

# ALA OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY, LITERACY & OUTREACH SERVICES

## ODLOS Newsletter - Midwinter 2017 Special Edition



Welcome to the special Midwinter 2017 special edition of the ODLOS Newsletter! This issue highlights sessions and events from ODLOS and ALA focusing on equity, diversity, and inclusion at ALA's 2017 Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta.

### Find EDI Events and Meetings using the Midwinter Online Scheduler

Times and locations of equity, diversity, and inclusion events and meetings from across ALA and its divisions at Midwinter are findable using the Midwinter online scheduler at [www.alamidwinter.org](http://www.alamidwinter.org). In the scheduler, select "Diversity" or "Equity of Access" in the subject dropdown to see a list of meetings.

### The Conversation Starts Here

Keep tabs on the goings-on and contribute to the conversation in Atlanta using social media! Use the #ALAMW17 hashtag when posting and sharing around the conference, as well as #librariesrespond when sharing how libraries are responding to their communities' needs in the face of current events.

Consider also using the following hashtags at these events:

- ODLOS Town Hall - #ODLOSTownHall
- The Atlanta March for Social Justice and Women - #whyimarch and tag @AtlantaMarch

### Georgia's Indigenous Heritage

To acknowledge Georgia's indigenous history and in recognition of the Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee and the Lower Muscogee Creek Tribe, [ODLOS has developed a resource page for Midwinter attendees](#) featuring tribal information and links to local institutions and sites.

### Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses

For your convenience, ODLOS has compiled this list of [minority- and women-owned businesses in the Atlanta area](#) for Midwinter attendees.

## ODLOS Town Hall at Midwinter to Explore Healing, Identity in Challenging Times

As librarians, we continue to advocate and fight for the communities we serve, but we need to recognize how our personal identities impact our work and our profession. This past year has been extraordinarily hard on communities of color and marginalized identities. Numerous shootings, sexual assaults, attacks in the legislation against the rights of GLBT communities, and an election that continues to challenge our identity as a country. In the wake of these challenging times, [ODLOS will hold a town hall where we can come together and start some healing within our organization](#). We will

review the progress of initiatives within the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services and across the association, then we want to hear from you. The Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services invites everyone to join us in this space to reflect together. The ODLOS Town Hall will be held on Friday, Jan. 20th from 12:30-2:00pm in GWCC B203.

## Library Workers at the Atlanta March for Social Justice & Women



We invite Midwinter attendees and Atlanta-area library workers wishing to participate in the [Atlanta March for Social Justice & Women](#) to gather in Hall A3 of the Georgia World Congress Center for poster making from 10:30am-12:30pm on Saturday, January 21.

The Atlanta March for Social Justice & Women will be a peaceful demonstration of solidarity bringing together members of underrepresented communities, women, and their allies in Georgia and nationally.

You do not have to be registered for Midwinter to attend the poster making session. Maps of the March route and directions to the Center for Civil and Human Rights will be available. People who wish to travel together to the march are encouraged to gather at the poster-making session by 12:15pm. A limited amount of poster supplies from the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services will be available, please consider bringing supplies to share.

If you're interested in joining discussions and getting updates about library workers' participation in the march, [please join the Facebook Group](#).

## Daina Ramey Berry to Keynote, Patty Wong to Deliver Call-to-Action at 2017 MLK Holiday Observance and Sunrise Celebration



The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Observance and Sunrise Celebration commemorates Dr. King's legacy and recognizes the connection between his life's work and the library world. [Join leaders from across ALA and the library profession on Monday, Jan. 23 from 6:30-7:30am](#) in room B203-205 in the Georgia World Congress Center for a reading of selected passages from the collected work and speeches of Dr. King. Gain a new perspective on Dr. King's legacy and social justice from an always-engaging keynote speaker, and be inspired to bring these lessons into the everyday work of librarianship through the energizing Call-to-

Action address, delivered by a notable leader and advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion in the library profession.

 Acclaimed historian Dr. Daina Ramey Berry will deliver the keynote address for the 2017 Celebration. Dr. Berry is Associate Professor of History and African and African Diaspora Studies and the Oliver H. Radkey Regents Fellow in History at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Berry is a specialist in the history of gender and slavery in the United States with a particular emphasis on the social and economic history of the nineteenth century. Her forthcoming book, "The Price for their Pound of Flesh: The Value of the Enslaved, from the Womb to the Grave, in the Building of a Nation" offers a groundbreaking look at slaves as commodities through every phase of life, from birth to death and beyond, in early America. (Beacon Press, January 2017) Dr. Berry's participation is made possible by Beacon Press.

 Dr. Berry will be joined by Call-to-Action speaker Patricia M.Y. (Patty) Wong, County Librarian of the Yolo County (Calif.) Library System. Wong's decades-long career, from her early days as a children's librarian in Oakland to her present position as County Librarian and Chief Archivist for Yolo County and member leader in the California

Library Association, the Ethnic Affiliates, and ALA, has borne witness to her tireless commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion and community-centered engagement.

Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served. Attendance is free and open to all Midwinter attendees. A book signing will immediately follow the event.

## JCLC Fundraising Events to Support 2018 Conference



The Joint Council of Librarians of Color, Inc. (JCLC Inc.), a nonprofit organization that advocates for and addresses the common needs of ALA's ethnic affiliates, is pleased to announce [two exciting events during the ALA Midwinter Meeting](#) in Atlanta.

### Peachtree Trolley Tour

Connect with your fellow JCLC supporters on a 90-minute Peachtree Trolley Tour of Atlanta and enjoy Atlanta's sights, which include the King Center, Centennial Olympic Park, and the Georgia Aquarium. The tour will be held on Friday, January 20, from 1pm to 2:30pm. The tour cost is \$35 for affiliate members and \$40 for non-affiliate members. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit the JCLC conference website. The deadline to register for the tour is Thursday, January 12.

### 2018 Conference Location Announcement Event

Join us from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Omni Hotel in International Ballroom A-C, where we will announce the location for JCLC 2018 - The 3rd National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color. Socialize with colleagues, enjoy appetizers and a cash bar and support our fundraiser for the conference! Doors open at 5 p.m. and the conference site location will be announced at 6 p.m.

## Adult Literacy through Libraries: Resources and News You Can Use



A project of ProLiteracy, the American Library Association Office for Library and Outreach Services, and the National Council of Public Library

With the award in 2015 of an IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant, ALA's Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services and ProLiteracy have partnered to further the work of "Adult Literacy through Libraries: an Action Agenda." The Action Agenda is a series of recommendations intended to spur conversation, ideas, and action. It identifies seven key priority areas in which public libraries and library-related groups might choose to work: Collection Development, Technology and Digital Literacy, Collaboration and Strategic

Partnerships, Professional Development and Graduate Education, Community Planning and Program Evaluation, Raising Awareness and Influencing Policy, and Sustainability. Each priority area is broken down into specific outcomes, which are supported by concrete action recommendations. In this phase of the project, ALA and ProLiteracy are developing an openly accessible online training and collection of resources based on the Action Agenda recommendations. These resources will help libraries across the country create tailored action plans for serving their communities' adult learners. Attendees will become familiar with the Action Agenda, see examples of pilot libraries implementing their own action plans grounded in community assessment, and receive an introduction to the online course, which will launch in 2017.

[Download the National Library Action Agenda](#)

## Talk to ALA about Accessibility

As part of an ongoing effort to improve its member experience, ALA is hosting a series of 90-minute Kitchen Table Conversations will be on a key aspect of inclusion: accessibility for people with physical, mobility, visual, auditory or cognitive disabilities. All conference attendees are encouraged to take part, whether or not they use accessible services.

The conversations will explore how ALA can better create products, services and environments that enable people with disabilities to participate fully in the ALA community. ALA staff and member leaders will ask volunteers a series of open-ended questions about their experience with ALA. A note-taker will be present to record comments, but they will be kept anonymous.

The Kitchen Table Conversations are open to all conference-goers, regardless of membership status, and will be held at the following times. All gatherings will take place in GWCC room B317.

Sunday, Jan. 22, 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 22, 3 to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday, Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Monday, Jan. 23, 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
Monday, Jan. 23, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

[Sign up to participate in one of the above sessions.](#)

These Kitchen Table Conversations are part of ALA's efforts to celebrate diversity and create a more inclusive culture throughout the association and library profession. Read the June 2016 report of the ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

## **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Creating a New Future for Library Collections**



Equity, diversity, and inclusion are an increasingly high priority for libraries and librarians. Whether in acquisitions, access, management or preservation, library collections are evolving to support these ideals. Furthering discussions on metadata, open access, and preserving diverse voices in collections are critical as libraries face challenges in a changing society. This symposium explores work underway and what the future brings. Join your colleagues for these important conversations about the intersection of collections and equity, diversity and inclusion. Librarians in academic, public, and special libraries will benefit from attending this symposium. Speakers for the symposium include Courtney Young, Hannah Buckland, Charlotte Roh, Harrison Inefuku, Paolo Gujilde, Emily Drabinski, Ann Marie Willer, Miriam Centeno, and Mark Puente. Visit the [symposium website for more information](#), including speaker bios, registration and pricing details. The symposium will take place on Friday, Jan. 20 from 8:30am-4:00pm at the Knowles Conference Center at the Georgia State University College of Law. Ticketed event, registration is required.

## **Public Hearing for the Revision of the Standards for Libraries Serving People Who are Blind or Physically Handicapped**

The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) invites Midwinter attendees to join [a public hearing on revisions to its Standards for Libraries Serving People Who are Blind or Physically Handicapped](#). The hearing will be on Monday, Jan. 23 from 10:30-11:30pm in room B214 in the Georgia World Congress Center.

## **Ethnic Caucus Meetings and Events**

- [American Indian Library Association](#) (AILA)
- [Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association](#) (APALA)
- [Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc.](#) (BCALA)
- [Chinese American Librarians Association](#) (CALA)

- [REFORMA - The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking](#)

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