Social
Justice
Outside
the Library
All SRRT members are encouraged to volunteer for groups in which they have an interest. Personal members may choose to join groups or form their own for specific purposes, in line with the goals of the Social Responsibilities Round Table. These groups may be Task Forces (usually long-term) or project groups (usually of a very short duration).

If you’re interested in being involved in an active task force, please feel free to contact the Task Force’s chair.

- **Feminist Task Force (FTF)**
  **Coordinator:** Katelyn Browne

Provides feminist perspectives and initiates action on issues related to libraries, librarianship, information services, and ALA. Subscribe to the Feminist discussion list.

- **Hunger, Homelessness, and Poverty Task Force (HHPTF)**
  **Coordinators:** Lisa Gieskes and Julie Ann Winkelstein

Fosters greater awareness of the dimensions, causes, and ways to end hunger, homelessness, and poverty.

- **International Responsibilities Task Force (IRTF)**
  **Coordinators:** Mark Hudson and Mark Rosenzweig

Advocates socially responsible positions on issues of international library concern.

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Task Force (MLKTF)**
  **Chair:** LaJuan Pringle

Supports and advances the observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday as an American celebration.

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LA Annual Conference in San Diego, CA June 27 - July 2, 2024, is getting close. We hope you can join us at our SRRT meetings during the conference.

**SRRT Meeting Schedule:**

**Hunger, Homelessness & Poverty Task Force (HHPTF) Social**
Thursday, June 27
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Pacific
Location: Hervey Family Rare Book Room

**SRRT All Task Force Meeting & Annual Membership Meeting**
Friday June 28, 2024
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Pacific
Location: San Diego Convention Center, Room 06 E

**Combating Voter Suppression in Your Library**
Saturday June 29, 2024
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Pacific
Location: San Diego Convention Center, Room 29 D

**SRRT Action Council I**
Saturday June 29, 2024
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Pacific
Location: San Diego Convention Center, Room 13

**SRRT Action Council II**
Sunday June 30, 2024
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Pacific
Location: Marriott Marquis, Catalina

**2024 SRRT Election Results**
We are pleased to announce that the following SRRT members have been elected to SRRT Action Council for 2024-2027 terms:

**Members- at-Large**

Derek Wilmott, Member at Large
- Currently an SRRT and IFRT member, Co-Chair of SRRT’s Programming Committee 2023-24, and member of CORE’s Access/Equity Leadership Team, as well as ODLOS' Services to Refugees, Immigrants and Displaced Persons Sub-committee (SRIDP). Also, a member of REFORMA affiliate.

De 'Ivyon Drew, Member at Large
- Currently an SRRT, EMIERT, LSSRT, NMRT, and RRT member. Also, member of SCRL and PLA divisions. Member of BCALA affiliate.
**from the Action Council Co-Coordinators cont.**

Rachel Rosekind, Member at Large
- Currently a SRRT, GNCRT and EMIERT member, along with PLA and United for Libraries divisions. Co-Chair, SRRT Programming Committee, 2023-Present; Member, Herb Biblo Outstanding Leadership Award for Social Justice & Equality Committee, 2023-Present; Member, Best Graphic Novels for Adults Selection Committee, 2024; Also, member of BCALA and REFORMA.

**SRRT Councilor**
Tara Brady, SRRT Councilor
- Currently the SRRT Councilor, 2018-Present; member of GODORT, LSSRT, RRT, SRRT, SUSTRT

Congratulations to our newly elected members. And our thanks to Patti McCall-Junkin for being a member-at-large candidate.

**ALA Operating Agreement**

ALA has spent the past year having a task force of ALA volunteers & staff review the "Operating Agreement," a document that governs how the various ALA units help fund ALA’s shared services. Specifically, it is the document that determines how much overhead the round tables (along with the divisions, etc.) pay to the Association. The Operating Agreement is decades old and is no longer meeting ALA’s needs.

Over the past six months -- after the ALA Executive Board voted to dissolve the original task force – ALA Treasurer Peter Hepburn and ALA Chief Financial Officer Dina Tsourdinis have continued their work reviewing the options. Peter & Dina are proposing three models for funding ALA’s overhead expenses. ALA’s Round Table Coordinating Assembly (made up of Round Table Chairs, Vice Chairs and Treasurers) met on May 21, 2024, via Zoom to discuss each of the three options and how each would increase or decrease each unit’s overhead expenses. The RTCA will review the financial figures, including each ALA unit’s historical expenses, revenues, & overheads, along with the new overhead amounts proposed under each model.

