



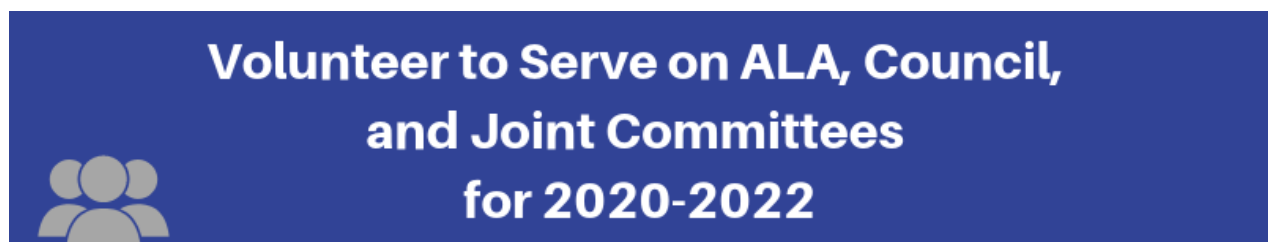
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And just like that it's July! This month, we bring you information about a new grant, re-introduce a round table, and more!

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](#).



Introducing the Rainbow Round Table (RRT)

In 2016, the GLBTRT Executive Board began formal discussions regarding whether the name Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) was inclusive and an accurate reflection of its membership. This was in response to regular queries from members and non-members alike, who asked why the round table

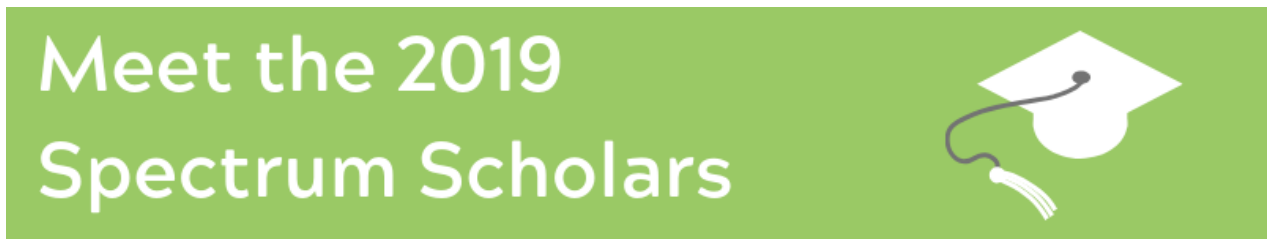


was called the GLBTRT, instead of using a more commonly used acronym, such as LGBT, or more inclusive acronym, such as LGBTQ+.

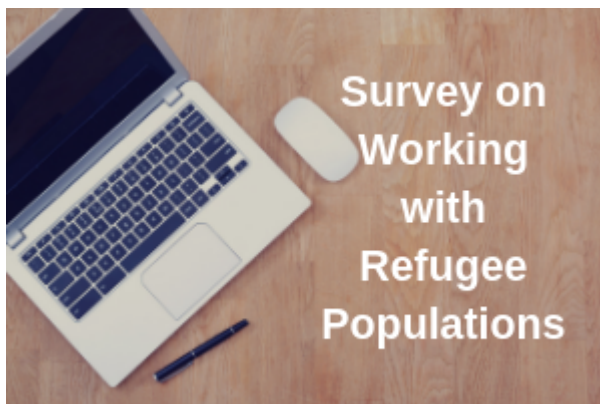
In 2017, the Executive Board conducted a series of in-person and online surveys at the Executive Board and membership meetings, at the social during the Annual Conference, and via the GLBTRT listserv, to poll and discuss this issue with membership. An additional survey with the top five names was sent out via the listserv in May 2018

and the results were discussed at the Executive Board meeting during the Annual Conference. The name that received the most support by GLBTRT membership was Rainbow Round Table (RRT). The Executive Board voted at its meeting October 2018 to put an additional option up for vote in the 2019 ALA elections - the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Round Table LGBTQRT) - as this acronym order was more standard within peer organizations. The Rainbow Round Table (RRT) received 225 votes, 51.6% of the votes, while the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Round Table (LGBTQRT) received 211 votes, 48.4% of the votes in the ALA elections. The name change was presented to the ALA Committee on Organization and ALA Council at Annual 2019.

As of September 1, 2019, the new name of the round table will officially be the Rainbow Round Table (RRT).



Survey on Working with Refugee Populations



The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois invites all librarians and library staff working in public libraries to take a short 10-minute anonymous survey to share professional experiences with refugees and to ask any questions about better understanding and serving refugees in the community. Library workers can [select this link](https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/9090906) to fill out the survey or copy and paste the following address in their preferred web browser:

<https://surveys.illinois.edu/sec/9090906>.

