

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-coswl>

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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