The RTCA meeting will then meet at ALA Annual Conference in San Diego to further discuss these proposed changes to the Operating Agreement and hopefully make a round table recommendation.

**Membership Update**

As of April 2024, SRRT remains one of the largest round table with 1,442 personal and organizational members.

**Transition to New SRRT Year**

We thank everyone who worked in SRRT during the past year and contributed to/supported the work of the Round Table and we welcome Olivia Blake to the position of SRRT Coordinator. We all look forward to working with Olivia during the coming year.

Best wishes

April and Charles
Ann Sparanese is the winner of the 2024 Herb Biblo Outstanding Leadership Award for Social Justice & Equality.

The $4000 award is funded by a SRRT/ALA endowment and Library Juice Academy, and the purpose of this award is to recognize an individual for outstanding leadership in promoting social justice and/or equality within the library profession. Leadership can be demonstrated by accomplishments through the Social Responsibilities Round Table or other ALA bodies, socially responsible groups within state, provincial, regional, or city library organizations, and/or international library organizations.

Ann began her library career in the early 1990’s after earning her MLIS from Rutgers University in 1990. Upon beginning work with the Englewood Public Library in New Jersey, she became a shop steward for the library, which resulted in extensive involvement with the Bergen County Trade & Labor Council. Ann also served as the Head of Adult and Young Adult Services at Englewood Public Library.

In her work with SRRT and the Progressive Librarians Guild (PLG), Ann had a leadership role in combating the “Cuban Libraries” disinformation campaign, and advocating for the removal of US sanctions. Ann became an active member of the SRRT Action Council and the Progressive Librarians Guild. She was an amazing advocate in exploding the destructive myths put forward to discredit Cuban librarianship and Cuban government accomplishments. Through Ann’s work along with several others, SRRT was able to continually defeat ALA Council resolutions put forward through the Friends of Cuban Libraries. Ann participated in one of the first Venceramos Brigades to work in Cuba in solidarity with the Cuban Revolution, building relationships with Cuban librarians.

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She has also contributed to ALA through serving on ALA Council and the AFL-CIO/ALA Joint Committee on Library Service to Labor Groups. In her 2002 article, Service to the Labor Community: A Public Library Perspective, Ann outlined how labor and libraries had developed alongside each other and how they supported the work of the other.

She is perhaps best known for her efforts to stop the destruction of Michael Moore’s bestselling book, “Stupid White Men: And Other Excuses for the State of the Nation,” by his publisher, Harper Collins. She initiated the process after hearing Michael Moore speak of Harper Collins’ demands that he rewrite the book or Harper Collins would not distribute the title. She shared the information on the SRRT listserv amongst others, and within a few days Harper Collins received hundreds of orders and letters from librarians condemning Harper Collins for its self-imposed censorship. The book eventually sold millions of copies around the world.

Ann worked for the Englewood Public Library for many years, developing collections and services that better reflected the communities that they served. She stated in her Summer 2003 Progressive Librarian article, “Activist Librarianship: Heritage or Heresy,” the following statement: “Socially responsible librarianship is librarianship that is part of—not dissociated from—society and its needs, problems and concerns.” She has lived this principle in her personal and professional life and continues working as an activist within her community today.

A comment from one of the committee members exemplified Ann’s importance to many of us: "Please unite and award Ann this recognition for her lifetime of support for social activism in librarianship. Herb would be so happy that she is rewarded." I would like to thank the 2024 Herb Biblo Outstanding Leadership Award for Social Justice & Equality Committee members; April Sheppard, Michele A. L. Villagran, Al Kagan, Rachel Rosekind, and Katharine Phenix.
Emma K. McNamara and Don Michael Jr. are the 2024 recipients of the SRRT’s Conference Travel Grants

By Charles Kratz, SRRT Conference Travel Grants Selection Committee Chair

The Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) of the American Library Association has named Emma K. McNamara and Don Michael Jr. as the 2024 winners of the SRRT Conference Travel Grants to attend the upcoming 2024 ALA Annual Conference in San Diego, CA.

The SRRT Conference Travel Grants sponsored by the Social Responsibilities Round Table help finance SRRT member attendance at the ALA Annual Conference. The $1000 award covers limited fees related to airfare, lodging, and conference registration. SRRT funds up to two applicants per year.

