

Report to Council and Executive Board

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Executive Director

George Kendall New Booklist Editor and Publisher

George Kendall will join Booklist on June 10 as its new Editor and Publisher. George has more than 20 years of experience with a variety of publishers, including an extensive background in content strategy, digital innovation, web development, and team leadership. He has most recently been Director of Publications and Digital Content with the American Society of Anesthesiologists, where he oversaw improved reader engagement and significantly increased revenue and profit margins through enhancements to multiple print products, new online-only publications and other digital products, collaboration across the association, and operational cost control. He also brings licensing expertise—now a critical part of the Booklist revenue stream—from his role as licensing manager at the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Other positions he's held have included responsibility for business development, marketing, advertising sales, production, subscription fulfillment and communications.

Before embarking on his publishing career, George earned an MA with Distinction in Literary Studies from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, where he studied with J.M. Coetzee, winner of the 2003 Nobel Prize in Literature. He wrote a thesis on Mythology as Medicine in Native American Literature, focusing on the healing power of storytelling, and in his spare time played French horn in the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra. He earlier graduated Magna cum laude with a BA with Honors in English Literature from the University of Maryland at Baltimore County.

ALA OFFICES

Center for the Future of Libraries

Accepting Proposals for Sessions at the 2020 Symposium

The Center for the Future of Libraries is [accepting session proposals for the 2020 Symposium on the Future of Libraries](#) to be held in conjunction with the 2020 ALA Midwinter Meeting, January 20 – 24, 2020, in Philadelphia. To help provide opportunities for library professionals to share their work and insights in various ways, the call for proposals seeks submissions for three distinct session formats – Information Sessions, Workshops, and Discussions. Full information is available in the [press release for the call for proposals](#).

A New Volume in the Center for the Future of Libraries' *Library Futures Series*

[Anonymity](#), by Alison Macrina and Talya Cooper, is the newest volume in the Center for the Future of Libraries' *Library Futures Series* with ALA Neal-Schuman. The volume by Macrina and Cooper focuses on (physical and online) anonymity's intersection with library values such as privacy, intellectual freedom, and diversity. Full information is available in the [press release](#).

Presentations by The Center

The Center's staff provided presentations for the Fairfax County (VA) Public Library, Palos Verdes (CA) Public Library, North Carolina State Library, Davidson College (NC) Library, Omaha (NE) Public Library, Alexandria (VA) Library, BayNet (San Francisco Bay Area Library & Information Network), and Kenosha (WI) Public Library.

Communications and Marketing Office (CMO)

New Video PSA from Justice Smith

Justice Smith, one of the stars of the new movie "Pokémon Detective Pikachu," recorded a video PSA for ALA highlighting the magic of libraries. Like "Pokémon Detective Pikachu," libraries are full of discovery, excitement and adventure. Libraries and library supporters are encouraged to download the PSA and share it with their communities on websites, social media and more. The PSA is available for download in a variety of formats, and social media posts are also provided.

Library Card Sign-Up Month's Free Resources

Library Card Sign-up Month (LCSUM) graphics and tools featuring "Toy Story 4" characters are now available in the toolkit via Libraries Transform (an account is required, but registration is free and anyone can join). The Toy Story crew, serving as this year's Honorary Chairs of Library Card Sign-up Month, are appearing in free print and digital PSAs as well as customizable library card artwork. In addition, there are free tools for libraries to promote the value of a library card, including sample social media posts, audio PSA scripts and a template press release. The tools are also available in Spanish.

ALA Annual Conference 2019

CMO is offering two programs at ALA Annual Conference designed to help libraries showcase their value and impact. On Sunday, June 23, at 2:30 p.m., PR Forum 2019: Takeaways from D.C. Public Library's #UncensoredDC Campaign will feature Linnea Hegarty, director of strategic partnerships for D.C. Public Library. Linnea will offer up lessons she learned from managing #UncensoredDC, the library's successful online scavenger hunt celebrating Banned Books Week. On Monday, June 24, at 10:30 a.m., Using Libraries Transform for Awareness and Advocacy session will include an overview of the free Libraries Transform toolkit, examples of success stories and ideas for how all libraries can adapt these tools to fit their public awareness needs.

