrants, and Asylum Seekers' survey



### What's on Intersections?

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

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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 stories on racism in kidlit, interviews, and using Braille books in outreach.

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



# ODLOS & AFFILIATE COLLABORATIONS



## What our Affiliates are Doing

Our affiliates have been busy; check out what's new below.



### ABOS Announces New Board

ABOS' annual elections are over and they are excited to announce their newest officers and board members. David Kelsey will be changing roles from Treasurer to become the new Vice President/President-Elect. Lori Berezovsky will be staying on as the Secretary, Brooke Bahnsen has served in the past as Treasurer and will be returning to this 2-year term, and their newest Board Members-at-Large are Kevin Kammeraad, Liana Morales, and Robin Rousu. ABOS will be changing to these new positions in January 2020 with Cathy Zimmerman stepping up as the 2020 ABOS President.



### AILA Member Recognized

AILA member Mary Anne Hansen was recently recognized as an 'I Love My Librarian' award recipient. Learn more about Mary Anne in the

[American Libraries magazine](#).



### APALA Members in Action

APALA Vice President Candice Mack introduced award-winning author and illustrator Grace Lin at the 2019 Frances Clarke Sayers lecture for advocacy and excellence in youth literature, hosted by the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies. Ray Pun co-edited the volume with Gary L. Shaffer on [The Sustainable Library's Cookbook](#) (published by ACRL).



### ARSL Highlights Award Winner

Featured on ARSL's website is the [2019 Dr. Bernard Vavrek Scholarship winner](#), Leah Price.

In a blog post, Price recounted her experience at the 2019 ARSL Conference in Burlington, Vermont. ARSL is preparing for its 2020 conference in Wichita, Kansas.



### BCALA Hosts Informational Webinar

BCALA held an informational webinar on NCAAL XI. The



### CALA Members in the Spotlight

Congratulations to CALA member, Janet Tom for receiving the "I Love My Librarian" award, to Jia He and Desmond Wong for being selected to be

recording can be viewed [on Zoom](#).

part of ALA Emerging Leader Program sponsored by CALA, and to Katherina Lee for her proposal being accepted to present at 2020 ALA Annual Conference! CALA would also like to extend its thanks to ALA President Wanda Brown for joining CALA Delegates at the 9th China-United States Library Practice Forum, Chuxiong Normal University, Yunnan, China, July 10-13, 2019.



### Donate to JCLC

[Donating to JCLC](#) helps support their work to advocate for and address the common needs of library workers of color.



### REFORMA Announces Grant Opportunity

The REFORMA National Program Grant is a grant of up to \$500 awarded to an active REFORMA Chapter and Members-at-Large that wishes to apply for funds to work on a special project that benefits the Latino/Spanish speaking within their community. Learn more on [REFORMA's website](#).

That's it from us this month; we'll see you in the new year!



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