

# ALA OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY, LITERACY & OUTREACH SERVICES

## ODLOS Newsletter – March 2017

### **Libraries Respond featuring updated, timely information on serving immigrants, GLBTQ, indigenous populations**

 To help libraries meet the information needs of their communities during these challenging times, the American Library Association (ALA) Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS) has created [Libraries Respond](#), a comprehensive online resource that aims to keep current events in conversation with libraries' ongoing work in and commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion.

Resources featured on Libraries Respond include:

- Focused topic areas including the 2016 Election, the Dakota Access Pipeline (#NODAPL), immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers, and protections for our nation's transgender students
- Official statements from ALA leadership and its divisions and affiliate organizations
- News coverage of libraries' response to current events
- Resources developed by librarians in the field
- "10 Things Your Library Can Do for 2017 and Beyond," a quick-reference guide
- Self-care tips for frontline library staff

### **ALA seeks proposals for 2017-2018 Diversity Research Grants through April 15**



ODLOS is [seeking proposals for the Diversity Research Grant program](#). Applications may address any diversity-related topic which addresses critical gaps in the knowledge of diversity, equity, and outreach issues within library and information science.

The application deadline has been extended to midnight central time on April 15, 2017.

The Diversity Research Grant consists of a one-time \$2,500 award for original research. A jury of ALA members will evaluate proposals and select up to three awards. Grant recipients will be announced ahead of the 2017 ALA Annual Conference. Researchers are invited to present interim findings at the News You Can Use Diversity Research Grant Update held each ALA Midwinter Meeting and are asked to publish findings in a publication of their choosing within one year of completing their project.

### **Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds (RNTLOAK) seeks proposals for 2017 Annual Conference program**

ALA's Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds (RNTLOAK) serves as an advocate for and partner with libraries serving rural, tribal, and native populations. We are looking for speakers to present at the 2017 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. ALA membership is not required to participate, although speakers will be required to register for the conference. The selected proposal will be presented on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 8:30-10:00am.

RNTLOAK welcomes proposals from librarians or staff in rural, native, and/or tribal libraries, as well as archivists, linguists, curators, directors of museums or historical societies, and all others with expertise or stories to share. Presentations should be approximately 45 minutes long, with time afterward for questions and discussion from the audience.

Proposals will be accepted through Friday, April 7, 2017. Please email proposals and questions to RNTLOAK Chair Susan Hess, [shess220@gmail.com](mailto:shess220@gmail.com)

## 2017 American Dream Libraries Announced



ODLOS is pleased to [announce the recipients of the fifth round of the American Dream Literacy Initiative grant](#), generously funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The American Dream Literacy initiative is a year-long program that delivers services and serves thousands of English language learners in a warm and welcoming environment. Nineteen U.S. public libraries were selected through a competitive application process. To date, 185 public libraries have initiated or expanded literacy services for the adult English language learners. American Dream libraries offer computer access and training, job readiness programs, and ELL, GED and citizenship classes. As part of the initiative, American Dream libraries build replicable programs, develop coalition-building strategies and provide annotated lists of vetted resources for libraries across the country.

## Celebrate National Bookmobile Day – Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Held the Wednesday during National Library Week, National Bookmobile Day (Wednesday, April 12, 2017) celebrates our nation's bookmobiles and the dedicated library professionals who provide this valuable and essential service to their communities every day. National Bookmobile Day is an opportunity for bookmobile fans to make their support known—through thanking bookmobile staff, writing a letter or e-mail to their libraries, or voicing their support to community leaders.

To help libraries mark the occasion, ODLOS is once again providing free resources including sample publicity templates at [www.ala.org/bookmobiles](http://www.ala.org/bookmobiles). Updated graphical materials will be live on March 10th.

## Awesome Foundation Innovation in Libraries Micro-Grants



Facing the threat of diminished federal funding for innovative library projects, Library Pipeline has launched a new grant, funded by individual donors. The Awesome Innovation in Libraries Chapter will award monthly \$1,000 micro-grants to incubate small-scale library projects and experiments. [Applications are now being accepted](#); deadline to submit is

March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## RNTLOAK partners with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine on free webinar

The [May 17, 2017 PNR Rendezvous webinar](#) will feature members of the Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee (RNTLOAK) who will introduce their 2 newly revised toolkits, "TRAILS" (Tribal Library Procedures Manual) and "The Small but Powerful Guide to Building Support for Your Rural Library". Last updated in 2008, these toolkits serve as guides for how to manage your library and advocate for community support. Outreach librarians, public librarians, community college librarians, trustees, library directors, librarians and staff in rural, native and tribal libraries should all find this session informative and at the end be able to:

- Showcase health information updated in the TRAILS Toolkit
- Explain how to use TRAILS as a procedures manual in a tribal or rural library
- Explain how to engage in advocacy and outreach to native, tribal and rural communities
- Develop an action plan with a clear heartfelt message and talking points to build your case for support

## Spectrum Highlight: Baker named Strategic Digital Initiatives Librarian for the USC Libraries



On January 16, 2017, [Giao Luong Baker began her new role at Strategic Digital Initiatives Librarian](#) for the USC Libraries. As Strategic Digital Initiatives Librarian, Giao will provide leadership in developing sustainable, unique digital collections and services for the USC Libraries including working to secure funding for these projects. ([Read more](#))

