We're thankful for everyone we were able to see at ALA Midwinter and we hope to see even more of you at ALA Annual in Washington, D.C. This month, we have upcoming deadlines, new resources, and new opportunities to get involved with the American Library Association.

What's New with ODLOS

At ALA Midwinter, the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services launched some new resources and provided updates on office activities. In this report you'll find information on the resources ODLOS created for Drag Queen Story Hour, new continuing education workshops and webinars, as well as activities ODLOS has planned for 2019.

You can read the full report here.
Dr. Clara Chu Receives 2019 EMIERT Distinguished Librarian Award

Dr. Clara M. Chu, director of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, is the recipient of the 2019 American Library Association Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) Distinguished Librarian Award. The Distinguished Librarian Award recognizes significant accomplishments in library services that are national or international in scope and include improving, spreading, and promoting multicultural librarianship.

Dr. Chu is a leading and respected international voice on cultural diversity in library and information science that has contributed to developing professional and policy documents to improve, spread and promote multicultural librarianship nationally and internationally,” said nominator Dr. Shali Zhang, dean of Libraries at the University of Montana. “She specializes in the sociocultural study of information use, practices and systems that impact access, representation and collective memory in multicultural communities in order to foster information equity and social change.”

Read the press release to learn more.

Apply for the Diversity Research Grant

Join the Coretta Scott King Book Awards 50-50 Initiative

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee, the CSK Program Committee is challenging library workers, educators, and all lovers of children’s literature across the nation to hold one or more
programs, classes, presentations, speeches, etc., highlighting the committee, award-winning books, authors, or illustrators in each of the 50 states. You are encouraged to use these resources, programs, and activities as a base to build upon.

If you accept this challenge, please email Alan Bailey, CSK Chair-Elect & Chair of the Programming Committee, and copy diversity@ala.org so your state will be recognized for participating in the 50-50 Initiative.

Submit Your 'News You Can Use' Session

News You Can Use sessions are designed to provide timely updates on policy, statistics, technology, and other advances in the profession based on new research, surveys, reports, legislation/regulation, and other data. These sessions will be promoted throughout the conference, including a special section in the printed program book and online for all attendees to see.

Sessions are scheduled for 60 minutes. If your session requires 90 minutes, please make a note in the Additional Meeting Information text box.

If you have any questions about possible submissions, scheduling, etc., please feel free to contact Miguel Figueroa directly at mfigueroa@ala.org.

You can submit your session using your ALA credentials.
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 tips and considerations from various library workers about the concept of self-care as well as a blog post from ODLOS Director Jody Gray on the inclusion of ethnic affiliates at the Youth Media Awards.

Peruse the blogs and offer your own thoughts by visiting Intersections.

PLA Develops Early Childhood Literacy Activity Calendars

Spectrum Scholarship Program Deadline is Approaching

Applications for the 2019 Spectrum Scholarship Program are due by March 1, 2019 and all materials, including reference letters and letters of support must be submitted by March 1 as well.

Spectrum Scholars share in the prestige and opportunities that become available when they are selected. Each scholar receives $5,000 from ALA to combat the rising cost of graduate education as well as $1,500 to attend the Spectrum Leadership Institute held during the ALA Annual Conference. In addition to financial support, recipients benefit from peer mentoring and a large alumni network.

Critical for long-term impact, the program offers continuing education and professional development opportunities foundational to obtaining leadership positions within the profession.

You can learn more about the application and requirements by visiting the Spectrum website.
Find Content-Experts with the EDI Speakers Bureau

The Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS) has launched the EDI Speakers Bureau. This online resource highlights experts from the library profession who are available to speak on topics surrounding equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI).

In 2014, then ALA-President Barbara Stripling formed the ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. One of the 58 recommendations of the Task Force was to create a clearinghouse (speakers bureau) of people with expertise in equity, diversity, and inclusion to aid program planners in identifying speakers.

The EDI Speakers Bureau includes speakers’ location, biography, and areas of expertise. Users may nominate a speaker to be added to the EDI Speakers Bureau and content experts may submit themselves to be listed on the website.

You can access the website here.

Spectrum Blog Post: Community Organizing and the Founding of Librarians of Color, Los Angeles

"Use your frustration to create a path in which the next POC from your neighborhood do not have it as hard, make the path just a little easier for the next POC to progress and get out of their struggle."