Emma K. McNamara is completing a doctorate at Ohio State University focusing on representations of girlhood, feminist narratology, genre theory, and young adult romance. She has master’s degrees in Secondary English Education and Children’s Literature from the University of the District of Columbia and Simmons College, respectively, and is dually certified in Culturally Responsive Literature Instruction from Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is an adjunct instructor in her hometown at the University of the District of Columbia. She is the chair of the Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement, the coordinator of YALSA’s Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers, the 15+ reading group facilitator for Capitol Choices, the Vice President of the Graduate Student and Contingent Faculty Caucus for the International Society for the Study of Narrative, and a member of the Children’s Literature Association Article Award Committee. She has published essays about Gossip Girl, Harriet the Spy, and urban theory, and is a reviewer for Kirkus and Children’s Books Ireland.

Don Michael Jr. is the Digital Literacy Specialist for Central Piedmont Community College’s Library Instructional and Research Services department. He manages the Digital Literacy Learning Space (DLLS - cpcc.edu/digital-skills), which serves all six campuses with Piedmont’s first centralized student technology training support for both basic digital literacy and workforce digital literacy training needs. Don has been a 9-12 certified teacher in the states of Connecticut and North Carolina, in the areas of vocational graphic communications and digital design. Before transferring to Central Piedmont’s library, he worked for seven years in the Information Technology Services department as a senior program manager. He also serves on the Charlotte, NC-based community committee, The Queen’s University Center for Digital Equity. A few of Don’s servant-leader contributions are his alumni cohort for the Institute of Emerging Issues, participation as a think tank cohort for the Transatlantic Cities of Tomorrow - American Council on Germany from 2019 to 2023 and also being selected by the Association of American Colleges and Universities as a digital equity campus coach for their Institute on Digital Equity from 2023 to 2024. He holds a Learning Technology Management Certificate from Educause and an MFA from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He recently joined the ALA’s Social Responsibility Round Table’s Action Council (SRRT-AC) for the period 2023-2025.

More About SRRT’s Conference Travel Grants

SRRT Travel Conference Grants are awarded every year. Applications usually open at the end of the year and have a mid-January deadline. All personal ALA/SRRT members are welcomed to apply. The SRRT Travel Conference Grants Selection Committee will consider the following in its deliberations:

- The applicant’s conference interests and goals regarding ALA and SRRT
- The applicant’s potential contributions to ALA and SRRT
- How the applicant intends to use the ALA conference experience in their career, at their home institution, and/or in local, state and regional associations

See more at https://www.ala.org/srrt/srrt-travel-grant.
Feature: Librarians As Keyholders For Social Justice

By Laura D. Theel, Library Information Specialist, University of Missouri-Kansas City

One of the reasons I chose to become a librarian was the opportunity to teach individuals in the community how and where to access accurate information and resources. I believe knowledge and information sharing is one way to facilitate positive change in people’s lives and perhaps even provide them knowledge they might pass on to others. Policy IV of the ALA’s Library Bill of Rights states that “libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.” By endorsing and upholding the principles and ideas in the Library Bill of Rights, both inside and outside of the library, librarians advocate for social justice. I work in the field of librarianship, but I am also a member of society. I believe that librarians should care about promoting social justice initiatives because it affects not just the underprivileged populations but everyone.

My understanding of social justice is that it includes these three main tenets: the protection of human rights, free access to essentials and information, and providing an inclusive environment that ensures opportunities for participation where every voice is heard. I first became interested in social justice as it applies to librarianship during my MLIS graduate program. At that time, I had a friend who was incarcerated in a state Department of Corrections facility. I sent reading materials to the prison for my friend which were denied and not returned. I had followed the prison’s requirements for mailing incoming books to an inmate. According to their policy and procedures, the books had to be new and shipped directly from a bookstore and not an individual. Frustrated, I began researching issues pertaining to the freedom of information and the incarcerated population. This became the subject of a conference poster created for my MLIS Research in Library and Information Science course. From my research, I quickly became aware that the denial of access to information plays a significant role in our country’s penal system, although prison administrators may claim otherwise.

By endorsing and upholding the principles and ideas in the Library Bill of Rights, both inside and outside of the library, librarians advocate for social justice.

