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Happy spring! This season, the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS) will be on the road hosting presentations and showcasing new resources. We also have information on upcoming events and new tools for your library.

## ODLOS is on the Road



After a dormant winter season, ODLOS is back on the road. Look for the ODLOS team at the following events:

**Coalition for Adult Basic Education (COABE) Conference, March 31-April 2:** Kristin Lahurd

**Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference, April 10-13:** Jody Gray, Briana Jarnagin, Amber Hayes

**Tennessee Library Association Conference, April 23-25:** Jody Gray, Kristin Lahurd

# Review the Guide to the 2019 Elections

## I Am ALA Seeks Member Stories



[I Am ALA](#) is a new initiative that showcases ALA members' and their diverse experiences in the library world. From public libraries to specialized libraries, from library students to library support staff — we know you make a difference where you serve.

Learn about your colleagues or submit yourself to be featured in the I Am ALA gallery.



## Apply for the Diversity Research Grant

## ODLOS Seeks Webinars for Curated Series



### ODLOS WEBINAR SERIES



#### LITERACY AS A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE

Proposals Due  
April 1, 2019



ODLOS invites proposals for its second webinar in a series on literacy as a social justice issue.

Proposals are due by April 1.

Submit webinar proposals on the [Webinar page](#).



## Hateful Conduct in Libraries: Supporting Library Workers and Patrons

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### ALA Executive Board Members Elected



Eboni Henry and Karen Schneider have been elected to serve on the American Library Association (ALA) Executive Board. The new board members were elected by the ALA Council in a vote taken at the 2019 ALA Midwinter Meeting held January 25-29, 2019 in Seattle. Henry and Schneider will each serve three-year terms beginning in July 2019 and concluding in June 2022. The ALA Executive Board manages the affairs of the Association. It is composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, treasurer, executive director and eight members elected by

Council from among the members of that body.

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

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Sign Language for Children in Storytime or  
in the Classroom eCourse



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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, we've highlighted stories on mentorships and self-care.

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

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## Social Justice and Public Libraries: Equity Starts with Us Regional Symposiums

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### 2019 Dr. Jean E. Coleman Lecture Features Satia Orange



Dr. Jean E. Coleman was the first director of the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS), now the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services (ODLOS). This lecture series is a fitting tribute to her work to ensure that all citizens, particularly Native Americans and adult learners, have access to quality library services. The lecture series will continue to teach library professionals more about their roles in providing equity of access.

The 2019 Jean E. Coleman Lecture will take place on Saturday, June 22 at 2 p.m. and the lecturer will be Satia Orange who served as the OLOS director from 1997-2011.

You can learn more about this lecture on the

[ODLOS website.](#)

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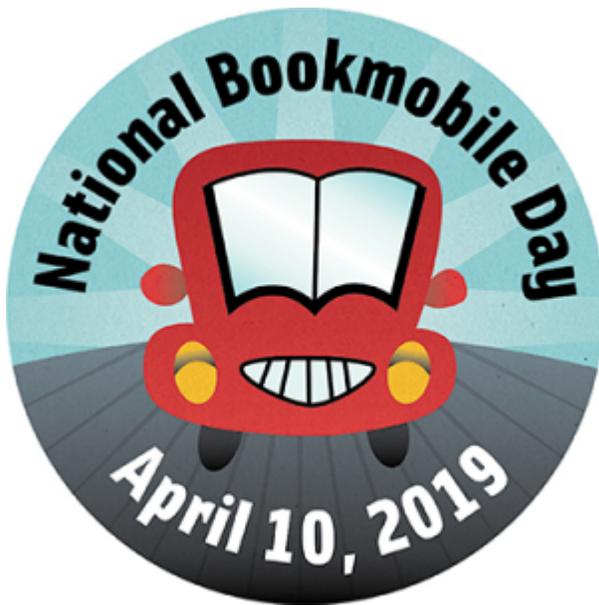


## EDI SPEAKERS BUREAU

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### Celebrate National Bookmobile Day

National Bookmobile Day celebrates bookmobiles and the dedicated library professionals who provide this valuable and essential service to their communities every day. Each year, it is celebrated on the Wednesday of [National Library Week](#). In 2019, National Bookmobile Day will be Wednesday, April 10.



In collaboration with the Association for Bookmobile and Outreach Services ([ABOS](#)) and the Association for Rural and Small Libraries ([ARSL](#)), ODLOS has created resources that library workers can use to bring awareness to this day. Resources include social media icons, bookmarks, and infographics.

