

Report to Council and Executive Board

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Symposium on the Future of Libraries

The [Symposium on the Future of Libraries](#), organized by the Center for the Future of Libraries, will provide three days — Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Midwinter — for exploring the many futures for academic, public, school and special libraries. [Plenary sessions](#) will feature Atlanta-based civic, social, and education innovators. The Center received over 50 proposals for concurrent sessions and a [schedule of selected sessions](#) is now available. The Symposium on the Future of Libraries is included with 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits full registration.

Library Boot Camp Advocacy Training

The Office for Library Advocacy and the Office for Intellectual Freedom have launched Advocacy Bootcamp, a new advocacy training geared for state chapter conferences, focused on mentorship of new advocates, building an advocacy plan for individual libraries and creating consistent messaging for all types of libraries. Two Boot Camps have taken place so far: at the Minnesota Library Association and Virginia Library Association Conferences. As a result of these (with a combined attendance of about 55), 22 participants said they would adopt the Libraries Transform campaign; 20 said they wanted to get involved in their respective Chapter advocacy work; 18 said they wanted to be involved in mentorship; four said they would join ALA and 10 said they wanted to become active in reporting intellectual freedom and advocacy challenges.

AASL Presents 30 ESSA State Workshops in 60 Days

When presentations wrapped in Nebraska and Alaska on November 11, AASL completed a monumental task of facilitating 30 state-level Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) workshops in only 60 days. The workshops, presented in collaboration with the ALA Office for Library Advocacy and the ALA Washington Office, focused on highlighting opportunities within ESSA language for school librarians and school libraries to be addressed in state and local plans.

Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF)

Librarians from across the Persian Gulf, Middle East, and North Africa (MENA) gathered at the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) November 8–10 for the third annual SIBF/American Library Association Conference. The conference is ALA's most ambitious international professional development event, supporting ALA's global theme, "Partnering to build stronger libraries worldwide." Approximately 350 librarians took part in three

days of programs, training, and networking in both Arabic and English, with translation provided. Julie Todaro and Miguel Figueroa provided keynotes. You can find out more in the [member release about the conference](#) or [American Libraries' Scoop](#). Plans are already underway for the 2017 event.

ACRL Diversity Alliance Launches

ACRL is pleased to announce the launch of the ACRL Diversity Alliance. Approved by the ACRL Board of Directors at the 2016 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, The ACRL Diversity Alliance program unites academic libraries which share a commitment to increase the hiring pipeline of qualified, talented individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. By thinking bigger and broader, across all academic libraries, the alliance will introduce and welcome to the job market underrepresented racial and ethnic groups with work experiences that advance academic/research libraries. The commitment of each library leader to create one or more resident positions will increase the number of opportunities for professionally underrepresented racial and ethnic groups to gain the knowledge, skills, and competencies to thrive in an academic context. More information is available on the [ACRL website](#).

ALCTS Midwinter Symposium on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Equity, diversity and inclusion are important concepts for libraries and librarians as the nation's population becomes more diverse, inclusiveness more essential, and access to information critical. In fact, equity, diversity and inclusion are so significant that the ALA has devoted substantial resources to [promoting these essential values](#). Nowhere in the library are these concepts so pressing as in library collections, and in the ability of libraries to represent a more diverse clientele. Providing the equity of access needed to their collections and including all is crucial. ALCTS is proud to present its full-day Midwinter Symposium [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Creating a New Future for Library Collections](#) at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on Friday, January 20. Part of the extensive Midwinter programming from ALCTS, speakers include Courtney Young, Hannah Buckland, Charlotte Roh, Harrison Inefuku, Paolo Gujilde, Emily Drabinski, Ann Marie Willer and Mark Puente. Online registration is available through the [ALA 2017 Midwinter Meeting](#) web site. Include this symposium in your conference registration or register for it alone. The cost of this full-day ALCTS symposium is \$219 for ALCTS members, \$269 for ALA members, \$319 for non-members, and \$99 for ALA student members and retired members. The registration event code is ALC1. A complete listing of [ALCTS events at Midwinter](#) is available, and you can follow ALCTS on social media using #alctsmw17 to get the latest details about ALCTS Midwinter programming.

ALSC's Strengthening Communities Through Libraries Minigrants

Applications for ALSC's [Strengthening Communities Through Libraries Minigrants](#) were being accepted through November 30. ALSC members in 12 public libraries will receive \$5,000 to provide STEAM programming during out-of-school times in collaboration with community partners. More information about the minigrants is on the [ALSC grants and corporate partnerships page](#).

PLA Project Outcome

PLA has launched the first Project Outcome Annual Report. Access the [2016 Annual Report](#) to analyze survey results, learn from what patrons gained the most benefit, and see what Project Outcome and participating libraries did in the first year to make Project Outcome a success. [Read the complete release...](#)

2017 Class of Emerging Leaders.

The American Library Association has selected 50 individuals to participate in its 2017 class of Emerging Leaders. The program is designed to enable library staff and information workers to participate in project planning work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity early in their careers. Nearly 70 percent of this year's participants have received sponsorships. The sponsors included ALA divisions, round tables, state chapters, ALA affiliate groups and other organizations. Each sponsor commits to financial support of an Emerging Leader in order to help defray costs for attending the ALA Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference. The [complete list of the selected participants](#) and sponsoring organizations can be found on the Emerging Leaders [webpage](#).

ALA OFFICES

ALA Library and Knowledge Management

University of Illinois Archivists Visit

On November 15, the ALA Library hosted a visit from Dr. Christopher Prom, Assistant University Archivist, and Cara Bertram, Visiting Archival Reference and Operations Specialist, both from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). They met with staff about procedures for depositing ALA materials with the ALA Archives, housed at the UIUC since 1973. They discussed what types of materials are needed and how to transmit them safely. Many of the details are linked from the [ALA Archives home page](#). Chris and Cara also met individually with several offices to discuss particular issues relating to transmittal of files from those offices. In the past year, the ALA Archives has assisted with republication of the David Bowie poster and identification of images for the recognition of ALA's 140th anniversary. They also work with researchers from around the world who write or visit the Archives when working on aspects of ALA's history.