In 2024, the Equal Justice Initiative (1) published a report from 2018 that was a joint effort between FWD.us, a criminal justice and immigration reform advocacy group, and Cornell University. The report shows that one in seven adults has had an immediate family member incarcerated for more than one year, and one in thirty-four has had a loved one incarcerated for 10 years or more. A majority of the incarcerated population come from low-income families who often cannot afford to provide money for phone calls with their loved one, let alone purchase educational or reading materials. More and more prisons are requiring that inmates purchase this material strictly from third party vendors that are approved by the prison administration. This is a profitable arrangement between the vendor and the prison. Most of the same material offered by the vendor could be freely accessed by the inmates through a partnership between the prison and their local community’s library system. But prison administrators typically give excuses that contain wording pertaining to, for example, “potential security risks” from such partnerships.

Another example is the 2023 Missouri Department of Corrections ban on incoming mail. “People incarcerated in Missouri prisons are no longer able to receive books and other publications from friends and family. Incarcerated people must now buy their own books, magazines, newspapers, and correspondence courses. Advocates for Missouri prisoners said the policy will severely limit access to the outside world because most people in prison cannot afford to buy their own books.” (2) Their reasoning was to stop illegal contraband and drugs from entering the prison environment. This practice limits the incarcerated population’s access to educational materials and can be viewed as a form of censorship. It also approaches the level of cruel and unusual punishment, which is a violation of their human rights.
Denial of access to information and educational resources to the incarcerated are barriers to literacy and, upon the person’s release, become barriers to the person’s full participation in society. There is no benefit to the individual or to their community when our prison system continually denies access to the resources for gaining and improving literacy skills. The ALA’s Prisoners’ Right to Read: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights states that, “participation in a democratic society requires unfettered access to current social, political, legal, economic, cultural, scientific, and religious information,” and that, “learning to thrive in a free society requires access to a wide range of knowledge.” Librarians need to be working together to activate new opportunities for the removal of these types of barriers which hinder progress towards universal and equitable access to information.

Librarians recognize the importance of literacy and comprehension skills and continuing adult educational opportunities. These skills and opportunities have a trickle-down effect which is beneficial throughout the community. It has been noted that there is an overall “decline in our ability and willingness to actively participate in public life.”(3) As librarians, we have a duty to “experiment with alternative ways to act in and on the world to promote social justice for all.”(4) All librarians have the power to foster positive change towards advancing social justice in their communities. By displaying empathy, providing access to information and ideas, and working with our communities inside and outside of the library building, librarians hold the keys to unlocking otherwise unrealized potential that can help to further generate social justice in society.

1 Admin, M. (2022, June 3). Half of Americans have family members who have been incarcerated. Equal Justice Initiative. https://eji.org/news/half-of-americans-have-family-members-who-have-been-incarcerated/.


4 See endnote 3.

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Call for SRRT Newsletter Co-Editors and Editorial Board Members

The Newsletter Editorial Board is looking to add to our membership. Co-editors work with the Editorial Board to solicit and edit articles each quarter. Each issue requires an estimated 12 to 15 hours of work. The co-editors are considered to be ex-officio members of the SRRT Action Council and attendance at Action Council meetings is highly encouraged, but not required.

If you are interested in becoming one of the two new co-editors of the SRRT Newsletter, please send a copy of your resume, a brief statement (250-300 words) outlining your interest and qualifications, and an example of your writing or previous work to April Sheppard at banhatenotbooks@gmail.com. BIPOC and LGBTQ2SA+ applicants are encouraged to apply. We look forward to hearing from you!
Book Review: *Liberatory Librarianship: Stories of Community, Connection, and Justice*


Review by Vikki C. Terrile, PhD, MSLS, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, Queens College, CUNY

This edited collection of fourteen essays covers real-library examples of liberatory librarianship in practice and praxis. The editors define liberatory librarianship as work that uses library capacity and expertise to uplift the spirit of freedom, justice, and community through shared contributions and collective benefits, and as work that supports the ability for minoritized and oppressed people to—with the collective support of the community—be better positioned. (p. xiv)

The editors reveal that they used a light touch in order to preserve the voices of the individual authors. This is successful overall, but there were a few spots where stronger editing would have been clarifying, particularly in the chapter “Elevating Diverse Voices in Service of Liberatory Librarianship” where it was not clear which of the three authors was writing which section (or even that each was written by a separate author).