Earned Media

The following is a snapshot of Communications and Marketing Office (CMO) publicity activities that took place from April 25 -May 29, 2019. During this timeframe more than 1,044 articles mentioning the American Library Association (ALA) were captured by ALA's monitoring service

Meltwater News resulting in a circulation rate of 375 million and a publicity value of more than \$3 million. (Please note that circulation rate is calculated using the number of articles/mentions multiplied by the monthly unique visitors for each media outlet's website.)

During this reporting period most of coverage (90 percent) was positive and focused on ALA initiatives. Approximately (7 percent) of coverage was neutral and consisted of brief ALA mentions, including event calendar notices, or mentions within author references. Less than (3 percent) of coverage positioned ALA negatively and was fueled by the association's position regarding censorship.

Per the News Media Alliance (formally the Newspaper Association of America), there are more than 1,200 daily newspapers and 5,700 weekly newspapers in the United States, so the following placements should be viewed as a snapshot of achieved coverage.

Día, April 30

CMO worked with the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) to promote its Día initiative, which culminated on April 30. CMO's media outreach activities included developing a Web press kit and press release. Media placements appeared in [Herald Journal](#), [El Paso Times](#), [Hoodline](#), [The Columbian](#), and [The Windsor Times](#).

Libraries = Strong Communities Rally/Celebration Preparations, June 22

ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo launched "Libraries = Strong Communities" in New Orleans during the 2018 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition. This national library tour effort worked to highlight the value of academic, public and school libraries and empowers patrons to advocate for their libraries at the local and national level. During Garcia – Febo's presidential year, CMO developed [marketing and publicity resources](#) to support the "Libraries = Strong Communities" activities. Support included the development of artwork, Because Statements, [multiple American Libraries blog posts](#), bookmarks, t-shirts, banners and [launch](#) and recap (June delivery scheduled) videos.

Garcia-Febo traveled more than 200,000 miles and visited a variety of libraries in eight countries. She met with local advocates, library leaders and city government officials to discuss how libraries strengthen communities through education and lifelong learning. More than 200 media organizations provided coverage of Libraries =Strong Communities and reached more than 56 million potential advocates in communities across the country. Media Highlights are available at <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/librariestransform/libraries-strong-communities#news>.

Tour efforts will come to an end during the 2019 ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition. Garcia-Febo and other library advocates from across the country will celebrate the triumphant finish of Libraries = Strong Communities. The [rally and celebration](#) will take place from 11 a.m. – noon on Saturday, June 22, at the [ALA Park](#) on the exhibits floor of the 2019 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition in Washington, D.C. CMO continues to work with ALA Conference Services to secure onsite coverage and event logistics.

Other Notable Coverage

CMO worked with Public Programs Office to coordinate an interview with [Tribune News Wire](#) columnist Steve Rosen regarding its [Thinking Money for Kids](#) grant program. Rosen's column posted on May 3 and was picked up by hundreds of publications including [Chicago Tribune](#), [Los Angeles Times](#), [Post Bulletin](#) (Minnesota), [Valdosta Daily Times](#) (Georgia), [Omaha World Herald](#), [Bakersfield.com](#) (California), and [Sacramento Bee](#).

Future Publicity Efforts

CMO is currently working on publicity efforts to support the following initiatives:

- ALA Annual Conference, June 20 – 25, 2019
 - CSK 50th Anniversary Gala Event, June 21
 - Wellness Cooking Demo, June 22
 - Libraries = Strong Communities Rally and Celebration, June 22
 - Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction, June 23

Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS)

Tennessee Library Association

Jody Gray and Kristin Lahurd provided a half-day pre-conference called “Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Building a Foundation.” There were 65 in attendance from libraries of all kinds across the state of Tennessee.