Center for the Future of Libraries

Symposium on the Future of Libraries

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Future of Libraries Fellowship

The Center for the Future of Libraries will provide a [Future of Libraries Fellowship](#) for \$10,000 to an individual (or group) to advance new ideas and perspectives for the future of libraries through the creation of a public product (report, white paper, resource, tool) that will help library professionals envision the future of library collections, partnerships, services, spaces, or technologies. Projects may build on existing work, research, or initiatives of the Association, its offices, divisions, and round tables, or explore new directions and interests. The fellowship is available to individuals (or groups) in the library profession as well as individuals (or groups) from other disciplines with a demonstrated interest in libraries and their future. Full information about the fellowship and instructions for applying are available at [the Center's site](#).

Membership Development

Membership Statistics

At the end of October 2016, total ALA membership was 57,197. This is 200 more members than September 2016 (FY17). Student membership is strong at 7,667, and the Florida chapter has just signed on to the joint ALA-chapter student member program. Life members have increased by four members to 1,046. Organizational membership remains strong at 5,608, just 50 members fewer than last year. Corporate members have grown by two to 176. Two divisions, ALSC and PLA, had membership growth. Seven round tables: EMIERT, GAMERT, GLBTRT, LearnRT, RMRT, SRRT, and SustainRT increased membership compared to last year. The total corporate/champion members has increased to 178 compared to 176 last year.

Joint ALA-Division / ALA-Round Table Initiatives Planned

A number of joint ALA-division / ALA-round table initiatives are planned for FY2017. These include joint marketing and promotional programs with ALA and NMRT, ERT, ALSC, ACRL, ASCLA, RUSA, and United for Libraries. Membership development programs are also planned for increasing life membership, and we are working on an ALA Membership-Booklist subscription promotion.

Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS)

UW Diversity workshop

Jody Gray, ODLOS Director, was invited to present an hour-long workshop titled, "May the Force be with you: Diversity in the (work)force," at the Back in Circulation Conference held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. The objective of the workshop was to explore ways in which libraries can increase their diversity in job applicants for positions. The conference is held every two years and is sponsored by the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

American Libraries Live: Diversity in Libraries Panel

Jody Gray was on a panel organized by American Libraries Live. The topic of the panel was “Diversity in Libraries.” The panel included Mario Ascencio, Melissa Cardenas-Dow, and Jessica Jupitus. [Check out the session archive.](#)

2016 Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums International Conference

Zina Clark, ODLOS Program Coordinator for the American Dream initiative, attended the 2016 International Conferences of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Phoenix, Arizona, from October 10-12 as an exhibitor to promote the American Dream grant and Spectrum scholarship.

2016 Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) Conference

To support one of the affiliate organizations of ALA, John Amundsen, Program Officer, Outreach and Communications, and Zina Clark attended the ABOS conference in Covington, Kentucky from October 19-21. Zina presented a session titled, “Leveraging Resources to Serve Adult Learners: The American Dream Literacy Initiative,” with a former American Dream grant recipient, Ruth Mahaffy. John presented a session titled, “ODLOS Outreach Toolkits: A Feedback Workshop.” In addition, Zina and John exhibited throughout the conference on behalf of ODLOS and promoting the new round of the American Dream grants.

2016 Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference

John Amundsen and Kristen Lahurd, Literacy Officer, attended the ARSL annual conference from October 27-29, in Fargo, North Dakota. ARSL is an affiliate of ALA. Kristin and John exhibited throughout the conference on behalf of ODLOS and promoting the new round of the American Dream grants.

ODLOS Staff Retreat

The ODLOS staff had a one day, off site, retreat to review the first year as a single unit with one unified mission, and to explore strategies for the upcoming year. Staff was asked to do the Strengthsfinder tool for team building and strategic planning. Programs and initiatives that are the responsibility of ODLOS were mapped to a larger social justice framework.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Jody Gray has met with several groups to discuss next steps concerning the Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (TF-EDI) recommendations. The groups include:

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Implementation Working Group
- Committee on Diversity
- ODLOS Advisory Committee
- PLA
- ACRL
- ALCTS

- ALSC
- ALA Library

Office for Government Relations (OGR)

Committee on Legislation Retreat

The Committee on Legislation met in Washington, DC, in early October for its annual retreat. The members spent two days at the Washington Office both discussing internal ALA business as well as activities in DC. Issue updates were provided by OGR staff, coalition partners and consultants and there was ample time for discussion. Internal ALA business included updates from and discussion on both the Deaf Cultural Digital Library Resolution Working Group and the Gun Violence Resolution Working Group in preparation for the Midwinter Meeting.

Appropriations

Congress returned on November 14 to begin work on eleven unfinished appropriations bills. It is expected to pass a short-term continuing resolution that will push all funding decisions to the new administration.

Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment (HRDR)

2017 Class of Emerging Leaders.

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Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP)

ALA Hosts Policy Event in Washington

OITP hosted a major policy session at the Google DC office in partnership with the Internet Association. Held on November 17, the session emphasized how the internet industry and libraries can advance economic opportunity in the U.S. The session was chaired by ALA President Julie Todaro with a co-host from Google. The panel, moderated by a reporter from *The Hill*, was comprised of speakers from Yelp and the Internet Association as well as ALA President-elect Jim Neal. The session concluded with a policy hackathon at which attendees each offered their ideas in a maximum of two minutes, with a prize awarded for the best idea.

ALA Convenes Federal and Washington Library Leaders

Also on November 17, OITP organized a meeting with DC-based library leaders. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current policy environment and strategic directions for the national library community. The meeting, chaired by ALA President Julie Todaro, included the

leaders of the Library of Congress, National Archives, and National Library of Medicine, as well as additional federal participants and representation from allies such as ARL, CNI, AALL and COSLA.

ALA Provides Comments to the Conseil d'État on the Right to be Forgotten

ALA submitted a [letter](#) to the Conseil d'État (Council of State) in France regarding Google's appeal of the decision of the Commission Nationale de l'informatique et des libertés (CNIL) implementing a ruling of the European Court of Justice. This decision concerns Google, Inc. and the issue commonly known as the "right to be forgotten" (RTBF). An OITP-sponsored [program](#) at the 2016 ALA Midwinter Meeting addressed the RTBF, which compels search engine companies to have links to certain personal information removed from search results on their names.