In this week's Q&A, Cynthia Palacios (2014 Scholar) and Eva M. L. Rios-Alvarado (2012 Scholar), discuss their involvement with the founding and sustaining of Librarians of Color, Los Angeles - "a grassroots collective created by and for library workers of color in LA."
Read the blog post on the Spectrum blog.

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Booklist Seeks Diverse Reviewers

Booklist is actively seeking book reviewers of diverse background, whether that background is cultural, racial, gender, or another.

They are also looking for reviewers fluent in Spanish. Candidates with critical acumen and knowledge of a public-library audience should email writing samples (preferably published work) and reviewing preferences (fiction, nonfiction, adult, YA, picture books, graphic novels, audio, etc.) to one of the following:

Sarah Hunter, Books for Youth and Graphic Novels (shunter@ala.org)
Donna Seaman, Adult Books (dseaman@ala.org)
Heather Booth, Audio Books (hbooth@ala.org)

Free Webinar on "Examining Privilege in Classifications: Connecting Critical Information Literacy to Conversations on '"Latinx'"

Topic: "Examining Privilege in Classifications: Connecting Critical Information Literacy to Conversations on '"Latinx'"
Date: February 27, 2019
Time: 1 p.m. CDT
Registration: Open to 100 registrants

Join ODLOS for the free webinar "Examining Privilege in Classifications: Connecting Critical Information Literacy to Conversations on '"Latinx.'" After registering, you will receive confirmation. Only the first 100 to log in will be able to attend live, but all registrants will receive a link to the recording.
What our affiliates are doing

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

**BCALA announces 2019 award winners**

Anicka Austin and Jabez Patterson were recently announced as the winners of the 2018 E.J. Josey Scholarship.

Fayrene Johnson Muhammad was recently announced as the winner of the Demco/ALA Black Caucus Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

The winners of the 2019 BCALA Literary Awards were recently announced.

**ARSL's commitment to rural and small libraries**

ARSL believes in the value of rural and small libraries and strives to create resources and services that address national, state, and local priorities for libraries situated in rural communities. One service they provide is their listserv. The ARSL Listserv is very active and an endless well of knowledge, resources, encouragement, and a family-like atmosphere.

“When I first became a librarian I had no idea what I was doing. I sent my first question to the ARSL listserv and almost immediately received a response and encouragement. I am two and half years into this profession and the information, opportunities, and friendships I have gleaned from the listserv is invaluable.”

-Bailee Hutchinson

**REFORMA accepting applications for scholarships**

The REFORMA scholarship is open to students who are Spanish-speakers or interested in serving Latinos or the Spanish-speaking. The Rose Treviño Memorial Scholarship is for those pursuing a degree in children's or young adult librarianship and are Spanish-speakers or interested in serving Latinos or the Spanish-speaking. You can learn more on their website.

**CALA accepting applications for research grant**

The purpose of Sheila Suen Lai Research Grant is to encourage CALA members to engage in research activities that contribute towards library and information science, and related to Chinese American Librarianship particularly. The deadline for this $1,000 grant is March 31. You can learn more about the requirements on the CALA website.

**APALA and ALA accepting applications for the 'Talks Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture' grant**

**AILA member chosen for 2018 I Love My Librarian Award**
Talk Story: Sharing stories, sharing culture is a literacy program that reaches out to Asian Pacific American (APA) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) children and their families. The program celebrates and explores their stories through books, oral traditions, and art to provide an interactive, enriching experience. You can learn more about the application process by visiting the Talk Story website.

Joy Bridwell, librarian at Stone Child College in Box Elder, Montana, was named a winner of this year’s I Love My Librarian Award. Bridwell is recognized for her leadership in transforming lives and communities through education and lifelong learning. She is one of only 10 librarians in the country this year to receive this national honor. You can learn more about Joy by reading the press release.

Join ABOS in Nebraska this fall

ABOS is off to a great year. They are in the planning stages of their 2019 conference to be held in Omaha, Nebraska from October 23-25. To see the current list of officers and board members as well as other happenings, please visit the ABOS website at https://abos-outreach.com.

JCLC 2018 reflections

JCLC 2018 attendee Hannah Park reflected on her experience at the Joint Conference for Librarians of Color and how it 'felt like a breath of fresh air.' You can read the post here.

That's it from us this month; we'll see you in the spring.

Have an idea for a blog post or webinar? Contact our office!

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