ODLOS Works with Mount Prospect

Jody Gray and Kristin Lahurd continued their work with the Mount Prospect Public Library (MPPL) in Illinois. They facilitated an all-day staff in-service training on cultural competence and implicit bias for 135 staff from MPPL. This training was developed as part of the longer consultation with MPPL to integrate equity, diversity, and inclusion within their strategic planning.

National Coalition for Literacy (NCL) May Meeting

Kristin Lahurd participated in the National Coalition for Literacy Board of Directors and Member meetings at ALA’s Washington Office on May 8-9. The agenda for the member meeting included a discussion of the 2020 Census, led by Gavin Baker, ALA’s Assistant Director, Government Relations.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at Annual

To help Annual Conference attendees navigate the many equity, diversity, and inclusion opportunities at Annual, ODLOS has curated the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) page on the 2019 ALA Annual page. This page includes ALA’s recognition of the indigenous peoples in present-day Washington, D.C., an interactive map of diversely-owned businesses near the convention center, as well as a listing of all sessions related to equity, diversity, and inclusion. ALA Annual has over 100 sessions related to EDI across the association, and those sessions have been broken down by type (meetings, socials, workshops, etc.) as well as guidelines on what level of awareness attendees should have in order to fully understand and appreciate each session. <https://2019.alaannual.org/equitydiversityandinclusion>

Conversing with the Ethnic Affiliates of the American Library Association

As part of ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo efforts in the area of diversity, equity, and inclusion, the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS) invited ALA's ethnic affiliate members to an online conversation to share their history, projects, and news on May 1 at 1 p.m. (Central). The 90-minute webinar was a success with inquiry about programs that the ethnic affiliates lead and great questions about how ALA members can get involved.

Coretta Scott King Book Awards Donation Grant Chooses Recipients

The Kane County Juvenile Justice Center (Illinois), Main Street Academy (North Carolina) and the NIA Community Services Network (New York) have been selected to receive books as part of the 2019 Coretta Scott King Book Awards Donation Grant program. Awarded each spring by the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee, the grant program donates books originally submitted for consideration for the Coretta Scott King Book Awards to organizations demonstrating need and potential benefit from receiving the collection. All winners will receive copies of titles submitted to the 2019 Coretta Scott King Book Awards, including a full set of the year's winner and honor books and are only responsible for paying shipping fees.

ALA Council Webinar: Social Justice and the role of the Council

Jody Gray collaborated with ALA Past President, Maureen Sullivan, to provide a 90-minute webinar called "Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Through a Social Justice Lens: The Role of the ALA Council." The objective was to provide some context for how we are defining EDI and social justice. 74 councilors registered; 33 attended live and the recorded version was sent out to all councilors to review. There will be follow up conversations happening at the Annual Conference with DeEtta Jones during Council I. ALA President, Loida Garcia-Febo, provided the introduction to the session.

Leaders Wanted Webinar

The Leaders Wanted webinar on June 4 is part of a series of Leaders Wanted online informational sessions and resources inspired by the Leaders Wanted events held each year at the ALA Annual Conference with the goal of recruiting librarians and LIS students of color to LIS doctoral programs. A panel of six speakers will cover how to find the right doctoral program, how to navigate challenges, and provide resources and opportunities for support.

<http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/leaders-wanted-exploring-doctoral-options>

Latina/o Engagement: Case Studies to Connect Your Community Webinar

As a follow up to ODLOS' October 2018 webinar, Miguel Ruiz returns to present "Latina/o Engagement: Case Studies to Connect Your Community." This free webinar will take place on June 6 and will provide guidelines on how libraries can build trust with their community members as well as some challenges they may encounter. Interested parties can register via zoom: <https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/a25520d77d2ed9807c24e00bf0acd2b8>