ALA Submits Broadband Comments to the U.S. Department of Commerce

In response to a [request](#) from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the National Science Foundation, OITP along with our partners at the Benton Foundation, filed [comments](#) on the National Broadband Research [Agenda](#). The NTIA's Request for Comment (RFC) asked for help identifying the data and research needs in the areas of broadband technology and innovation and prioritizing research proposals that can foster access and adoption of broadband across unserved and underserved groups of people.

Presentation at the 2016 European Conference on Information Literacy

At the [2016 European Conference on Information Literacy](#) (ECIL) in Prague, OITP associate director Marijke Visser presented with Hai Hong, our grant sponsor from Google, on the [Libraries Ready to Code](#) project. During their presentation, "Computer Science for the Community: Increasing Equitable Opportunity for Youth through Libraries" ([Abstract](#) p. 44), Visser and Hong focused on three assumptions that have emerged over the course of the Ready to Code project about the potential of libraries to make significant contributions to computer science education.

OITP Hosts Webinar on the U.S. Copyright Office

Staff attorney Meredith Rose from [Public Knowledge](#) discussed their report, [Captured: Systemic Bias at the U.S. Copyright Office](#) at a CopyTalk [webinar](#) on November 3. Meredith talked about the position and role of the Copyright Office, the influence of industry groups on Copyright Office policy positions and what libraries and other groups can do to make sure their needs are reflected in Office policy going forward.

Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF)

OIF Presentations

- Director Jamie LaRue gave a number of presentations throughout October and November. He gave the keynote address "From Rebel to Reality: The First Amendment and the Library" at the Idaho Library Association's Annual Meeting on October 6, followed by a staff in-service presentation at the Tulsa City-County Library on October 10.
- On October 19, he spoke at the Illinois Library Association's annual conference, discussing current intellectual freedom issues and introducing new OIF initiatives, including its [Our Voices](#) campaign. LaRue then gave a keynote talk on youth First Amendment rights and a presentation on managing challenges for the Nebraska Library Association's annual conference on October 20 and closed the week by giving the Julie J. Boucher Memorial Lecture on Intellectual Freedom at the Mountain Plains Library Association – Colorado Association of Libraries joint conference.
- On October 26, Jamie presented another Advocacy and Elevator Speech Bootcamp with the Office of Library Advocacy's Marci Merola at the Virginia Library Association and conducted an online workshop for the Northumberland Public Library in Virginia in early November, to assist with the library's consideration of a response to a recent disinvitation of author Dave Watkins.
- Deputy Director Deborah Caldwell-Stone spoke on "Protecting Library Users' Privacy in a Digital Age" at the Florida Public Library Directors' Meeting in Tallahassee on October 19 and joined Kansas City Public Library's Steve Woolfolk on November 17 to present an online webinar, "What Happened in Kansas City: Free Speech, Library Programs and the Law" for the ALA Public Programs Office.
- Assistant Director Kristin Pekoll spoke on "Small Libraries but Not Small Minds: Intellectual Freedom in Small Communities" for the Association of Small and Rural Libraries in Fargo, ND on October 28 and gave a presentation on engaging teens in intellectual freedom advocacy at the YALSA 2016 Young Adult Services Symposium in Pittsburgh on November 6.

Our Voices at the Chicago Book Expo

The Office for Intellectual Freedom's [Our Voices](#) initiative, whose goal is to promote the growth of diverse, quality content in their library's collections, made an appearance at the Chicago Book Expo on November 8, where members of the Our Voices Advisory Council spoke about trends in independent, small, and self-published content in the context of diversity.

Office for Library Advocacy (OLA)

Library Boot Camp Advocacy Training

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ESSA Trainings

The Office for Library Advocacy and AASL have partnered in ESSA trainings. Over 30 trainings in 30 states have taken place in 60 days, with more scheduled for 2016.

Public Awareness Office (PAO)

The following is a snapshot of the Public Awareness Office regarding publicity activities that took place from October 10 – November 20.

Media Relations Coverage

From October 1-November 14, more than 2,206 articles mentioning the American Library Association and its initiatives were captured by ALA's monitoring service Meltwater News resulting in a circulation rate of more than 1.7 billion. During this reporting period the majority of coverage (62.28 percent) was positive and focused on ALA initiatives and Libraries Transform messaging. Approximately 35.58 percent of coverage was neutral and consisted of brief ALA mentions, including event calendar notices, or mentions within author references. Only less than 2.13 percent of coverage positioned ALA negatively and was fueled by the association's position on censorship and book challenges.

Banned Books Week

As mentioned in the last report, Banned Books Week 2016 focused on the theme of "Stand Up for Your Right to Read" and highlighted the challenges to titles by diverse authors regarding diverse themes. Over a three-month period, August 1 – October 31, 2016, more than 1,629 articles were captured by PAO's media monitoring software. As of October 31, media outreach efforts produced a snapshot circulation rate of more than 3.5 billion. Coverage highlights include [TIME](#), [The Guardian](#) (UK), [TIME for Kids](#), [National Geographic](#), [CNN.com](#), [Quartz](#), [Bloomberg News](#), [Washington Post](#), [Houston Public Radio](#), [Atlanta Public Radio](#), [Voice of America Radio](#), and the [New York Times](#).

Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction Shortlist Announcement

On Oct.25, 2016, the ALA announced the shortlist for the 2017 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction. PAO secured placement with the [Associated Press](#) (AP). The shortlist AP article was picked up by the [Daily Mail](#) (UK), [US News World Report](#), [Washington Post](#), [Yahoo](#), and a host of others. PAO also secured coverage with publishing and library industry targets including [Galley Cat](#), [American Book Sellers Association](#), and [American](#)

[Libraries](#) . The Carnegie Medals shortlist announcement also was distributed via [PR Newswire](#) and posted to more than 221 news websites. Media outreach efforts resulted in an overall media snapshot of more than 702 mentions and a circulation total of more than 267 million.

Media Relations Training for Division Presidents-Elect

PAO worked with media trainer Jeff LeShay to provide an in-depth two-hour training session for Division Presidents-elect. The training included a review of PAO services, best practices, key messages, and on-camera opportunities.

