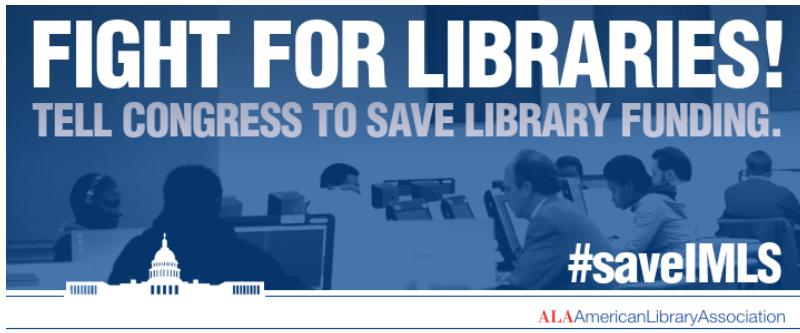


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Fight for Libraries



ALA's recent efforts to increase support for IAL and LSTA among Members of the U.S. House have paid off! [ALA President Julie Todaro has shared](#) that 146 Members indicated support for IAL in FY 2018, and 144 expressed support for LSTA, both increases over last year by 18% and 64%, respectively.

Libraries will still need our support in the months ahead. While any cuts to IMLS, LSTA, and IAL will be damaging to libraries across the country, they will be especially devastating for libraries serving tribal, rural, and economically distressed communities.

"Soon, we will also need you to ask both of your US Senators to sign similar letters not yet circulating in the Senate," said Kevin Maher, Assistant Director of ALA's Office for Government Relations (OGR) [in a recent post in District Dispatch](#).

To keep up to date with this developing situation, please regularly visit www.ala.org/fight-for-libraries. ODLOS will also be sharing updates and future calls for action via the ODLOS newsletter and social media.

ALA and ProLiteracy Launch Free Online Course to Promote Adult Literacy Services

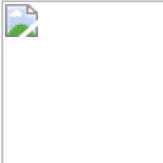
In the U.S., there are 36 million adults who lack adequate literacy skills. To address this urgent need, [ODLOS and ProLiteracy have joined forces to launch a free online course](#) to help libraries across the country address the need for adult literacy services in their communities.

A continuation of the work outlined in ALA and ProLiteracy's 2013 *Adult Literacy through Libraries: An Action Agenda* and funded through a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Adult Literacy through

Libraries course consists of 10 modules to guide, challenge, and inspire libraries that are not currently offering services for adult learners to do so.

Celebrate National Library Week 2017 – April 9-15

 **Tuesday, April 11 – National Library Workers Day:** NLWD is a day where library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. Nominate a stellar library worker, connect on social media, get ideas on how to celebrate NLWD, and download a free poster at the NLWD website, <http://ala-apa.org/nlwd>.

 **Wednesday, April 12 – National Bookmobile Day:** Free materials for National Bookmobile Day 2017 are now available for download at www.ala.org/bookmobiles. These customizable resources are geared to help libraries and library supporters across the country prepare for local National Bookmobile Day celebrations across the country. Materials available for download include publicity templates, logos and sticker templates, as well as flyers and bookmarks, geared to help libraries enhance and publicize their National Bookmobile Day celebrations. Follow and join in the celebrations on social media by using the #NBD2017 hashtag!

Thursday, April 13 – Take Action for Libraries Day: Take Action for Libraries Day, a national library advocacy effort, [will be observed for the first time](#) on the Thursday of National Library Week. In response to proposed budget cuts to IMLS, LSTA, and IAL, this year's Take Action for Libraries Day will highlight the library community's efforts to safeguard funding for the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which serves as a critical funding resource for every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories to support libraries and museums.

Share Your Library Superhero Story on Intersections: [Librarians use their superhero powers as they work every day to build inclusive spaces for all](#) – share your library superhero story for Intersections! Have a submission? Email jamundsen@ala.org for more information.

Applications now open for 2017 Diversity & Outreach Fair – Deadline May 15

 A highlight at ALA Annual Conference, the [ALA Diversity & Fair highlights library services to underserved or underrepresented communities](#). The theme for this year's fair is "Inclusive Outreach: Providing Services to the Underserved and Marginalized." Selected presenters will develop and facilitate a poster session to be held during the ALA Annual Conference in the exhibits hall. In addition, the participants are encouraged to submit, in digital format, information and resources from their program. Presentation spaces will include a 4x8 raised bulletin board and a skirted 6' table. Applications will be accepted through May 15; selected presenters are responsible for registration to ALA Annual Conference.