World Refugee Day

June 20, 2019 marks the U.N.'s World Refugee Day and ODLOS along with the Subcommittee on Refugees, Immigrants, and Displaced Persons (SRIDP) has compiled resources for library workers on how to better engage with their refugee populations. Learn more about this event on the World Refugee Day page: <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/world-refugee-day>

GLBT Book Month

June marks the 4th GLBT Book Month which is a national celebration of the authors and writings that reflect the LGBTQ+ experience. Originally established in the early 1990s by The Publishing Triangle as National Lesbian and Gay Book Month, this occasion is an opportunity for book lovers and libraries with the very best in GLBT literature. ALA offers library resources on GLBTRT's page: <http://www.ala.org/rt/glbtrt/glb-book-month>

Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF)

Discussion of Rising Incidence of Censorship Legislation in the States

OIF Interim Director Deborah Caldwell-Stone joined the May Chapter Advocacy Exchange web meeting on May 2, 2019 to discuss the rising incidence of censorship legislation in the states. The meeting featured guidance from the member leaders of the Colorado and Maine state chapters who successfully defeated the censorship legislation introduced in their states during the current legislative session.

Choose Privacy Week

From May 1-7, the Office for Intellectual Freedom joined the IFC Privacy Subcommittee in observing [Choose Privacy Week](#). The theme, "Inclusive Privacy: Closing the Gap," focused on the privacy inequities imposed on vulnerable and historically underrepresented populations and highlighted how libraries can close the privacy gap for persons belonging to those communities. The week included an online symposium that featured commentaries by librarians, educators, and privacy experts addressing disability and privacy, student privacy, library privacy for LGBTQ youth, the privacy concerns of formerly incarcerated persons, immigrants' privacy, government surveillance, and conversations on why privacy matters in the library. The commentaries are available on ALA's [Choose Privacy Everyday blog](#).

Anticipating the New Edition of the *Intellectual Freedom Manual*.

In anticipation of a new edition of the *Intellectual Freedom Manual*, the Intellectual Freedom Committee is continuing to update intellectual freedom-related documents. Below is a list of *Library Bill of Rights* interpretation revisions that have been shared widely for feedback, and that the committee plans to bring to ALA Council at Annual Conference for potential adoption. The committee also plans to send the interpretation drafts to ALA Council prior to the conference and take them to Council Forum for additional feedback. Questions about the documents can be directed to IFC Chair Julia Warga (glynnj@kenyon.edu) and staff liaison Ellie Diaz (ediaz@ala.org).

- Access to Digital Resources and Services
- Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors
- Diverse Collections
- Economic Barriers to Information Access
- Education and Information Literacy
- Evaluating Library Collections
- Library-Initiated Programs and Displays as a Resource
- Minors and Online Activity
- Privacy
- Rating Systems
- User-Generated Content in Library Discovery Systems

- User-Initiated Exhibits, Displays, and Bulletin Boards

Intellectual Freedom Programs, Meetings, and Events at the Annual Conference

The Office for Intellectual Freedom, in cooperation with the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Intellectual Freedom Roundtable, and other member groups, will be sponsoring several intellectual freedom programs, meetings, and events that cover a range of topics and issues at ALA Annual in Washington, D.C. These will include:

