



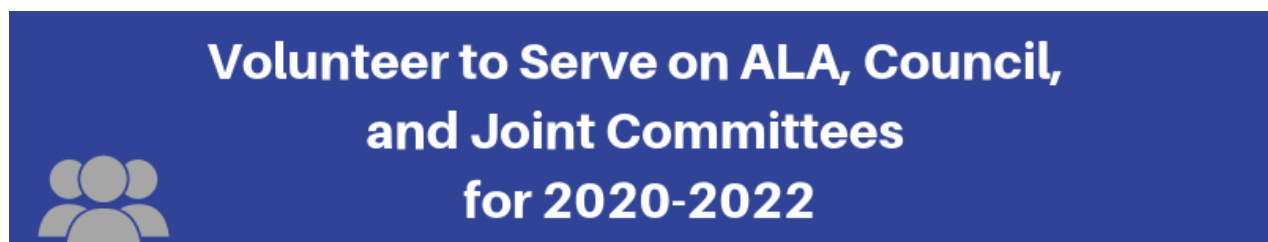
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Welcome back everyone! This fall, our office prepares for new awards, new opportunities, and announces an office departure.

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](#).



ODLOS Director Departs and Interim Director Announced

In early September, Jody Gray left her position as the Director of the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services for an opportunity in Minnesota. Kristin Lahurd, the Assistant Director for Literacy and Continuing Education has been appointed Interim Director until the position is filled. Kristin Lahurd joined the American Library Association five



years ago as the Literacy Officer. She works with members to create resources across the lifespan and coordinates ODLOS' continuing education efforts, including workshops and webinars on topics surrounding equity, diversity, inclusion, literacy, and outreach.

The office looks forward to continuing its work and collaborating with everyone in supporting equity, diversity, and inclusion in the profession.

Apply for the Carnegie-Whitney Grant

ALA Chooses Recipients for 2020 Diversity Research Grants



ODLOS and the Diversity Research Grant committee has selected three projects to fund as part of the Diversity Research Grant. Dr. Reysa Alenzuela has announced her project on “Cultural Competency Awareness of Ni-Vanuatu Librarians and Vanuatu Libraries Contribution to Vibrant Cultural Identity,” Holly Yu on her project “Integration of Library Use Data with Campus Learning Analytics for Student Success,” and “Library Staff and Drag Queen Perspectives and Decision-Making about Drag Queen Storytimes” by

a team of researchers at the University of Kentucky.

[Learn more about the Diversity Research Grant](#) on our website.

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Spectrum Scholarship Program Applications Now Open



Know a person of color who is interested in getting their MLIS? The Spectrum Scholarship Program is ALA's national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the specific issue of under-representation of critically needed ethnic librarians within the profession while serving as a model for ways to bring attention to larger diversity issues in the future.

Applications are open from September 1, 2019 to March 7, 2020.

[Learn more about the scholarship here.](#)



NEW AMERICANS LIBRARY PROJECT

Applications for the 2020 Herb Biblo Conference Travel Grants Open



The Travel Grants sponsored by the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) will help finance attendance at the ALA Annual Conference for up to two SRRT members. The \$1,000 award covers limited fees related to airfare, lodging, and conference registration.

[Apply](#) by December 15.

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CYBER-BULLYING AND DOXXING

ODLOS on the Road

ODLOS staff is preparing for trainings and various conferences from now up until Midwinter. See if you'll see staff in the wild!



September 4-6: ARSL Conference [Amber Hayes]
September 16-18: NJLA EDIcon training [Kristin Lahurd]
September 23-26: ALISE Conference [Briana Jarnagin]
September 25-28: ProLiteracy Conference [Kristin Lahurd]
October 22-25: ABOS Conference [Amber Hayes]
November 12-14: NYLA EDIcon training [Kristin

Lahurd and Briana Jarnagin]



Celebrate Latino Heritage Month

Nominations for David Cohen/EMIERT Multicultural Award Open



Nominations are now open for the 2020 David Cohen/EMIERT Multicultural Award, which recognizes recent articles that include significant new research related to the understanding and promotion of multiculturalism in libraries in North America.

[Learn more and submit a nomination](#) by January 3, 2020!



LIBRARY COMMUNITY STANDS TOGETHER TO ADDRESS
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COMMUNITIES

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 stories on resources for older adults, networking, and more.

Peruse the blogs 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 Award Winners

ABOS is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's awards. Please visit their website, abos-outreach.com, for a list of award winners. ABOS would like to congratulate them all on their accomplishments and thank award sponsors, Farber Specialty Vehicles and Acore Shelving. ABOS wants to send out an invitation to all the bookmobiles within driving distance to their conference next month. There is a discounted registration rate for drivers of these bookmobiles to attend. Contact ABOS treasurer, David Kelsey, at treasurer@abos-outreach.com.



AILA Member in Journal

AILA member Rhiannon Sorrell was featured in the *Tribal College Journal of American Indian Higher Education*. She penned "From JSTOR to Jiní: Incorporating Traditional Knowledge in Teaching Information Literacy at Tribal Colleges" and the article can be [read online](#).



APALA Presidential Theme and Thank You

APALA would like to thank all who volunteered for an APALA committee this year - APALA looks forward to working with you! President Alanna Aiko Moore's theme this year is SOLIDARITY,



ARSL Conference 2019 Wraps Up

ARSL's conference which was themed "tapping into libraries" was a major success and the organization already has plans for 2020. Library

with an emphasis on collaboration, unity, and intersectionality. Congratulations, thank you, and best of luck to Jody Gray as she begins her journey as the new Director of Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Minnesota!

workers were able to network, share resources, and discuss problems close to home.



BCALA Seeks NCAAL XI Volunteers

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association will be celebrating 50 years at their national conference in August 2020. Volunteer to [join the committee here](#).



CALA Members at IFLA

“IFLA is all of us!” IFLA WLIC was held in Athens, Greece from August 24 to August 30, 2019. CALA members had a very productive and pleasant time attending the conference with other participants from all over the world.



Donate to JCLC

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



REFORMA Grant Recipients Announced

REFORMA has announced the eight libraries who have received funding from REFORMA's Noche de Cuentos Mini-Grant Program. Learn more about the libraries and the program on [REFORMA's website](#).

That's it from us this month; we'll see you in October!



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