This survey is an effort to better understand how public libraries and refugee resettlement agencies (International Rescue Committee, World Relief, etc.) view and collaborate with each other in order to serve refugees and asylum seekers. The Center will use survey results in its next steps to develop and share resources about serving refugees as a continuation of its recently IMLS-funded project, Project Welcome: Libraries and Community Anchors Planning for Resettlement and Integration of Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Learn more about the project and previous activities on the [Center's website](#).

If you have any questions/comments about the survey and/or project, please contact [Clara M. Chu](#), Director of the Mortenson Center.



**2020 SYMPOSIUM ON THE
FUTURE OF LIBRARIES
OPENS CALL FOR
SESSION PROPOSALS**

New Americans Library Project



The New Americans Library Project is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) that seeks to explore ways to expand public library program services for new Americans.

When immigrants, refugees, and displaced persons first arrive in the United States they frequently turn to public libraries for free and trusted services.

More than 55 percent of new Americans use their public library at least once a week, according to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), to

access English language learning classes, citizenship and civic educational programs, and a vital support network.

With immigration on the rise, public libraries — and the new Americans they serve — need a plan that prepares them to meet the challenges of our nation's shifting demographics and ensure equity for all.

Libraries have long had a reputation for supporting healthy communities by providing a range of programs, services, and reference and educational materials. Service to new American populations is an important part of this work.

Read the white paper and learn more by [visiting ALA](#).

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EDI in our Libraries: Creating Conditions for Equity to Flourish



An initiative of 2019 ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo and her Diversity Advisory Board, this EDI video series gives visibility to a diverse representation of library workers, champions, and patrons to help deepen the understanding of the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion in action in the nation's libraries.

The last video in the series is Sonja Ervin, Equity and Inclusion Manager at Multnomah County Library System in Portland Oregon. Watch her

video and learn more about her efforts by visiting [EDI in our Libraries](#).



2020 ALA Annual Conference Program Proposals Now Open

ALA Announces Call for Applications for Lois Ann Gregory-Wood Fellows Program



The American Library Association announces a call for applications for its inaugural year of the Lois Ann Gregory-Wood Fellows Program.

Lois Ann Gregory-Wood worked at ALA for 50 years, and for 27 of those years, served as the ALA Council Secretariat. For thousands of ALA members, she was the face of ALA Council and governance. The Fellows Program celebrates her leadership and accomplishments, as well as seeking to encourage understanding and

participation in the ALA governance processes.

The Fellows Program seeks applications from interested individuals for its inaugural year in 2020. During this first year of the award, one individual will be selected to receive a grant totaling \$2,500 to cover costs of attending two conferences: the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia and Annual Conference in Chicago. The Fellow will work with a mentor and attend various governance meetings over the course of the conferences to observe and to learn.

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



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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 outreach as inclusion and bookmobiles.

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

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What our affiliates are doing

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

**BCALA Seeks NCAAL XI
Volunteers**

**ARSL's Board Prepares for
Future**



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](#).



This is an exciting time for ARSL. We work hard to serve rural, small, and tribal libraries, but we are a national organization. ARSL has experienced great growth over the last few years. The Board met in Denver for a board retreat. This retreat was a continuation of a multi-year strategic process intended to transition the ARSL Board from a working to a governing board structure. The transition to a governing board structure will be made final during our annual conference in September.



REFORMA Noche de Cuentos Mini-Grants

REFORMA believes that storytelling and oral traditions are key to the transmission and preservation of culture, as well as a significant tool in developing literacy skills. REFORMA will award 8 mini-grants of \$300 to support a Noche de Cuentos program during Latino Heritage Month, September 15 - October 15, 2019. Learn more on [REFORMA's website](#).



CALA Announces 2019 CALA Scholarship recipients

The CALA Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 CALA scholarships. You can learn about the recipients and CALA's other scholarship opportunities on [CALA's website](#).



APALA Welcomes New Executive Director

The Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) Executive Board is excited to announce Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada as its next Executive Director. Her term began in June 2019, at the end of the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.



AILA Celebrated its 40th Anniversary at Annual

The American Indian Library Association (AILA) invited ALA Annual attendees to celebrate AILA's 40th anniversary. AILA celebrated through a variety of events including an award ceremony, museum tours, and conference programming.



ABOS Conference Keynote Speaker Announced

ABOS is excited to announce its Guest Author and Keynote Speaker for their 2019 Conference, "On the Road | Out of the Box." Children's author, Jill Esbaum, will be their guest author at the Wednesday luncheon. Their closing



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ceremony Keynote Speaker will be award-winning humorist, teacher and author, Juli Burney. Check out the ABOS website for up-to-date conference information at abos-outreach.com.

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



Have an idea for a blog post or webinar?
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