Noteworthy Coverage

- PAO worked with ALA president Julie Todaro to develop a [statement](#) in response to the arrest of a Kansas City, Missouri, Public Library employee. Kansas City Public Library Director of Public Programming Steve Woolfolk was arrested for his efforts to protect free speech during a public program entitled “Truman and Israel.” During the program, off-duty police officers hired by the event sponsor arrested a patron for asking difficult questions and then arrested Woolfolk when he tried to intervene. Todaro’s statement was picked up by several publications including the [Kansas City Star](#) and [Library Journal](#).
- Todaro also participated in efforts to advocate for the Helen Plum Public Library in Lombard, Illinois. In an op ed entitled “A shared vision for a growing Lombard,” Todaro discussed the value of library service and how services transform lives through education and lifelong learning. The op ed was crafted by OLA, and PAO secured its publication in the [Daily Herald](#).
- Advocacy efforts also extended to highlighting the value of academic libraries as Todaro and ACRL president, Irene M. H. Herold, responded to claims from former FOX reporter Greta Van Susteren as she [proclaimed](#) that campus libraries are merely vanity projects that absorb college tuitions. In an op ed piece placed by PAO with [Inside Higher Education](#) both Todaro and Herold discussed the value of campus libraries and how they are part of the solution in higher education rather than part of the problem.

Libraries Transform

PAO has released the [Libraries Transform Year One Report](#). In November, PAO Director Jeff Julian presented a virtual session on Libraries Transform to the Hawaii Library Association.

As of November 20, 2016, more than 4,000 libraries and library supporters have signed on to the campaign.

Twitter

#LibrariesTransform used 2,431 times on Twitter.

Libraries Transform posts on Twitter (ALA and I Love Libraries): Impressions: 293,494; Retweets: 624; Likes: 844

Facebook

Libraries Transform posts on Facebook (ALA and I Love Libraries): 248,227; Comments: 233; Likes: 5,878; Shares: 1,312

Video views

Employment video shared from PLA post: 1,409 views on Facebook

librariestransform.org

Pageviews: 17,398

Unique pageviews: 13,094

Average time on page is: 1:27

Tool downloads: 988

ilovelibraries.org

Pageviews: 43,316

Unique pageviews: 40,396

Average time on page is: 2:37

I Love Libraries Facebook—Post reach: 1,077,000; Comments: 1,661; Likes: 36,450; Shares: 7,819

I Love Libraries Twitter—192,940 Impressions; 714 Retweets; 867 Likes; 35.4K Followers;

ALA Facebook—Post reach: 1,460,000; Comments: 1,368; Likes: 17,806; Shares: 3,995

ALA Twitter—1,141,084 Impressions; 2,024 Retweets; 3,214 Likes; 98.9K Followers

ALA Instagram—19.5k Followers

Future Publicity Efforts

PAO is currently working on publicity efforts to support the following initiatives:

- I Love My Librarian Award announcements
- ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits, January 20 – 24
- RUSA Book & Media Awards (BMA)/Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction & Nonfiction winner announcements, January 22
- ALA Youth Media Awards, January 23

Public Programs Office (PPO)

Applications Now Open for Great Stories Club 2017

The Public Programs Office invites libraries to [apply](#) for the Great Stories Club, a reading and discussion program for underserved teens featuring books under the theme “Nature vs. Nurture: Origins of Teen Violence and Suicide.” Featured titles include protagonists who are dealing with issues surrounding teen violence, bullying, and suicide. Applications will be accepted until December 30, 2016. The project is supported with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

LTC: Models for Change Sessions at Midwinter Meeting

PPO will host two programs at the 2017 Midwinter Meeting to coincide with the start of the IMLS-funded Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Models for Change initiative.

- A News You Can Use session, “Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change,” held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, January 21, will offer an update on the initiative from PPO Deputy Director, Mary Davis Fournier, and National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation (NCDD) Program Director, Courtney Breese.
- As part of the Symposium on the Future of Libraries, community engagement leaders representing a public, an academic, and a school library will discuss libraries’ shift into the dialogue and deliberation space. The session, “Building Community, Leading Change: Libraries Transforming Communities,” will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday, January 22.

LTC: Models for Change is a two-year (2017-18) professional development project that will train library professionals in community leadership techniques like coalition-building and dialogue facilitation. ALA is working with NCDD, as well as other change-making leaders like Everyday Democracy and the National Issues Forum, to develop and lead the trainings.

PPO Application System Hosting ODLOS American Dream Literacy Initiative

Apply, the online grant application and reporting system developed by the Public Programs Office, is now available for use by other ALA offices and divisions. The Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS) is currently using *Apply* for the American Dream Literacy Initiative, funded by Dollar General. The project will help public libraries in Dollar General Communities add or expand literacy services for adult English language learners. ALA offices and divisions interested in using *Apply* for their grantmaking, awards or scholarships are invited to contact PPO Director for Data Applications, Erik Cameron at ecameron@ala.org.

ALA DIVISIONS

American Association of School Librarians (AASL)

AASL Presents 30 ESSA State Workshops in 60 Days

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Follett Supports AASL’s ESSA Implementation Efforts

Follett School Solutions continues to support the importance of school librarians in students’ educational careers with a matching funds sponsorship of AASL’s Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) implementation workshops. Presented nationwide through collaboration with AASL state affiliates, the workshops highlight opportunities within ESSA language for school librarians and school libraries to be included in state and local plans.

AASL Releases Standards and Guidelines Research Findings

AASL has released a summary report of the data collected as part of the evaluation and remodeling of its learning standards and program guidelines. The goal of the research was to assess attitudes and perceptions about the current products, including content and usability. The research also collected information on how AASL might improve its implementation assistance.

AASL Invites Concurrent Session Proposals for Its 18th National Conference & Exhibition

AASL [invites proposals](#) for concurrent sessions to be presented during its 18th National Conference & Exhibition taking place November 9-11, 2017, in Phoenix, Arizona. Complete proposals must be submitted by Friday, January 27, 2017.

Applications Open for the 2017 AASL Awards Program

Applications for AASL's 2017 awards season are now available. AASL members are encouraged to nominate a colleague or themselves to be lauded for outstanding talent and dedication to the profession as part of this prestigious program. AASL awards and grants recognize excellence and showcase best practices in the school library field in categories that include collaboration, leadership and innovation.

Melody Townley and Denise Tabscott Selected as AASL Emerging Leaders

Melody Townley and Denise Tabscott have been selected as AASL's sponsored participants in the ALA's 2017 Emerging Leaders program. Townley and Tabscott will join 48 of their peers as the program kicks off at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta. AASL will defray the cost of attending both the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting and the 2017 ALA Annual Conference.