ACRL Wrap-up

What would it look like if academic libraries incorporated more equity, diversity, and inclusion into their everyday work? In a poster session at ACRL, [Michelle Baildon shared the experiences of the Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice \(DISJ\)](#) task force of the MIT Libraries' Collections Directorate, as it reviewed library activities—including archives, technical services, collection development, and scholarly communications, as well as the impact on market forces that libraries can bring to bear—for opportunities to promote marginalized voices.

The New Media Consortium (NMC) Horizon Report: 2017 Library Edition was released at the ACRL conference in Baltimore March 23. The report identifies six tech trends and challenges that will impact academic libraries. Melissa Green and Rachel Thompson with the University of Alabama, and Melissa Mallon with Vanderbilt University [discussed how these six trends will impact accessibility](#) in academic libraries.

Spectrum News



Anthony Bishop, a 2011- 2012 Spectrum Scholar, [has accepted a tenure-track faculty position](#) as the Assistant Professor of Instructional Design in the Library department with the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) a part of the City University of New York (CUNY) in January 2017. Anthony graduated with an MLIS from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign in 2013.



14th Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden, the first woman and the first African American to lead the national library, [headlines this special kick-off celebration of the 20th Anniversary of ALA's Spectrum Scholarship Program!](#) A minimum donation of the \$20 ticket purchase includes hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Add Ticketed Event ALA5 to your registration before tickets sell out.

Tougaloo Nine webinar recording now available



Access to the February webinar, "Libraries in the Jim Crow South and A Conversation with One of the Tougaloo Nine" [is now available for purchase](#). Sponsored by the Freedom to Read Foundation, this webinar features author Cheryl Knott ("Not Free, Not for All: Public Libraries in the Age of Jim Crow"), civil rights activist and author Geraldine Hollis ("Back to Mississippi"), artist Michael Crowell and Chapel Hill (N.C.) Library Director Cheryl Brown as they discuss the history of libraries and life in the Jim Crow South.

ARL Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce – Applications accepted through May 15



The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) [is accepting applications through May 15 for the Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce](#) (IRDW), a program designed to recruit master of library and information science (MLIS) students from traditionally underrepresented ethnic and racial minority groups into careers in research libraries and archives.

Where We Belong: Artists in the Archive – Upcoming Symposium

The South Asian American Digital Archive (SAADA) is [hosting a day-long symposium in Philadelphia on Saturday, April 8](#) that will bring together artists, activists, academics, and archivists to explore ways to challenge the systematic erasure of stories of marginalized communities in America.

ODLOS invites webinar proposals



Do you have a great idea for a webinar? [We're seeking proposals from the field that explore diversity, literacy, and outreach in libraries and in the library profession](#). Successful online webinar proposals should name all presenters with relative teaching experience, be aligned with the standards and competencies for diversity, clearly outline learning outcomes and illustrate how the webinar will address a topic of interest for ODLOS. All proposals should show plans for both 60- and 90-minute allotments.

Affiliate Updates

Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS)

ABOS is [now accepting proposals through April 28](#) for its 2017 Annual Conference (Oct. 25-27) in Pittsburgh

Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL)

Registration is now open for the [Association for Rural & Small Libraries conference](#) in St. George, Utah (Sep. 7-9)

Black Caucus of ALA, Inc. (BCALA)

Registration is now open for the [National Conference of African American Librarians \(NCAAL\) X](#), to be held in Atlanta Aug. 9-13, 2017. The theme of NCAAL X will be "Culture Keepers X - Beyond Library Walls: Innovate Ways to Engage our Communities."

REFORMA – The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking

REFORMA will be holding its [National Conference VI](#) Sep. 7-9, 2017 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Member Milestones

Starting with our May issue, we will be highlighting the accomplishments of members of our Round Tables, Committees, and Affiliates! Do you have a milestone or know of someone who has made a notable achievement? Email John Amundsen at jamundsen@ala.org.

Latest on Intersections



- Amanpreet Kaur, Rachelle Nelson, and Rebecca Stuhr discuss the evolution of the [University of Pennsylvania Libraries' Group on Library Diversity](#) (GOLD) and its efforts to increase diversity in academic librarianship
- Emma Wood highlights [updates to her same-sex marriage LibGuide](#) to reflect the implications of the Obergefell v. Hodges Supreme Court Decision
- Ann Plazek [discusses Project Read](#), a partnership between the Medina County (Ohio) District Library and the local sheriff's department to provide outreach to incarcerated parents and their families

ODLOS Newsletter Archive Now Available

A complete archive of all the back issues of the ODLOS Monthly newsletter is [now available on the ODLOS webpage](#).



Correction

In the January issue, we misspelled Emilly Prado's name in our Spectrum Spotlight. We regret the error.

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