

# SERVING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES



## ALSC Supporting Libraries in Today's Changing Environment

Families of diverse backgrounds are facing increased uncertainty and are turning to their public libraries as a resource for information on navigating issues in our changing times. The **Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)**, a division of the **American Library Association (ALA)**, has compiled a list of resources to help librarians support children and families through times of unrest and uncertainty. ALSC's Core Values include Responsiveness, Inclusiveness, Integrity and Respect. Therefore, when many are feeling vulnerable, disenfranchised, or wary of what the future holds, librarians and ALSC members stand resolute in their commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion. This list, in no way exhaustive, provides some places to start. It is a living document, currently authored by ALSC committee members and curated by the ALSC Public Awareness and Advocacy Committee.

In addition to the resources on this page, more can be found in this public Google document: <http://bit.ly/alscsdc>

### Book & Media Lists

#### 2019 ALSC Tough Topics Booklists

The books on these lists are to help inspire conversations with children going through challenging situations like the death of a loved one, an unexpected move, natural disasters and more.

#### A Children's Booklist for Anti-Racist Activism

Compiled by Embracerace.org, this list includes 31 titles to support conversations with children on race, racism, and resistance.

#### Working Together for Justice

Second booklist created by ALSC affirming the rights of children and families and encouraging discussions of social justice and equity.

### Resources for Media Literacy

#### Breaking News Consumer's Handbook: Fake News Edition

A handy checklist ("cut out and tape near your computer or TV") provided by WNYC's On the Media.

#### False, Misleading, Clickbait-y, and Satirical "News" Sources

This guide from professor Melissa Zimdars includes strategies for analyzing sources and websites to check for accuracy of online news.

#### Five Browser Extensions for Reading Online News

This resource list from Skokie Public Library includes five downloadable browser extensions to help online news readers identify the accuracy and bias of their sources.

### Compendiums

#### Libraries Respond

Created by the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services as a space to help keep current events in conversation. Growing resources for the library community to share information, find resources, and connect as they serve their communities.

- **Combating Xenophobia and Fake News in Light of COVID-19**
- **Protection for Our Nation's Transgender Students**
- **Responding to U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement**
- **National Day of Healing**
- **Guidelines for Outreach to Immigrant Populations**

### Resources for Vulnerable Communities

#### Feel Like You're at Risk?

A list of resources from the ACLU to help individuals know their rights and access resources they need.

#### Oh Crap. What Now Survival Guide

A crowdsourced collection of health, legal, and safety plans and resources + social, digital and economic security related resources.

#### Respect and Love: Toolkit & Resource Guide to Address Issues of Hate, Bias and Discrimination

Developed by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. Available in English and more languages to come.

## ALSC Archived Programs

### Social Justice Practices in Youth Librarianship

ALSC Community Forum | August 2017

Dr. Nicole A. Cooke, Jessica Anne Bratt and Nina Lindsay discuss issues, practices and resources.

- **Talking About Race in Storytime**
- **R. Daniel Lankes on Racism, Ignorance and Librarianship**
- **Equality Is Not Pie: Libraries and the Insidiousness of Subtle Racism**
- **This Is What (Straight, Cis, Capitalist, Christian, White Male) Democracy Looks Like**
- **3 Ways to Speak English by Jamila Lyiscott (video)**
- **Anderson Cooper Doll Test (video)**

## Online Courses, Webinars, & Conversations

### Jason Reynolds, Ibram Kendi in Conversation

Jason Reynolds and Ibram Kendi, co-authors of *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*, kicked off SLJ's Day of Dialog on May 27, 2020.

### Whitewashing, Sexism, and More: Using Book Covers to Start a Conversation with Kids

Archived webinar currently available and free to ALSC members.

## Organizing Newsletters

### Easy Action

This newsletter shares tips for organizing around major issues as well as strategies for individuals to take to preserve their digital privacy.

### wall-of-us

Subscribers to this weekly newsletter receive four ideas for acts of resistance straight to their inboxes. Each idea includes descriptions of the issue surrounding the call to action.

## Grassroots Organizing & Mobilizing

### Everyday Advocacy

A grassroots effort that starts with you and the incredible things you're already doing for the youth and families you serve.

### Showing Up for Racial Justice

SURJ is a national network of groups and individuals organizing White people for racial justice.

### REFORMA Children In Crisis Project

Launched in 2014, REFORMA solicits donations to deliver books to unaccompanied refugee children.

## Organizing Guides

### Building a Movement to End The New Jim Crow

### Direct Action Training Manual by Daniel Hunter

### Southern Poverty Law Center Teaching Tolerance Kits (Free)

## Statements & Position Papers

### The Library's Role in Protecting Teens' Privacy: A YALSA Position Paper

ALSC Board endorsed YALSA's position paper.

ALA public statements

- **ALA Executive Board stands with APALA in condemning xenophobia, racism**
- **ALA Executive Board stands with BCALA in condemning violence and racism towards Black people and all People of Color**
- **ALA Opposes New Administration Policies that Contradict Core Values**

## Community Based Organizations with National Reach

### Adhikaar

Since 2005, Adhikaar has been committed to improving the lives of the Nepali-speaking community and getting our voices heard in the social justice movement.

### The Audre Lorde Project

The Audre Lorde Project is a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit, Trans and Gender Non Conforming People of Color center for community organizing, focusing on the New York City area.

### Black Alliance For Just Immigration

National organization with local chapters working with Black undocumented immigrants.

### BlackLivesMatter

National organization with local groups working towards Black liberation.

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