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Hi everyone! For those we saw at ACRL 2019, thanks for stopping by our booth and chatting with us. This month we present a new toolkit, introduce a video series surrounding equity, diversity, and inclusion, and show off new programs.

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](#).



Literacy for All: Adult Literacy through Libraries Toolkit Released

Developed by ODLOS and ALA's Committee on Literacy, the Literacy for All: Adult Literacy through Libraries toolkit will help you add, expand, and advocate for adult literacy services at your library. Learn about steps to establish programs and partnerships, model library literacy programs, and



how libraries are helping to increase access and opportunities across multiple literacies.

Access this toolkit by visiting our [Outreach page](#) or clicking [here](#).

ALA 2019 Election Results

Meet JJ Poinke



As part of ALA President's Loida Garcia-Febo's dedication to equity, diversity, and inclusion, ALA is highlighting stories from the field. Our first story comes from JJ.

JJ Pionke, Applied Health Sciences Librarian at the University Library of the University of Illinois, embeds the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion into his work in tangible ways. As a disability rights advocate, he champions accessibility and inclusion in his campus library

because, to him, it's personal. As someone who identifies as disabled as well as transgender, JJ says it's natural to take up this work: "That's how I got into this. I've always been in it, but I wanted to go forward and try to make my new home, librarianship, into a space that I really wanted to be in. And a space that really reflected who I am and not just the values of librarianship as a whole, or the values that I learned about in school, but about me. Because it is my community." We recently spoke with him about the value of doing this hard work and learned more about projects he's undertaken, including the development of a series of disability libguides, the creation of reflection rooms for students, and his work with special populations, like veterans.

Hear from JJ by watching [this video](#).



Register for the 'Meet ALA's Ethnic Affiliates' Webinar

ALA Releases the State of America's Libraries Report



The American Library Association (ALA) released its State of America's Libraries 2019 report, an annual summary of library trends released during National Library Week, April 7 – 13, that outlines statistics and issues affecting all types of libraries. Never have our nation's libraries played such a pivotal role in strengthening communities through education and lifelong learning. The report found that library workers are on the frontlines addressing community challenges. Many 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 counselor, social worker, teacher, and technology instructor, library staff give special care to adopt programs and services that support our most vulnerable and curious.

Read the full report on [ALA's website](#).



Hateful Conduct in Libraries: Supporting Library Workers and Patrons

Participate in the Cross Cultural Communicators in Libraries Program



The New Jersey State Library and its partners are thrilled to call for registration for [Cross Cultural Communicators in Libraries](#), a groundbreaking pilot program aimed at increasing cultural and linguistic competence and effectiveness in communication among English/Spanish speaking bilingual individuals working in public libraries.

Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian

Program, this two-year project offers a comprehensive training on cultural competence and interpretation/translation skills in order to address significant challenges faced by front-line librarians and library support staff in an increasingly multicultural and multilingual society we live in.



JEAN E. COLEMAN
LIBRARY OUTREACH LECTURE
featuring Satia Orange
June 22, 2019 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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, we've highlighted stories on mentorships, Jewish literature, and a story from a school librarian on how she engages students.

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



EDI SPEAKERS BUREAU

Scholar-Scholar Q&A

In our first Scholar-Scholar Q&A, Nancy Garcia-Ramirez interviews Twanna Hodge on her journey into health librarianship, her participation in the LIS field, and advice for those entering the job market. Read the interview on [our website](#).



**The Importance of Being Inclusive:
Diversity in Collection Development for Academic Libraries**

Webinar
May 17, 2019

What our affiliates are doing

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



BCALA Seeks Volunteers

BCALA is looking for volunteers for the 50th National Conference of African American Librarians XI. This conference will take place August 5-9 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. You can learn more on the [committee volunteer form](#).



ARSL Prepares for Conference

Are you ready for the 2019 ARSL Conference? Tap into Libraries and join us September at Burlington, Vermont. Check your membership status [here](#). Early bird member pricing is only \$275.00! Included in this price is 5 meals and all keynote events. Seats are expected to go very fast! Be sure to follow ARSL on Facebook and Twitter and check out the Conference News page at [ARSL.info](#) for the latest conference news. Don't forget to check out the amazing [2019 ARSL Conference app](#)!



REFORMA Institute at ALA Annual

The REFORMA Institute will explore the many areas of communication that create and support



CALA 2019 Executive Board Election

CALA's national election is underway from March 31 to April 29. The election will elect an Incoming

leaders in the library profession. It will take place on Thursday, June 20, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the historic Mt. Pleasant Branch of the D.C. Public Library—the third oldest public library still in use in Washington, D.C.; known for its Spanish language collection. [Register today.](#)

APALA Election Open

APALA has opened voting for its Vice President, Secretary, and Member at Large positions. Voting is open from April 8 to April 20. You can learn more on [APALA's website](#).

Vice President/President-Elect (one position), an Executive Director (one position), and Board of Directors (five positions).



AILA Travel Grant

AILA has travel grants to help AILA members attend professional conferences. Application deadline is May 3, 2019. Details on travel grants

are on the [AILA website](#).



ABOS Call for Program Proposals April 15 – May 13

To submit a proposal for our 2019 Conference, please use the [online form](#). For questions or more information contact [Susan Parkins](#). ABOS would also like to remind everyone that the 2019 Awards applications are open on the website and encourages colleagues and students to apply.



Donate to JCLC

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their work to advocate for and address the common needs of library workers of color.

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



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