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)

ACRL Diversity Alliance Launches

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ACRL 2017 Schedule, What's New

The ACRL 2017 [program schedule](#) is now available on the conference website. ACRL 2017 features more than 300 thought-provoking sessions hand-selected by ACRL peers. The schedule can be sorted by date, session format, primary tag, or searched for particular speakers. While on the ACRL 2017 website checking out all the great programs waiting for participants in Baltimore, make sure to visit the [What's New page](#) for details on all of the new additions to the conference, including the upcoming conference app, trivia night, and more!

Framework 'Sandbox,' Advisory Board Members

The ACRL Framework for Information Literacy Advisory Board (FAB) has been hard at work collaborating with the Cherry Hill Company on the development of the Framework "Sandbox," a repository for sharing Framework instruction materials. While development has taken a little longer than originally anticipated, the excitement to report is that the repository will enter into the testing phase within the next week. After testing is complete and feedback incorporated, they hope to launch the website by the end of November/early December of this year. More details are available on [ACRL Insider](#).

New FAB Members

ACRL President Irene M.H. Herold has also appointed [four new members](#) to FAB to expand the range of expertise and perspectives that can contribute to the work of the group. Priority projects for this year include the launch and promotion of the Framework "Sandbox" repository, collaboration with the new Framework Curriculum Designer/Presenter team, and the introduction of the Framework Toolkit as a locally tailored professional development tool. Join us in welcoming kYmberly Keeton, Sara D. Miller, Raymond Pun, and Mark Szarko to the Framework team.

New Framework Curriculum Designers/ Presenters

ACRL has selected a team of [three curriculum designers/presenters](#) to create professional development offerings to provide support for librarians as they incorporate the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education into their practice at all types of academic institutions. After careful consideration of the large and outstanding applicant pool, the selection committee, with representatives from the ACRL Student Learning and Information Literacy Committee and the ACRL Framework Advisory Board, selected the following members for the new Framework Curriculum Designer/Presenter Team: Andrea Baer, Instructional Services Librarian and Assistant Professor at the University of West Georgia; Brittney Johnson, Head of Library Instruction at St. Edward's University; and Lindsay Matts-Benson, Instructional Designer at the University of Minnesota.

OpenCon Sponsored Scholarship Recipients

The ACRL Research and the Scholarly Environment Committee (ReSEC) announced the selection of Timothy Dolan and Michelle Reed as sponsored [scholarship recipients](#) to attend OpenCon 2016, held November 12-14 in Washington, DC. Dolan is Librarian at Greenfield (Massachusetts) Community College, and Reed is Open Education Librarian at the University of Texas-Arlington.

Collaborating for Impact: Special Collections and Liaison Librarian Partnerships

ACRL released [Collaborating for Impact: Special Collections and Liaison Librarian Partnerships](#), edited by Kristen Totleben and Lori Birrell, this November. Designed to guide the reader through three different themes—collection stewardship; projects, research, and exhibitions; and instruction—*Collaborating for Impact* offers inspiration and case studies detailing how departments can impact research, teaching, and learning by working collaboratively.

Collaborating for Impact opens with an exploration of current collaborations between liaison and special collections librarians, including a thorough literature review. A proposed framework for acquiring general and special collections that document the history of the academy and remain responsive to campus curricular needs, and a tutorial on object-based pedagogy that can underpin such arrangements, follow. And finally, there are thirteen case studies that provide concrete examples of how to move the needle towards sustainable efforts and away from one-off examples.

Rewired: Research-Writing Partnerships within the Frameworks

ACRL also published [Rewired: Research-Writing Partnerships within the Frameworks](#), edited by Randall McClure, in November. College and research librarians have been working alongside professors invested in writing in the disciplines for decades, but new kinds of partnerships are emerging as faculty members and librarians are re-imagining their work for students in a world where writing is both global and largely digital. *Rewired* highlights the clear connections between two important disciplinary documents—the Framework for Success in Postsecondary Writing (CWPA, NCTE, and NWP, 2011) and the Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education (ACRL, 2016)—and examines partnerships between librarians and their colleagues who are teaching information literacy in new and impactful ways.

Choice Launches Academic Publishing Weekly

Launched November 11 and created specifically for the academic publisher market, the latest newsletter from Choice is [Academic Publishing Weekly](#). Academic Publishing Weekly is curated by the editors of Choice. From mergers and acquisitions to research reports, major product launches and significant “people on the move” items, the newsletter aggregates the latest updates from around the industry in a convenient, single-source format, emailed to opt-in subscribers.

Keeping Up With...

The November edition of Keeping Up With..., ACRL’s online current awareness publication featuring concise briefs on trends in academic librarianship and higher education, featured a discussion of [Open Peer Review](#) by Emily Ford. ACRL is currently accepting topic suggestions for future editions of Keeping Up With... Visit the Keeping Up With... [website](#) for more information or contact David Free at dfree@ala.org with questions or to submit topics.

e-Learning Update

ACRL’s e-Learning program offered five live webcasts during this report period focusing on the data-driven library budgeting, collaborating for impact, and service learning and information literacy. Upcoming online course topics include designing curriculum and developing educators. Full details and registration information are available on the [ACRL website](#).

Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)

ALCTS Midwinter Symposium on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

(See highlights section)

ALCTS to Host Its First Online Interactive Forum in May 2017

In May 2017, ALCTS will hold its first-ever fully online event, the [ALCTS Exchange](#). Part of the upcoming 60th anniversary of ALCTS, the ALCTS Exchange celebrates the excellence at the intersections of libraries, collection management, acquisitions, metadata and cataloging, preservation and technology with four days of interactive synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities. Attendees will engage with an array of presenters facilitating valuable discussions on stimulating themes and topics from various segments of the library sphere. This four-day virtual event is unlike any other ALCTS online learning program in that it employs a range of presentation formats including virtual poster sessions and lightning rounds. Presenters will address session themes involving changes in existing workflows, creative problem solving, developing connections that impact the experiences of library users, and building skills in preparation for leadership or management roles in the library. [Registration](#) for the ALCTS Exchange is now open. Early-bird registration for this four-day virtual event is \$249 for ALCTS individual members; \$319 for ALA individual members; \$359 for non-members; \$99 for ALA student members; and \$595 for groups. For more information on the ALCTS Exchange, please visit the [ALCTS Exchange website](#). You can also connect with the ALCTS Exchange on Facebook and Twitter using #ALCTSx17.

