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New month, new newsletter! In this month's edition of the EDI Update, you'll learn about upcoming events, new resources, and new opportunities to get involved with the ALA.

Nominations open for 2019 EMIERT Distinguished Librarian Award



The Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) of the American Library Association seeks nominations for the 2019 EMIERT Distinguished Librarian Award. The EMIERT Distinguished Librarian Award recognizes significant accomplishments in library services that are national or international in scope and that include improving, spreading, and promoting multicultural services in libraries.

You can learn more about this award in the [press release](#).



Meet the 2020-2021 Presidential Candidates

Stork Storytime helps libraries help families deliver literacy



Current early literacy programs focus on children after they're born, but the Stork Storytime initiative delivers literacy before a child's arrival by focusing on the expecting family. Stork Storytime Reads encourages expecting families to do 100 "read alouds" before baby arrives. Adults become more comfortable reading out loud and children can practice their literacy skills.

You can learn more about Stork Storytimes at the [ALSC blog](#).



INCLUSIVE BOOKLISTS

a booklist curated by the American Library Association and its ethnic affiliates

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week comes to an end



September 23-29 marked [Adult Education and Family Literacy Week](#). The week raised public awareness about the need for and value of adult education and family literacy. Its goal was to leverage resources that support access to basic education programs for the 36 million U.S. adults with low literacy skills.

To bring awareness to the topic, ODLOS highlighted blog posts from library workers who created programming surrounding adult literacy.

Check out the [ESL program in Louisiana](#) and the [job readiness program in Tennessee](#).

Save the date



#citeNLM2018

November 7, 2018

Set your story free!



The Public Library Association (PLA) announced a new national writing contest that aims to build on the rich legacy of libraries as vital community institutions. The contest invites writers of all backgrounds to submit short stories on the theme of “courage”. Winners can receive up to \$1,000 and have the opportunity to be published in Short Story Dispensers—ATM-like kiosks that print short stories in a range of genres—around the world.

Learn more on the [submission site](#).



Need resources related to
Drag Queen Story Hour?
Check out #LibrariesRespond



GLBTRT seeks nominations for 2019 awards recognizing outstanding service to the LGBTQ community



GLBTRT seeks to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of its peers. Members are an integral part of a successful awards program. GLBTRT urges members to nominate colleagues whose work has influenced their thinking and growth, and whose contributions merit recognition by the profession. Member nominations will ensure that the pool of candidates for each award remains both competitive and distinguished. Nominations and supporting materials for these awards must be submitted by December 10, 2018.

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



Run for ALA Office

Deadline: December 5, 2018



National Screening Room of free motion pictures now online



The Library of Congress announced today that it has digitized hundreds of hours of motion pictures that will be freely available on the newly launched National Screening Room website. Most of the content in the National Screening Room is in the public domain.

“The goal of this digital project is to present the public with a broad range of historical and cultural audio-visual materials that will enrich education, scholarship and lifelong learning,” said curator Mike Mashon, head of the Library’s Moving Image Section. “The National Screening Room is designed to open up the Library’s collections, making otherwise unavailable movies freely accessible to viewers nationwide and around the world.”

Learn more at the [Library of Congress website](#).

Present at ALA Annual on intersectionality

The GLBT Round Table is looking for presenters for a panel at ALA Annual 2019 titled “Intersectionality and the Experience of LGBTQ+ Library Folks.” Are you part of the LGBTQIA/queer community? Do you hold multiple intersecting identities? We would love to hear from you! Please send a short statement (2 paragraphs) to Cynthia Ledbetter (cl Ledbetter@auburnalabama.org) describing



yourself, place of study or work, and what you can bring to the panel. We will choose four panelists to present at ALA Annual.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS Friday, November 2, 2018.

Program Description:

“Intersectionality and the Experience of LGBTQ+ Folks”

LGBTQ+ folks in the library world face a range of issues that often overlap with other forms of oppression, including gender, race, ethnicity, ability, economic status and education level. Queer library folks with multiple identities often struggle to find acceptance and belonging, feeling excluded and invisible within an already marginalized community. This panel explores intersectionality and the ways that multiple forms of oppression are interconnected. Panelists discuss how each of their lived experiences is different. Attendees will leave with strategies for building respect for difference, creating open and accepting spaces for LGBTQ+ staff and library users, and increasing acceptance of people with complex identities.

Co-sponsored by: the American Library Association’s Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA).



Submit an ALA Member Spotlight

SRRT seeks applications for 2019 Herb Biblo Travel Grants



The Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association (SRRT) is pleased to announce the first annual Herb Biblo Conference Travel Grants to help finance up to two SRRT members' attendance at the ALA Annual Conference. The \$1000 award covers limited fees related to airfare, lodging, and conference

registration. The deadline to apply is December 15, 2018. All applicants will be notified of the Ad Hoc Selection Committee's decision by January 15, 2019. Applicants must be ALA/SRRT personal members.

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



Apply for the Carnegie-Whitney Grant

What our affiliates are doing

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



ARSL welcomes new board

With the close of ARSL Conference 2018, the ARSL Board of Directors has welcomed new members. You

can learn more about the Board of Directors by visiting [ARSL's website](#).



BCALA's newsletter is out

The newest issue of BCALA News is now available! It features book reviews and a testimony from a PhD student.

Read more in the [newsletter](#).



Read the REFORMA newsletter

The Fall edition of REFORMA's newsletter is out. Read to learn about REFORMA's initiatives and current offerings. You can access the newsletter on [REFORMA's website](#).



APALA spotlights Paolo Gujilde

APALA president Paolo Gujilde was featured in APALA's member highlight. You can learn more about the president by [reading the interview](#).



CALA announces new chapter

CALA announced the establishment of the Canada Chapter as CALA's newest chapter. A written petition encouraged the formation of CALA's 8th chapter and CALA is excited to see the growth.



AILA member honored at ATALM

AILA Secretary Aaron LaFrambois was honored with the Library Institutional Excellence Award during

ATALM. You can read more about the conference and all the winners of the 2018 Guardians of

Culture and Lifeways International Awards starting on [page 49 of the program](#).



ABOS board member honored at JCLC 2018

Kim McNeil-Capers (ABOS Executive Board Member) was the 2018 Advocacy Award recipient for the third National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC).



A successful (and fun) conference

JCLC 2018 was a success! Attendees were able to have open conversations about diversity in the librarianship, network, and honor members with distinguished service. Relive the experience by following #JCLC2018 on social media.

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



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