The essays include several biographical sketches of librarians whose work has been viewed as liberatory, specifically Dr. Alma Jordan, Lillian Marrero, Rosa Quintero Mesa, and Judith Rogers. The rest of the book’s essays focus on specific libraries’ liberatory work. Heavily skewed towards academic libraries (only one essay discusses liberatory practices in a public library), the book looks primarily at library faculty and staff actions around diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ). Of particular note, the chapter “Hidden Histories and Radical Reading Lists: Restorative Justice at SOAS Library” by Farzana Qureshi and Ludi Price describes unique programming, displays, and exhibitions they used to center liberatory and decolonizing activities in their specialized academic research library. Also of interest is Sabine Jean Dantus’ closing chapter “Empathy as Resistance? The Concept of Empathy in Liberatory Librarianship” because it introduces an affective approach to library services that reframes empathy as essential to liberatory practices and a way to engage in resistance.

As a whole, there is little in this volume that seems radically different from other works on DEIJ in libraries and archives. It is surprising that a book on liberatory practices does not reference Paolo Freire and liberation pedagogy or Latin American (as well as Black and feminist) traditions of liberation theology in any way. Additionally, there is very little from the perspective of oppressed communities and community members themselves, something that should set a book about liberatory practices apart from other social justice works. While the idea and promise of truly liberatory librarianship is exciting and overdue, this book is a start. It also makes it clear that more, and more sound theoretical work, in this area is needed.
VOICES FROM THE PAST

We offer excerpts from past newsletters in every issue. This article, printed in its entirety, is from the June 1989 newsletter, issue 92. Here, E.J. Josey reflects on the first 20 years of SRRT history. Mr. Josey was an African-American librarian and activist, founding member of SRRT, the first African American librarian of the Georgia Library Association, the first chair of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), ALA Councilor for 29 years, and ALA President from 1984-85. The SRRT Newsletter archive can be found at https://www.ala.org/srrt/newsletter-archive.

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“To provide a forum for the discussion of the responsibilities of libraries in relation to the important problems of social change which face institutions and librarians: to provide for exchange of information among all units about library activities with the goal of increasing understanding of current social problems; to act as a stimulus to the Association and its various units in making libraries more responsive to current social needs; to present programs arrange exhibits, and carry out other appropriate activities.”

When one read the foregoing goal or objective for the Social Responsibilities Round Table, in 1989, these words do not sound revolutionary at all. If you were a recent graduate from a typical ALA accredited library program and were unaware of American library history, you would believe that this is a typical unit of ALA whose mission is to be concerned about the social responsibilities of librarians and libraries as institutions. There were many members of ALA and the profession who felt that librarians should be neutral and not concerned about social issues. How could librarians remain neutral in the late 1960s, when all around them they lived in the midst of a civil right struggle, the war in Vietnam, the police riot at the Democratic national convention in 1968, the incredible trial of Angela Davis and the murder of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, and the beginning of the War of Poverty. While all of these activities were part of the harsh realities of the time, nevertheless the American Library Association was continuing to conduct business as usual and was oblivious to the outside world.

There seemed to have been an entrenched ALA leadership that was impervious to any change within society as well as change within the organization. There were a few of us in ALA who felt that our participation in the civil rights movement, the women’s rights movement, the war against Vietnam, and other social advocacy efforts should find a home in our professional organization, the American Library Association.
At the 1968 Annual Conference which took place in Kansas City, there was a call for a meeting to discuss a formation of a unit which would become the Social Responsibilities Round Table. Dorothy Bendix of the Drexel University Library School and Kenneth Duchac, who at the time was with the Maryland State Department of Education, Patricia Glass Schuman, Andy Armitage, and several others helped to develop the philosophical rationale and basis for such a unit in the Association. Out of that meeting came a small steering committee meeting that was to be held in Philadelphia the following September. Dorothy Bendix served as host for the Philadelphia meeting, and several of us came from all parts of the country to work on plans and objectives to make the organization permanent. It was soon decided that we should have a major program at the next annual conference, which was to take place in 1969 at Atlantic City. We reached the consensus that one of the problems that we librarians and library activists saw in American society was that libraries, by and large, had failed the American people. With this thought in mind the theme for the Atlantic City conference emerged as “The Failure of Libraries.” This program was one of the most exciting programs that I had ever attended in ALA at the particular time. While there were those of use in ALA who were concerned about our becoming empowered within our association, at the same time, there were library school students who also were activists and genuinely concerned about the malaise in library education. Following the meeting of the Congress for Change in Washington, D.C. in 1969, the library school students converged upon the ALA conference on June 25, 1969. Some of the student leaders including James C. Welbourne of the University of Maryland, Ellen Gay Detlefsen, a recent graduate of Columbia University, and Thomas Bonn, Syracuse University, who prepared statements that were read at the conference. There was even fermentation in the largest division of ALA, for ACRL members were demanding that the ALA Council recognize faculty status for academic librarians. Truly, these were considered by the establishment to be revolutionary times with the American Library Association.