Learn more on the [National Bookmobile Day webpage](#).



**CONTINUING  
EDUCATION  
RESOURCES**

## **ALA Launches Executive Director Search with New Search Committee and Isaacson, Miller**



The American Library Association (ALA) announced it has opened its search for an executive director, in partnership with corporate executive search firm Isaacson, Miller, to succeed current ALA Executive Director Mary W. Ghikas. The search will be led by a new ALA Executive Director Search Committee comprising various member leaders and senior association staff. ALA Executive Board plans to name a new executive director after its fall board meeting in October 2019. The new executive director will officially assume leadership after the ALA Midwinter Meeting 2020 in Philadelphia. Ghikas will support the orientation and transition process as Deputy Executive Director through the 2020 Annual Conference in Chicago.

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

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## Mapping Race and Racism in the U.S. Library History Literature



As part of the [Diversity Research Grants Program](#), ODLOS has started a monthly spotlight on research advancing issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion in libraries. This month's Spotlight features an interview with Dr. LaTasha Velez and Dr. Melissa Villa-Nicholas around their work "Mapping Race and Racism in the U.S. Library History Literature, 1997-2015."

Learn about the inspiration from this project and what comes next for the two researchers by reading the [Diversity Research Grant Spotlight](#).

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## Submit to the Open Information Science Journal



Drs. Melissa Villa-Nicholas and Latesha Velez are asking for submissions that centralize the theme of Information Studies, race and racism, in order to evolve the field into a more critical theoretical foundation that moves away from colorblind ideology and narratives of neutrality, which only serve to disguise the ubiquity of whiteness.

The scope of this issue might include, but is not limited to, research on:

Anti-racism methods in Information Studies  
Critical Race Theory and Information Studies  
Deconstructing 'colorblindness' in Information Studies and/or information institutions  
Intersectional analysis of Information Studies (race and : gender, sexuality, class, disability and ableism, indigeneity, Classifications, cataloging, and taxonomies  
Analysis of whiteness and information organizations, information institutions, or applications of whiteness studies to Information Studies  
How notions of race and racism affect our we conceptualize and teach information literacy  
Contemporary or historical debates around race and/or racism in information institutions (Libraries, Archives, Museums, special collections, business, education, labor, Silicon Valley, Government, incarceration)  
Big Data, race and racism  
Race and racism as it relates to knowledge organization  
Anti racism or applications of an analysis of racism of Information Studies in non-Western and/or non U.S. contexts  
Information, surveillance, and racism

The deadline to submit is June 30, 2019. Learn more on [the website](#).

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## Spectrum Leaders in the 2019 ALA Elections



The Spectrum Advisory Committee has compiled a list of Spectrum Scholars standing for office in the 2019 ALA Elections. It is encouraged that you support the mission of the Spectrum Scholarship Program by supporting these leaders! If you're a Scholar standing for office in the upcoming ALA election, and you do not see your information listed here please let us know at [spectrum@ala.org](mailto:spectrum@ala.org) and you will be added.

You can view the list of Spectrum Scholars standing for office on the [Spectrum website](#).

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## 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's Board is Making Moves

This is an exciting time for ARSL. They work hard to serve rural, small, and tribal libraries, but they 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.



### REFORMA Institute at ALA Annual

REFORMA will host its first-ever REFORMA Institute. This all-day institute will have professional development opportunities related to Spanish-speaking communities. Details and location to come.



### CALA 2019 Executive Board Election

Voting for CALA's Executive Committee of the Board will be open from March 31, 2019, 8:00 p.m. through April 29, 2019, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. CALA members can learn more on the [CALA website](#).



## APALA Election Opens April 8

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



## AILA Member in the News

University of New Mexico librarian Sarah Kostelecky worked to support Zuni language learners by making materials available online. You can read the article in the [Albuquerque Journal](#).



## ABOS Seeks Award Applicants

The Association of Bookmobiles and Outreach Services is calling for applicants for their 2019 Awards. The awards are for travel grants to their annual conference, excellence in outreach services and a scholarship for students. Application information on the three annual awards can be found by visiting the [ABOS website](#). Deadline for submission is July 31, 2019. ABOS will also be putting out a call for program proposals on April 1 for the 2019 conference.



## Donate to JCLC

[Donating to JCLC](#) helps support 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 the April!



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