- [Pitfalls of neutrality](#), Saturday, June 22 at 9:00 a.m., WCC 146C
- [Sticky Selection Scenarios: Using Policy to Answer Your Collection & Reconsideration Questions](#), Saturday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m., WCC 146
- [Telling Stories, Expanding Boundaries: Drag Queen Story Times in Libraries](#), Saturday, June 22 at 1:00 p.m., WCC 147b
- [Censorship Beyond Books](#), Sunday, June 23 at 10:30 a.m., WCC159A-B
- [Privacy by Design](#), Sunday, June 23 at 2:30 p.m., WCC 140B
- [Are You Going to Tell My Parents?: The Minor's Right to Privacy in the Library](#), Sunday, June 23 at 4:00 p.m., WCC152A
- [Controversial Speaker Planned for Your Library Event? Things to Consider](#), Monday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m., WCC140B
- *The Glass Room Experience*, located between the Zine Pavilion and the Graphic Novel-Gaming Pavilion Stage, offers a multimedia experience that focuses on the intersection between technology and day-to-day life.
- *The Stand for the Banned Booth*, near the Information Desk and Conference Registration in the convention center, highlights banned and challenged authors and offers attendees creative means to thank the authors using a photobooth and videos. Co-sponsored by Sage Publishing.
- The Freedom to Read Foundation will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a gala featuring Colson Whitehead, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Underground Railroad," and Laurie Halse Anderson, the *New York Times* bestselling author and intellectual freedom advocate. The celebration will take place on Saturday, June 22 in the Renaissance Washington D.C.'s Grand Ballroom, 999 9th St NW, Washington, D.C. and will begin at 6 p.m. The event is open to the public, and appetizers and refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$25 and available for purchase on the FTRF website or through ALA conference registration.
- The Merritt Humanitarian Fund will host a "Reception for a Cause," on Sunday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. in ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo's suite. The event is a fundraiser to assure that the Merritt Fund can continue to support, maintain, and provide for the welfare of librarians who are denied employment rights or discriminated against because of their defense of intellectual freedom or denied employment rights on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, religion, age, disability, or place of national origin.

2019 Recipient of the Freedom to Read Foundation's Roll of Honor Award

Pamela Klipsch, Director of the Jefferson County Public Library in High Ridge, Missouri, is the 2019 recipient of the Freedom to Read Foundation's Roll of Honor Award, which was established in 1987 to recognize and honor individuals who have contributed substantially to the foundation's mission through adherence to its principles or by providing substantial monetary support. The award committee recognized Klipsch's longstanding service on behalf of intellectual freedom and her successful efforts to amend and improve Missouri's library

confidentiality statute. The award will be presented at the ALA Annual Conference Opening General Session on Friday, June 21.

Public Policy and Advocacy Office (PPAO)

ALA Highlights Libraries at U.S. Census Bureau Press Conference, Files Amicus Briefing on Supreme Court Citizenship Question

On April 1, Census Day, ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo participated in a [press conference](#) held by the U.S. Census Bureau at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., along with three top leaders of the Bureau, the president of The Annie E. Casey Foundation and governor of the Chickasaw Nation. ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo focused her remarks on libraries' critical role of achieving a fair and accurate count in the Census, pointing out that "99 percent of hard-to-count areas are located within five miles of a public library." The same day, ALA also [joined an amicus brief](#) to the U.S. Supreme Court opposing the last-minute addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. With the American Statistical Association, American Sociological Association, and the Population Association of America, ALA filed in support of the plaintiffs in *Department of Commerce v. New York*. The case was appealed directly to the Supreme Court after a federal court [ruled](#) for the plaintiffs and ordered the Commerce Department to remove the question. Arguments in the case were heard April 23, and the Supreme Court is expected to rule before June 2019, when census forms are scheduled to go to press. On May 16, ALA released the [Libraries' Guide to the 2020 Census](#), a new resource which includes background about the Census and information about how libraries can get involved. Members can stay up-to-date with all things related to libraries and the Census by [subscribing to ALA's new e-newsletter](#) and visiting ALA's 2020 Census page at www.ala.org/census.

