ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (COSWL)
Report – June 2021

COSWL members worked as a strong team to update resources on their website, keep their Facebook page updated, and present four webinars about topics of interest to women in librarianship. At the beginning of the year, members conducted a survey to identify issues of interest to women in librarianship. COSWL’s Chair consulted with leadership of ACRL’s Women and Gender Studies Section, and with SRRT’s Feminist Task Force. Webinars’ themes were based on the survey and the consultations. COSWL’s webinar about support of female librarianship was presented in conjunction with ACRL and SRRT groups which also collaborated to identify speakers and content for the event. Big thanks to ALA Staff Liaison Beatrice Calvin for her support.

COSWL’s Caregivers Toolkit was updated with new resources https://www.ala.org/aboutala/caregivers-toolkit
COSWL Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/ala.coswl/

Webinars:

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Salaries and Working Conditions in Libraries
June 2021 during ALA Annual Conference – on demand
Link to event: https://bit.ly/3d7Akhc

Bridging the Gap: In Support of Female Librarianship
May 4, 2021
Link to recording available soon: https://www.ala.org/aboutala/committees/ala/ala-cosl

How Employers Can Support Library Workers Who Are Caregivers During COVID-19
Feb 3, 2021
Link to recording- https://bit.ly/3d1nJvV

Anti-Racism Work and Women in Librarianship
January 2021 during ALA Midwinter Virtual Meeting – on demand
Link to recording- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMBDqGrN8H4
Webinar was included on ALA’s Libraries Respond: Black Lives Matter page: https://www.ala.org/advocacy/diversity/librariesrespond/black-lives-matter

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