



# Are you interested in serving as an ALA Councilor?

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## ALA's Executive Board speak on EDI!



At ALA Midwinter, the ALA Executive Board [shared their thoughts](#) on what Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) meant to them and to the American Library Association. With everyone's dedication to creating inclusive libraries, we know that we can foster positive change across the profession.

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## ALA changes Wilder Award name



At ALA Annual, the Board of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) [voted to change the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award to the Children's Literature Award](#). This award was created to celebrate authors who have had a large impact in children's literature. Over the years, librarians and readers alike have pointed out the offensive representation of African Americans and American Indians in the series which has led to the association adopting a more inclusive name. There has been debate that renaming the award is a form of censorship, and [ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom \(OIF\) has weighed in on that conversation](#).

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## Read REFORMA's statement on the separation of refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants at the U.S border

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### 10 Years of the American Dream



2018 marks the 10-year anniversary of the [American Dream Literacy Initiative](#). To celebrate this momentous occasion, we have a [report](#) to reflect on the positive impact that this \$10,000-grant has had across the country. You can also see what [programming](#) library workers were able to bring to their libraries. Here is to another 10 years!

## Read ALA's Resolution on Reuniting Families

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### Meet our Spectrum alumni



This month, we're shining a spotlight on two Scholars working in health sciences/medical librarianship. [Rachel Keiko Stark](#) (2010-2011 Scholar) and [Brenda Linares](#) (2005-2006 Scholar) both share their experiences in the field and a snapshot of their professional accomplishments so far.

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## Read ALA's Resolution on African American Historical Inequities

### Congrats to our Diversity Research Grant winners!



We are thrilled to announce the 3 recipients of the 2018 [Diversity Research Grants](#)! As a reminder, this award of \$2,500 is given to library workers who want to investigate diversity in the profession. This year, we've awarded grants to [projects regarding bilingual gatekeepers in libraries](#), [lack of opportunities for first-generation students in virtual campuses](#), and [the lack of speculative fiction for black children](#). You can look forward to receiving updates on these grants during ALA Midwinter in Seattle!

## Read ALA's Gender Neutral Bathroom Resolution



### Exploring Careers in Archives and Special Collections



**ALA SPECTRUM**  
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### ALA hosts 'Exploring Careers in Archives and Special Collections' webinar

*Thursday, August 16, 12 p.m.-1 p.m. CDT  
Free!*

During this [hour-long webinar](#), special collections librarians that include Spectrum Scholars and members of the RBMS Diversity Committee will speak about different career paths within the rare books, archives, and special collections profession, and ways to increase diversity within the archives and rare books world.

Note: This webinar will be recorded.

# Attend #JCLC with a travel grant

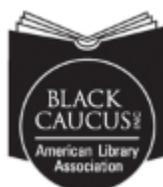
## What our affiliates are doing

Our affiliates have been busy this summer season and ODLIS would love to share their hard work and updates.



### Going to ARSL 2018 Conference?

It's been three weeks since ALA Annual and you're thinking, "I wonder when the next library conference will be?" Luckily, the [Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#) (ARSL) read your mind! Their 2018 conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois from September 13-15. While the conference is sold out, they have a wait list, so be sure to [inquire!](#)



### Meet the grantees

At ALA Annual, [Reading is Grand! Celebrating Grand Families Telling Our Stories @ Your Library](#) announced the library grantees that would receive the 2018 grant. This grant is an initiative of the [Black Caucus of the American Library Association](#) (BCALA) and you can learn more in [Cognotes!](#)



### REFORMA celebrated authors and their books

On June 24, ALSC and [REFORMA](#) (The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking) presented the 2018 Pura Belpré Award Celebración. You can find full speeches from all of the winners by visiting [REFORMA's website](#).



### Welcome the new APALA Executive Board

June and July are typically months of transition as the previous year's Executive Board passes the gavel. [APALA](#) has welcomed its new Board members for 2018-2020. [Learn more about this dynamic team](#) that will be serving under President Paolo Gujilde.



### CALA discussed how to engage Generation Y students at ALA Annual

The [Chinese American Librarians Association](#) (CALA) presented during ALA's poster session in New Orleans last month. The topic revolved around current classroom technologies and how instructors can enhance the level of engagement from Generation Y students.



### 2018 Emerging Leaders presented on tribal libraries in the United States

During last month's ALA Annual, the [American Indian Library Association](#) (AILA) presented an online directory of tribal libraries, archives, and museums across the United States. We hope that this directory will encourage more collaboration!



### Join the ABOS conference

The [Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services](#) (ABOS)

will hold its [annual conference](#) in Raleigh, North Carolina from October 17-19. We hope to see you there!



### Celebrate in New Mexico with the JCLC

Want to attend even more library conferences? [The Joint Council of Librarians of Color](#) (JCLC) will host its third [national conference](#) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Register today!

We told you that we had a lot to share with you! Thank you all for sharing everything that your group has been up to and keep sharing those stories with us! We'll see you in August!



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