House Committee Provides Increase for LSTA, IAL

Following the work of ALA advocates during the Dear Appropriator letter campaign, ALA submitted comments to the House Appropriations Committee urging the committee to approve increases for LSTA and IAL. The House Appropriations Committee approved increases to Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) programs. The House Committee provided a \$17 million increase for LSTA, all dedicated to the Grants to States program, which meets the increase needed to launch a new funding formula provided in last year's LSTA [reauthorization bill](#). The new formula would raise the minimum funding level for each state to \$1 million, which will benefit smaller states while ensuring larger states will not lose funding. The IAL program received a \$2 million increase in the House bill. While the full House is working to move all its appropriations bills before the July 4 recess, the Senate is on a slower track and may not start moving any bills before mid-June. Senate funding bills are expected to recommend cuts to many education and library programs, though not call for elimination as the [President's budget](#) recommended. House and Senate leadership is discussing a possible budget deal that will avoid substantial mandatory cuts to domestic and defense programs, and which the President will sign. We expect negotiations to continue through the summer as leaders seek to avoid a government shutdown in the fall. In the meantime, Public Policy and Advocacy is working closely with Chapter Relations to recruit and equip member leaders in strategic locations. ALA held a series of conference calls in targeted states to advocate support for LSTA and IAL funding in print media. One success is a [letter to the editor](#) published in the Bangor Daily News written by Maine Library Association Legislative Chair Sonya Durney, whose Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AASL President Advocates for School Libraries in Panel on Capitol Hill

On May 9, AASL President and Norman (OK) Public Schools Director of Libraries and Instructional Technology, Kathryn Roots Lewis, participated in a congressional briefing to discuss the disastrous consequences on education, including school libraries, if the President's budget cuts to LSTA and Title II were adopted. The briefing was sponsored by a longtime ALA coalition partner, the Committee on Education Funding. In her remarks, Roots Lewis said, "Statewide databases for all Oklahomans including all school age learners are made possible in part by using LSTA funds." Pointing out the impact of Title II, she continued, "School librarians champion the teaching role that is an integral part of their practice and benefit from Title II funds..., [which] are used to create a community of educators focused on providing students with research experiences that allow learners to have voice and choice in their own learning while still mastering the articulated state standards." In addition to her valuable voice in support of libraries, Roots Lewis' voice contributed strategically to the coalition's budget messaging as her congressional representative, Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK-4), is a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

ALA Hosts Member Panel on Libraries and Child Literacy on Capitol Hill

On June 4, ALA hosted *Slide into Learning: Libraries Advance Literacy and Prevent the Summer Slide*, a panel discussion for members of Congress, their staff and other education policy stakeholders on Capitol Hill. The panel featured Elizabeth Rush, library specialist from Northside Independent School District (TX) Library Services; Jo Giudice, director of libraries for the City of Dallas; and Nawaid Ladak, legislative assistant in the office of Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX-30). Moderated by Liana Heitin Loewus, assistant managing editor of *Education Week*, the panel examined how libraries supplement school curriculum, both in and out of the classroom, and discussed opportunities for robust partnerships with elected officials and community stakeholders.

ALA, PLA Initiative Continues to Award Micro-Funding Across America

Since the kick-off in January of this year, the Libraries Lead with Digital Skills initiative has awarded \$1000 grants to libraries in PA, CT, OH, MD, VA, NM to hold workshops for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs using their own and *Grow with Google* resources. Projects cover basic digital literacy skills training and go beyond the basics. The Wicomico (MD) Public Libraries Downtown Branch, for example, is hosting a one-day workshop designed to connect developmentally challenged adults to resumé building skills and job search options. Other libraries will be building partnerships with job centers or economic development councils such as the Chesapeake (VA) Public Library which will be working with Roads Workforce Council to provide a one-day event focused on transitioning military, veterans, and military spouses who are job seekers.

ALA Reorganizes Public Policy and Advocacy Office, Prepares for Buildout of National Network

To align ALA's federal, state and local advocacy efforts, the former Office of Library Advocacy (OLA) as a stand-alone unit has been eliminated and the responsibilities absorbed by PPA. The reorganization will better position ALA for the future in building a national network of ALA advocates as well as make ALA more effective and collaborative in our policy and advocacy efforts at all levels of government. The high-quality case management services that OLA provided Chapters will continue with PPA. A Manager of State Advocacy position was created to perform state and local policy and advocacy activities, and staff the Committee on Library Advocacy with the support of the PPA unit. Megan Cusick, previously the Grassroots Specialist

in OLA, accepted the position and will continue to work from headquarters in Chicago as part of the PPA team.