## 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.

## Mentor and mentee applications sought for ALCTS Mentoring Program



The ALCTS Mentoring Program facilitates and encourages professional development of ALCTS members at any stage in their career and in any of the areas related to our work, and aims to develop strong leadership in areas of librarianship covered by ALCTS; support members in developing their professional skills; cultivate leadership and involvement in ALCTS; provide networking opportunities, and expand members' professional learning circles. [Applications for the ALCTS Mentoring program are being accepted through March 17; applicants must be ALCTS members to qualify.](#)

## PLA releases digital literacy tutorials in Spanish

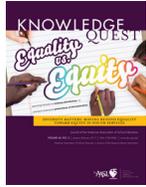


Spanish speakers will now have access to digital literacy training resources thanks to recent efforts by the Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association. PLA announced today that all learning content on its website [DigitalLearn.org](#) is available in Spanish.

DigitalLearn.org offers a collection of self-directed tutorials for learners to increase their digital literacy on critical topics such as navigating the World Wide Web, using email, searching online for employment and creating a résumé. Modules are video-based with narration, six-to-22 minutes long, and written at the fourth-grade reading

level. Since the site's launch in 2013, nearly 60,000 users have accessed DigitalLearn.org, completing approximately 15,000 modules each year. Visitors may access the site in Spanish by simply clicking the link marked "Español" at the top of any page.

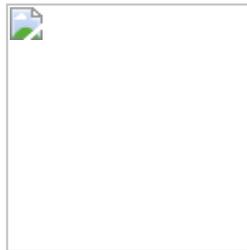
## **AASL's Knowledge Quest explores equity and diversity in youth literature, Libraries, and beyond**



[This month's issue of Knowledge Quest](#), the bimonthly journal of the American Association of School Librarians offers insight, resources, and instructional strategies for affirming diversity and equity literacy in the youth-oriented library spaces. It comes at a critical juncture in America's sociopolitical climate, where the rhetoric of the 2016 election has engendered fear and reinforced negative stereotypes among historically underrepresented groups (e.g., Mexican Americans, Muslim Americans, immigrants, African Americans). Immediately following the 2016 election, Teaching Tolerance administered an online survey to K-12 educators across the country.

## **Round Table Updates**

### ***SustainRT offers \$500 travel award to attend ALA Annual Conference***



The American Library Association Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT) is inviting submissions for its first-ever travel award, featuring a \$500 good for travel costs for ALA's 2017 Annual Conference in Chicago.

To apply for the award, applicants are invited to submit a 60 second video under the theme "Green is the New Black," explaining how libraries can empower their customers and communities to create a greener, more sustainable future. Creativity is encouraged. Applicants must be SustainRT members. To add SustainRT to your membership, please log in to [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org) or call 800-545-2433, ext. 7.

Submissions will be accepted through 11:59 PM CT on March 15, 2017. To submit your video, please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/d9TISae3ABkQKHdy2>

Following the deadline, SustainRT will select and post the top three videos on the [SustainRT Facebook page](#). The video receiving the most "likes" by 11:59PM CT on March 31, 2017 will be selected and announced as the winner on the SustainRT blog on April 1, 2017.

### ***Time Announced: Bill McKibben to speak at program sponsored by SRRT, SustainRT, AILA, and APALA***



The ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) and Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT), the American Indian Library Association (AILA) and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) are sponsoring a program at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago on Saturday, June 24th from 1-2:30pm featuring acclaimed author, environmentalist and activist Bill McKibben.

Correction note: February's newsletter incorrectly listed event co-sponsor SustainRT as the Social Responsibilities Round Table. SustainRT is the Sustainability Round Table. We apologize for the error.

### ***Lisa Hinchliffe named inaugural recipient of GLBTRT/GODORT Larry Romans Mentorship Award***

The American Library Association (ALA) Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender and Government Documents Round Tables (GLBTRT and GODORT) are [proud to announce Lisa Hinchliffe as the first-ever recipient of the Larry Romans Mentorship Award](#). Hinchliffe's mentorship at the University of Illinois and in ALA and the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) has provided support to many generations of library school students and colleagues.

## Affiliate Updates

### ***Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS)***



**ABOS**  
ASSOCIATION OF BOOKMOBILE  
& OUTREACH SERVICES

#### **2017 Annual Conference**

ABOS will be holding its [2017 Annual Conference](#) Oct. 25-27 in Pittsburgh.

### **Bookmobile and Outreach Information Repository (BOIR)**

The BOIR Project has been approved by the [Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services](#) (ABOS) with a purpose to plan, design, build and implement a new online database repository for the archiving, compiling and distribution of comprehensive information about library outreach services in the United States and worldwide. The completed BOIR Project will be a centralized online location and archive for information, statistics, photos and history about bookmobile and outreach programs, which will also provide factual information to interested, qualified parties for strategic planning, research, reporting and decision making.

### ***Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL)***



ARSL is [accepting proposals for its 2017 Conference in St. George, Utah](#) (Sept. 7-9). 1 hour programs and full and half day pre-conference workshops are being considered – applications are due by March 15, 2017.

### ***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.

### **Latest on Intersections**



- Samantha Yanity, ODLOS' Online Learning Assistant talks about how [Library Superheroes](#) help their community every day



---

If you no longer wish to receive ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy & Outreach Services emails, please [click here](#).  
To unsubscribe from all American Library Association communications, [click here](#).  
American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611 [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