Anastasia Chiu Named 2017 ALCTS Emerging Leader

Anastasia Chiu, resident librarian at the Samuel L. Paley Library at Temple University, has been selected as the ALCTS-sponsored Emerging Leader for 2016-2017. ALCTS sponsors one Emerging Leader who has chosen collections and technical services as a career and is a member of ALCTS. In her residency, Anastasia currently supports metadata service and outreach for PA Digital, the Pennsylvania service hub of the Digital Public Library of America. She tests metadata for new contributing institutions and provides support for data aggregation between various platforms and metadata schemas. Anastasia is a member of ALCTS, and is currently serving on the ALCTS Publications Committee and the working group organizing the 2017 ALCTS Exchange. After her year in the Emerging Leader Program, Anastasia will serve a one year term as intern to the ALCTS Board of Directors.

Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)

Strengthening Communities Through Libraries Minigrants

(See highlights section)

Unity. Kindness. Peace. Booklist

ALSC's Quicklists Consulting committee released a booklist to share the message of creating unity, acting with kindness toward others, and promoting peace for librarians, parents, caregivers, teachers, and other caring adults faced with children asking tough questions about the recent election and looking at positive ways to take action. Later versions of the booklist will be customizable to encourage libraries to include their own contact information prior to printing. The [list, along with other resources are included in this blogpost](#) from ALSC's Public Awareness Committee.

New ALSC Twitter Handle

ALSC announced that it has changed its username on the social media platform Twitter, from @alscblog to [@WeAreALSC](#). In addition to hosting monthly #alscchat Twitter discussions, ALSC uses Twitter as a live updating platform and customer service tool.

ALSC Selects Tori Ann Ogawa as 2017 Emerging Leader

ALSC announced [Tori Ann Ogawa](#) of the Darien Library in Darien, Connecticut, as its representative in the 2017 Emerging Leader program. Ogawa is the Harold W. McGraw Fellow at Darien, where she works as a Children's Librarian.

2016 Penguin Random House Grant Winners Announced

ALSC has awarded the [2017 Penguin Random House Young Readers Group Award to four librarians](#): Emily Bayci, Naperville (Illinois) Public Library; Katy Halpern, Lake Hiawatha (New Jersey) Library; Kathia Ibacache, Simi Valley (California) Public Library; Laura Tucker, Homewood (Alabama) Public Library. This award, made possible by an annual gift from Penguin Young Readers Group and Random House Children's Books, provides a \$600 stipend and ticket to the Newbery-Caldecott-Wilder banquet to each recipient to attend his/her first ALA Annual Conference.

2016 Bechtel Fellowship Deadline Extended

The ALSC Special Collections and Bechtel Fellowship committee has extended the deadline for the Louise Seaman Bechtel fellowship. [Applications and supporting materials are due by the extended deadline: December 15, 2016](#). The Fellowship provides a \$4,000 grant to a qualified children's librarian to spend a total of four weeks or more reading and studying at the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature of the George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville.

ALSC's Bookapalooza Applications Are Now Open

ALSC is now accepting applications for the [Bookapalooza program](#). Each year the ALSC office receives almost 3,000 newly published books, videos, audiobooks and recordings from children's trade publishers for award and notables consideration. At the end of the year, after the awards have been given out, ALSC selects three libraries to receive a Bookapalooza collection of these materials (estimated to be worth \$10,000 each) to be used in a way that creatively enhances their library service to children and families. Applications are due February 1, 2017.

Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) Receives Power of A Award

In June, ECRR was recognized nationally by receiving a "Power of A" Award from the American Society of Association Executives. ALSC and PLA were regarded as, "leveraging their unique resources to solve problems, advance industry/professional performance, kickstart innovation and improve world conditions." In October, ASAE created a [shareable video](#) and documented the award in its publication, [Associations Now](#).

Winter Online Education Courses

ALSC is pleased to announce its winter course offerings. Courses include [Science, Technology, Engineering and Math \(STEM\) Programs Made Easy](#) (available for 1.2 CEU credits), [Engaging Readers and Writers with Interactive Fiction](#), and a new course, [Demonstrating ALSC Competencies](#). All courses begin January 9 and run between four and six weeks in length.

ALSC Webinars

ALSC's Early Childhood Programs and Services Committee is presenting a four-part webinar series running from December through March. Topics include [Ages and Stages in Early Literacy Programming](#), [Early Literacy Library Spaces](#), [Early Literacy Outside the Library Walls](#), and [Early Literacy and STEAM](#). Other upcoming webinars include [Closing the Word Gap: How a Museum/Library/Research Partnership Created Community Impact through Parent Education](#), and a two-part webinar series on [Exploring Similarity, Embracing Difference: How to Evaluate and Identify Literature Portraying Individuals with Disabilities](#) and [Programming and Activities](#). All live webinars are free to both ALSC members and non-members. ALSC's [archived webinars](#) are available free to ALSC members and for \$25 for non-members.

Continuing Education Proposals

The ALSC Education Committee is always considering new courses and webinars to add to ALSC's growing online education offerings. Members interested in teaching need to fill out an [online application](#) and provide a copy of their resume, teaching references, and a course syllabus (not needed for webinars). The Education Committee will be selecting proposals on a rolling basis to allow for courses to be added multiple times throughout the year.

ALSC at the 2017 Midwinter Meeting

- ALSC Mini Institute: In addition to ALSC's [Virtual Institute](#) that took place in September, ALSC's [Mini Institute](#) will take place on Friday, January 20, 2017 as part of ALA's Midwinter Meeting. The Mini Institute will feature author and illustrator [keynote programs](#) from Phil and Erin Stead, Laura Dronzek, Kevin Henkes, Carmen Agra Deedy, and Jacqueline Woodson. Additionally, ALSC is offering a variety of [breakout programs](#) on topics including diversity and inclusion, summer reading, and early literacy. Registration is now open and includes pricing for ALSC members, ALA members, and non-members.
- News You Can Use Session at Midwinter: ALSC, GLBTRT and the LGBT Institute will have a connected conversation focusing on how *June is GLBT Book Month* can be a conversation starter and an entry point for many different populations. ALSC leadership will talk to how *June is GLBT Book Month* can help support and strengthen library services to children. GLBTRT leadership will discuss how this nationally supported campaign can be leveraged to confront issues of Intellectual Freedom. The LGBT Institute is locally situated in Atlanta, but has global reach. This part of the discussion will include how campaigns like GLBTRT's *June is GLBT Book Month* can support intersections of oppression and strengthen coalition and advocacy for unrepresented voices. This session will take place on Saturday, January 21 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Georgia World Congress Center, Room B406.

Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)

New ASCLA Emerging Leader

[Brianna Furcron](#), Digital Arizona Library Special Collections Librarian, at Arizona State University, Archives and Public Records (division of the Secretary of State), has been selected as the 2017 Emerging Leader for the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA).

Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA)

LLAMA Special Election Opens

A special election for LLAMA members to vote on a proposed set of LLAMA bylaws will remain open until Thursday, December 8, 2016, 5:00 p.m. (Central). To access the ballot, you must login to [ALA Connect](#) with your ALA login/password. The ballot will appear as a post under the My Divisions tab and includes both the current and proposed bylaws. If you have any problems logging in, please call the ALA Member and Customer Service Center at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5. Members with disabilities may obtain a paper ballot by contacting the LLAMA office at llama@ala.org. In addition to the current and proposed bylaws, the LLAMA website has background documents, a reorganization FAQ, and a recording of the virtual town hall meeting, which featured LLAMA leaders discussing the background and goals of the reorganization.

LLAMA Midwinter Career Institute in Atlanta

Join LLAMA for the 6th LLAMA Career Institute – *Noticing Self: Developing Emotional Intelligence Skills for Professionals and Leaders* – on Friday, January 20, 2017, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Held in conjunction with the ALA's Midwinter Meeting, this institute will feature Pearl Alexander, an Atlanta-based speaker and coach and Executive Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Engagement at Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech).

LLAMA Midwinter Institute Planned

Please join the LLAMA on Friday, January 20, during the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, for *“Emory University and Georgia Tech: A Collaborative Partnership between Private and Public Institutions.”* The half-day institute will take place at the new Library Service Center and focus on the public-private partnership between the Emory University and Georgia Tech libraries. Representatives from both institutions will discuss challenges, innovations, and lessons learned in developing and providing access to a shared collection (retrospective and prospective), and in the planning, design, management, and logistics of a joint high-density storage facility. The institute includes a tour of this state-of-the-art facility, and bus transportation.

LLAMA Webinars

The LLAMA Assessment Section presented a series of [three webinars](#) for librarians who want to develop better skills for using data to facilitate decision making and strategic planning.

- September 26, [“What’s your story? – An Introduction to Research Design for Libraries and Information Services”](#) Presenter: Martha Kyrillidou, Principal, QualityMetrics LLC, Silver Spring, Maryland
- October 26, [“What’s Your Story? — Getting Organized for Assessment and Data Collection”](#) Presenter: Holt Zaugg, Assessment Librarian, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
- November 16, [“What’s Your Story? — Visualizing Data to Tell Your Story”](#) Presenter: Sarah Anne Murphy, Professor and Coordinator of Assessment, The Ohio State University Libraries, Thompson Library, Columbus, Ohio

Free Thought Leader Webinar Series Continues

On November 9, LLAMA continued its free “Thought Leader Webinar Series” with “Big Ideas, Not Big Shots: Leadership through Message, Not Messenger,” featuring Megan Oakleaf, Associate Professor and Director of Instructional Quality, iSchool, Syracuse University, NY.

Public Library Association (PLA)

PLA President Felton Thomas Jr. Releases Statement on Public Libraries and Inclusiveness

PLA President Felton Thomas Jr. released a statement in response to the divisive election season and the post-election challenges our communities face. This message is in support of the press release, “ALA President Julie Todaro releases statement on Libraries, the Association, Diversity and Inclusion” from the American Library Association. [Read the complete statement...](#)

PLA Shares Post-Election Resources

PLA knows its members and their libraries may be struggling to respond to the post-election challenges their communities face. Public libraries have an unparalleled ability to bring people and knowledge together, especially in times of uncertainty and division. PLA has gathered a number of resources to help its members serve their communities. [View the resources...](#)

Project Outcome

(See highlights section)

PLA and Harvard Family Research Project Present Webinar on Family Engagement

At 12 p.m. (Central) on December 6, PLA and the Harvard Family Research Project hosted a free webinar for public library staff, educators and others, entitled “A New Approach to Building Family Engagement Pathways: The 5Rs Framework.” In their recent report [Public Libraries: A Vital Space for Family Engagement](#), Harvard and PLA outlined five important processes that build successful family engagement pathways (Reach out, Raise up, Reinforce, Relate, and Reimagine). This webinar explored how these practices are being implemented in early childhood programs and libraries, and offer practical ideas to build family engagement pathways in diverse learning settings.

PLA Honored at 17th Annual ASAE Power of A Summit Awards Ceremony

PLA was recently honored at the 17th Annual American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) Power of A Summit Awards ceremony for its co-creation and implementation of Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR), a research-based program that employs public libraries to teach parents how to help develop literacy skills in their children, as well as advance the training of public library staff. ASAE honored PLA which worked with the Association for Library Service to Children and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to develop toolkit materials and training to impact parent behavior. [Photos](#) from the ceremony are available online, as well as a [video](#) featuring PLA President Felton Thomas Jr.

PLA Sponsors Emerging Leaders Heather Novotny and Heather Thompson

PLA is pleased to sponsor Heather Novotny and Heather Thompson as its representatives for the 2017 ALA Emerging Leaders program. [Read the complete release...](#)

PLA to Offer Free Member-Exclusive Readers' Advisory Webinar with Becky Spratford

At 1 p.m. (Central) on December 7, PLA will host "Sure Bet Bests: Matching Readers with Their 'Best' Reads," exclusively for PLA personal members. This free webinar will take participants down this year's "best" list rabbit hole, make sense of the larger reading trends it illustrates, and start them off on crafting a plan to help their patrons find the right read for them. [Read the complete release...](#)

Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)

#TreatYourShelf

Making your 'To Be Read' list? Checking it twice? #TreatYourShelf (or others) this holiday season with [titles from RUSA's award lists](#) selected and reviewed by our expert librarians.

