Libraries Respond

Back in July, we were struck by the amazing work that libraries are doing to connect their communities with vital information and resources during civil unrest following the tragic events that transpired in Orlando, Dallas, and Falcon Heights, Minn. - as well as in Baltimore in 2015, and Ferguson, Mo. in 2014. By way of news and social media, we saw libraries do many amazing things, in some instances under duress, responding and providing their communities with a space to get informed, learn, connect, and engage in self-care and saw an important demonstration of our every day work and professional values. To help us capture these stories, we put out a call for librarians to share their stories using the #librariesrespond hashtag.

Following the 2016 Election and the ongoing Dakota Access Pipeline protests, we decided to expand the concept of #librariesrespond from a social media effort into a comprehensive online source for news and resources, both from the Association and on how libraries are responding to events as they happen.

As we develop this resource, we ask all library workers to help us continue to bring visibility to the work we do together to show up in the face of racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia, and all forms of bigotry and oppression as we pursue our mission. The library is a place where patrons learn more about the issues at stake from credible sources, learn history, find quality books, take advantage of community resources, utilize safe spaces, organize, and engage in self-care as they confront another difficult period. Please contact diversity@ala.org with any suggestions, questions, or concerns.

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

CSK Book Donation Grant Applications Now 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.

**Support Spectrum Scholarships**

Library workers transform the lives of individuals and their communities. As a Spectrum donor, you directly support leaders working to:

- Ensure that all people, communities and their humanity are our archives, collections, and cultural institutions.
- Position libraries as gateways not gatekeepers for immigrants, refugees, and undocumented students.
- Build powerful professional networks that establish brave spaces for honest conversation about how much still needs to be done.

Help ALA keep serving as a powerful voice for our future. [Please consider making a contribution to the Spectrum Scholarship Program.](#)

**Midwinter Update**

In place of our usual ODLOS All Committee Meeting, we will be hosting a Town Hall on Friday, Jan. 20 from 12:30-2:00pm in room B203 of the Georgia World Congress Center. More details will be announced as we get closer to Midwinter.

You can view all the events, committee meetings, and sessions focusing on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion issues by visiting the online scheduler at [www.alamidwinter.org](http://www.alamidwinter.org) and selecting "Diversity" from the subject drop-down menu.

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.

**Social Justice Meetup**

ODLOS is holding its first-ever Social Justice Meetup at Jake Melnick's Corner Tap in Chicago on Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 4:00-6:30pm. [If you're in the area, please join us!](#)

Interested in holding a meetup in your community? Let us know at [diversity@ala.org](mailto:diversity@ala.org) and we'll help put out the word!

**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 will be accepting applications starting Jan. 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.

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