

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

TO: ALA Council

DATE: January 11, 2022

RE: ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (COSWL)

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CONTACT PERSON: *Loida Garcia-Febo, COSWL Chair*

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BACKGROUND: *(add information)*

ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (COSWL)

Report – January 2022

COSWL members worked as a strong team to present four events about topics of interest to women in librarianship, and to keep COSWL's Facebook page updated. At the beginning of the year, members conducted an internal survey to identify issues of interest to women in librarianship. Webinars' themes were based on the survey. COSWL's webinar "Saying No: Harassment in the Library" was presented in conjunction with ACRL's Women and Gender Studies Section and with SRRT's Feminist Task Force which also collaborated to identify content for the event. Big thanks to ALA Staff Liaison Beatrice Calvin for her support.

All resources included on the report, here: <https://www.ala.org/aboutala/committees/ala/ala-coswl>

COSWL's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/ala.coswl/>

Webinars

"Women in Librarianship and their Role in Climate Change," event to be presented during LibLearnX with speakers from the United Nations, ALA's Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change, ALA Sustain RT, and BirdLife International. Moderated by Loida Garcia-Febo.

"Saying No: Harassment in the Library" on December 7, 2021.

Programs presented at conferences

"**Bridging the Gap: In Support of Women in Librarianship**" Free pre-conference requested by the REFORMA National Conference VII.

Thursday, November 4, 2021, from 11:00am to 2:30pm ET

Event in English with Spanish translation

*Conversation with Zoe Mendelson and Maria Conejo, authors of the very educational PussyPedia.

*Interactive session about microaggressions and workplace stress/harassment.

*Conversation with Alicia Monsalve, author of Inficciones about women stories during the pandemic.

*Panel conversation about women empowerment with Latinx & BIPOC library leaders.

*Collective compilation of outcomes from the panel conversation and interactive session to create an actionable list of resources librarians can consult or/and practice for empowerment.

"Bridging the Gap: In Support of Female Librarianship." Invited to present this panel with library leaders on July 30 during the NCAAL XI Conference from The Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

Statements & Notes from COSWL

COSWL Supports Library Workers during COVID-19 Pandemic

January 6, 2022

The American Library Association's Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (ALA COSWL) is in solidarity with library workers in the midst of another COVID surge. We want you to know that we see you and support you during this time. We have listed a few links to provide support from afar:

- Resolution to Prioritize Library Workers to Receive the COVID-19 Vaccine
- ALA Statement on COVID-19
- Pandemic Preparedness: Resources for Libraries

COSWL Endorses the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table's (SRRT) Statement regarding ALA meeting in Texas for LibLearnX 2022 September, 2021

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