

# ALA OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY, LITERACY & OUTREACH SERVICES

## ODLOS Newsletter - January 2017

### Special Midwinter Edition Coming This Week



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Attending ALA's 2017 Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta next week? ODLOS will be sending a special Midwinter Edition later this week [highlighting events, meetings, and activities from our committees, round tables, affiliates and across the Association](#) focused on equity, diversity, and inclusion.

### Spectrum Scholar Spotlight - Emily Prado, '16



2016 Spectrum Scholar Emily Prado [recently published an article in Bitch Magazine about the importance of libraries in an era of Trump](#). Prado writes "...there are folks who depend on the library as their sole source of education, human connection, technology, and entertainment. A library is a direct form of activism and a tool for equality. It's high time you jump on the bandwagon and add supporting libraries to your growing list of action items in light of our new president."

### 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.

### Joint Council of Librarians of Color hosts 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.

### **Project Welcome: Libraries Serving Refugees and Asylum Seekers Summit**

[Join the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs and ALA on Monday, February 6 in Chicago](#) for an opportunity to learn about and contribute to the development of national recommendations and an action plan on information resources, services, training, and research needed to support the resettlement and integration of refugees and asylum seekers in the United States. Attendees will hear from US and international librarians, international and national governmental agencies, and domestic resettlement and mutual assistance services, learn from posters describing best practices and research, and engage in discussions with others interested in serving refugees.

### **Webinar Proposals Sought**

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 ODLIS. All proposals should show plans for both 60- and 90- minute allotments.

### **CSK Book Award Donation Grants Open**

Underfunded libraries, schools and non-traditional organizations that provide educational services to children [are invited to apply to receive one of three Coretta Scott King Book Donation Grants](#).

Awarded by the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee, the grant program provides books submitted for consideration for the Coretta Scott King Book Awards to libraries and other organizations to expand their collections. Each year, three organizations that demonstrate need and potential benefit from receiving the collection are selected. All three libraries will receive copies of more than 40 titles submitted for consideration for the 2017 awards, including a full set of the 2017 winner and honor titles.

### **ARL/SAA Mosaic II Applications Open**

The second iteration of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL)/Society of American Archivists (SAA) [Mosaic Program is now accepting applications for the 2017-2019 cohort](#). The program promotes much-needed diversification of the archives and special collections professional workforce by providing support for master of library and information science (MLIS) students from traditionally underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups who are pursuing degrees with a concentration in archives or special collections librarianship. The ARL/SAA Mosaic Program was established in 2013 with a grant awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). An additional grant, awarded in 2016, is funding an extension of the program through 2019. The program is funded by ARL member libraries and SAA in addition to IMLS.

## Affiliate Updates

### Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) and American Indian Library Association (AILA)

APALA and AILA received a \$6,000 grant from Toyota Financial Services to continue their family literacy program, "Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture." [APALA and AILA are accepting applications through March 1, 2017.](#)

### Black Caucus of ALA, Inc. (BCALA)

BCALA is [accepting proposals 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 from Intersections



ODLOS Program Officer [John Amundsen shares his thoughts and perspectives on allyship](#) and lessons learned while attending White Privilege Conference 17 in Philadelphia

Tom Twiss, Professor Emeritus at the University of Pittsburgh and member of the SRRT International Responsibilities Task Force [discusses bringing Palestinian library leaders Diana Sayej and Randa Kamal](#) to the 2016 ALA Annual Conference for "Palestinian Libraries Under Occupation"

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