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.

**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 Media Literacy**

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.

**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)

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.

Online Courses, Webinars, & Conversations

Jason Reynolds, Ibram Kendi in Conversation

Whitewashing, Sexism, and More: Using Book Covers to Start a Conversation with Kids
Archived webinar currently available and free to ALSC members.

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)

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.

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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.

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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