It was not difficult for those of us who came together to forge the development of the Social Responsibilities Round Table, for we had been working on many social fronts within American Society. There were those like myself who had been deeply involved in the civil rights movement; Kay N. Cassell, who had been involved in the attempt to empower academic librarians with academic status; Mary Lee Bundy, who was concerned about making library education socially relevant, and Eric Moon, who paved the way in publishing by writing hard-hitting editorials, which pricked the conscience of the profession. There were many others who wanted to see change not only within American society but within their professional association as well. The formation of the Social Responsibilities Round Table provided me personally
with a renewal of my flagging spirit, for it finally seemed as though there were other people like myself genuinely concerned about changing the face of American librarianship and making our professional organization equally concerned about librarians and the people who use libraries as well as libraries as institutions that it had historically championed.

As I review SRRT from a twenty year perspective, I am convinced that the formation of SRRT made ALA more relevant. Our victories did not come easy! When SRRT voted to provide $300 for the defense of Angela Davis, we had to make a special appeal to the ALA Executive Board to grant us permission to use the money for this purpose. Patricia Glass Schuman and Jeanne English appeared before the Executive Board and made an impassioned plea for approval that was granted. We were not to be denied, for we felt that our cause was right and just.

It was not easy, for at the 1970 Annual Conference in Detroit, I presented an anti-Vietnam war resolution that was roundly defeated by those conservatives in the Association who said that the war was not a library issue, in spite of the fact that money was being spent to destroy people. Money was being squandered—taken away from libraries that could have been used to eradicate the plight of the poor in our country. After the defeat of the resolution, I led a delegation of more than 300 ALA members out of the Cobalt Convention Hall to protest the lack of positive action on the Anti-Vietnam Resolution. I might be the only past president of the Association who led a delegation out of an ALA convention hall.

Over the years SRRT has been the conscience of the Association as well as the profession. Those of use who were social advocates and activists felt that there needed to be a flexible unit within the ALA structure that would be a forum as well as a place for action. Over the year I am convinced that SRRT has lived up to its goals and mission. I also believe that SRRT has kept the American Library Association honest.
The SRRT Newsletter is always looking for good articles, essays, and letters to the editor. The next submission deadline is September 1, 2024. There is no theme for the October issue, so all articles that fit the scope of the newsletter will be considered.

The SRRT Newsletter invites submissions from library and information workers, students, educators, and all others who recognize the critical importance of libraries in addressing community and social issues. Submissions should be 500 to 1,000 words and should include the article title, author's name and title, and school or place of work (optional). Graphics are encouraged. If using images that are already on the Internet, the URL of the image and a caption or description may be added to the text of the submission. Submissions that primarily promote paid resources will not be considered.

Please submit your articles via our online form: https://forms.gle/77Ebsm83RwvAkDG69

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Submissions for book or media reviews should be sent to Laura Koltutsky, SRRT Newsletter Reviews Editor, at laurakoltutsky@gmail.com, indicating "Reviews" in the subject line of your email.

Submissions should be sent electronically in MS-Word format or a Word compatible format. Reviewers should keep their reviews to 300-500 words; any length much shorter or longer should be discussed with the reviews editor prior to submission. Reviewers should avoid conflicts of interest. Full disclosure should be made to the reviews editor when appropriate.

Submissions to SRRT Newsletter - Letters to the Editors

The Newsletter invites readers to submit letters to the editors relating to social responsibilities and libraries. The letters should be respectful and thoughtful, either respond to specific content in the newsletter or include suggestions for topics of interest to SRRT members to be addressed in future issues. We will only publish letters of more than 200 words in exceptional circumstances.

Letters may be edited for length, grammar, and accuracy. You will be notified if your letter will be published.

Submit your letters to Laura Koltutsky at laurakoltutsky@gmail.com. Please indicate "SRRT Newsletter Letter to Editors" in the subject line of your email. You may submit your letter as an attachment in one of these formats: .doc, .docx; or in the body of your email message.

Letters must include your full name, address, a telephone number and email address if you have one. This is for us only -- we don't share this information.

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