RUSA's New Website

RUSA's modern, simplified, [new website](#) launched on December 1, 2016. The new RUSA Member Map allows members to pin where in the world they are. But, it's only going to be cool if you all actually go in and add your location! More on that to come.

New RUSA Emerging Leader

[Stacy Gilbert](#), Business Librarian, Assistant Professor at the West Campus Library at Texas A&M University, has been selected as the 2017 Emerging Leader for the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA).

United for Libraries: the Association for Library Trustees & Advocates (UNITED)

Retirement Announced

United for Libraries Executive Director, Sally Gardner Reed, has recently announced her retirement from ALA effective August 1, 2017. The executive board of United for Libraries: Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations has begun the search process for her replacement with support from ALA Human Resources and ALA's Senior Associate Executive Director, Mary Ghikas. It is hoped that the new United for Libraries Executive Director will be announced at the 2017 Annual Conference in Chicago.

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)

31 Days of Serving Teens to Support Change

Throughout the month of December, the [YALSAblog](#) and [The Hub](#) will be exploring the theme of youth participatory action and how libraries can support these efforts. Look for a new post each day, alternating on each blog

2017 Teen Tech Week™ (TTW) Resources & Funds

Find everything libraries need to plan great TTW activities for March 5 - 11 on the [TTW webpage](#). Visit the site for details about a mini-grant opportunity, for which applications are due January 1, 2017. Join YALSA in celebrating the many ways teens can leverage technology to effect positive change in their lives and communities with the “Be the Source of Change” theme!

Apply by January 1 for Summer Learning Grants

YALSA is giving away twenty [\\$1,000 grants](#) to support libraries’ summer learning efforts, as well as another twenty \$1,000 grants to support hiring teen interns over the summer.

Call for Paper and Program Proposals

YALSA is now accepting proposals for the [2017 YA Services Symposium](#), which will be held November 3 – 5, 2017 in Louisville, KY. Submit proposals that relate to the symposium theme “Libraries: Helping All Teens Build a Better Future,” by no later than February 1, 2017.

Resources to Support Youth in the Post-Election Climate

Libraries can play a key role in supporting any and all youth who are fearful or anxious, or who have been bullied, threatened, or assaulted following the election. Libraries can also help communities reconnect and heal after a divisive time. To help library staff in this effort, YALSA has compiled a list of [free resources](#) libraries can leverage to address concerns of youth and their families.

Upcoming YALSA Activities & Events

- December 1 – February 1, [Committee Volunteer form open for committees that start work July 1, 2017](#).
- Week of December 5, Morris and Nonfiction [Award finalists announced](#),
- December 15, [teen spaces webinar](#),
- January: YALSA debuts its [Teen Book Finder database](#) via The Hub,
- January 1, [summer learning grant applications](#) due,
- January 1, deadline to apply for [Teen Tech Week™ mini grants](#),
- January 20 – 23, [ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta](#)
- January 23, all of YALSA’s [book and media award winners announced](#),
- January 26, [equity and social justice webinar](#)
- February 1, deadline to submit a paper or program proposal for the [2017 YA Services Symposium](#)

- March 5 - 11, [Teen Tech Week™](#),
- April 9 - 15, [Teen Read Week™](#) site launches and Teens' Top Ten nominees announced

For more events and information, visit the [YALSA wiki](#) or [Google calendar](#)

ALA PUBLISHING

ALA Editions

New Books from ALA Editions and ALA Neal-Schuman

Some of the new professional development books published include [Creating Inclusive Library Environments: A Planning Guide for Serving Patrons with Disabilities](#), by Michelle Kowalsky and John Woodruff; [The Subject Liaison's Survival Guide to Technical Services](#), by Krista Schmidt and Tim Carstens; [The New Instruction Librarian: A Workbook for Trainers and Learners](#), by Candice Benjes-Small and Rebecca K. Miller (ALA Editions); [Practical Ontologies for Information Professionals](#), by David Stuart, and [Winning Grants, Second Edition: A How-To-Do-It Manual For Librarians](#), by Stephanie K. Gerding and Pamela H. MacKellar (ALA Neal-Schuman). For a full listing of titles including books, online workshops, and eCourses, visit the ALA Store. www.alastore.ala.org

Booklist Publications

Booklist at the Midwinter Meeting

Booklist is gearing up for an exciting Midwinter in Atlanta. Kicking off "[50 Years of YA](#)" at the conference, we plan to celebrate it all year long. There are sponsors to help generate revenue for the celebration, with additional promotion of "50 Years of YA" in the magazine, online, through webinars and live events at the Annual Conference.

"Share The Story" from the 2017 Andrew Carnegie Medal Shortlist Titles

The announcement of the 2017 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence Fiction and Nonfiction winners will take place on January 22 at the RUSA Book and Media awards. Leading up to the winning announcement, a campaign will be launched in conjunction with RUSA called "Share The Story". Librarians will be encouraged to share how the [shortlist titles](#) remind them of something in their community, or history and will be encouraged to use the hashtag #ShareTheStory to tell their own stories. They will pick a character, a passage, or open the book at random and choose a quote; then tell what it means to them—in a sentence, in a picture, in a video, in a song. They will then post to Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook using #ala_carnegie and #ShareTheStory to share and discover how these books demonstrate the power of stories. Selected stories will be featured in the Carnegie program at the Annual Conference.

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APA Wellness

The newly re-designed APA Wellness website and logo have now been developed. This project is based on ALA President Lorie Roy's 2007-2008 Circle of Wellness Initiative. Ted Chaffin, Sara Jeffress, Jennifer Turner, and Laura Warren-Gross—all members of the 2008 cohort of ALA Emerging Leaders—created the Circle of Wellness website and several accompanying tools. In the spring of 2016, the website's content, tools, organization, and design were updated by Amanda Avery, Dory Cochran, and Jennifer McElroy, members of the 2016 cohort of ALA Emerging Leaders. The site was designed to provide resources to help library workers achieve a well-rounded life which include all seven dimensions of wellness: physical, social, environmental, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, and occupational. It is felt that this valuable resource is needed now more than ever with today's changing workplace dynamics. The site can be accessed at: www.ala-apa.org/wellness