ALA Highlights State Advocacy Successes, Supports Local Libraries

ALA continues support for libraries at state and local level, focused primarily on censorship issues and school libraries fighting elimination of certified librarians in districts throughout the country. The May [Chapter Advocacy Exchange](#) webinar showcased the work of Maine and Colorado library leaders, who successfully fought censorship legislation in their respective states. In ALA, President Garcia-Febo and AASL President Roots Lewis sent a letter of thanks to Seattle Public Schools' officials for restoring librarian positions in the district. ALA continues to work with the Washington Library Association on a systemic solution to cuts in other districts around the state and continues support for libraries of all kinds nationwide facing specific challenges at the local level.

Public Programs Office (PPO)

Libraries Invited to Apply for Great Stories Club Grants on Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation

Library workers are invited to apply for the Great Stories Club series on Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT), a thematic reading and discussion program that engages underserved teens through literature-based library outreach programs and racial healing work. [Visit the project guidelines](#) and [apply online](#) by July 15. Up to 35 libraries will be selected. An expansion of ALA's longstanding Great Stories Club program model, the TRHT series features books that explore questions of race, equity, identity, history, institutional change and social justice. The series is a part of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation efforts, a comprehensive, national and community-based process to plan for and bring about transformational and sustainable change, and to address the historic and contemporary effects of racism. Participating libraries will work with small groups of approximately 10 teens; provide up to four theme-related books for each participant to keep; and convene opportunities for exploration and discussion of relevant humanities content among peers. Libraries will also be encouraged, but not required, to offer at least one interactive session led by a racial healing practitioner. The TRHT Great Stories Club is administered by PPO in collaboration with ODLOS.

ALA Reaches Fundraising Goal to Support Community Engagement Work in Libraries

The ALA Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the Development Office, has reached a significant fundraising goal for its Cultural Communities Fund that will support the work of community engagement in libraries. Announced in fall 2016, the initiative was made possible by a matching grant from former ALA president and longtime generous supporter Nancy Kranich. With donations made by 130 individuals between 2016 and 2019, the Cultural Communities Fund has surpassed its \$50,000 goal to launch the endeavor, reaching \$60,000 in contributions. A member of ALA's Legacy Society, Kranich is committed to growing the fund over the years ahead. PPO will announce more information about the programs supported through this initiative in the coming months. [ALA's Cultural Communities Fund](#) supports humanities, civic and STEM programming in libraries of all types. With help from individual and corporate donors, the fund has grown into an endowment of \$1.9 million.

ALA, Harwood Institute Announce 2019 Public Innovators Lab for Libraries

PPO and The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation have announced a [2.5-day training opportunity](#) to help libraries lead positive change in their communities. The 2019 Public Innovators Lab for Libraries will be held Tuesday, October 15, to Thursday, October 17, 2019, at the Loudermilk Conference Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Librarians, community partners and stakeholders in libraries of all types — public, academic, school and special libraries — are invited to attend. The Harwood Public Innovators Lab is an intensive workshop that explores the practice of Turning Outward – using the community, not your conference room, as the reference point for library choices and action. Participants will leave the Lab as the latest class in a group of more than 4,000 library professionals who have learned this approach to community engagement. Participants must [register online](#) by October 15. The cost is \$995 per person. The Lab is offered as part of PPO's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative.

ALA DIVISIONS

American Association of School Librarians (AASL)

AASL Launches School Administrator Collaborative

With support from OverDrive Education, AASL is launching a two-year initiative to engage with an audience vital to the success of school librarian advocacy: school administrators. The "AASL School Leader Collaborative: Administrators & School Librarians Transforming Teaching and Learning" aims to strengthen AASL's collaboration with school administrators. The initiative champions the school librarian's integral role in teaching and learning. <http://bit.ly/2VXYBei>

AASL Opens Nominations for Administrator Collaborative

AASL has opened nominations for school administrators to serve on its AASL School Leader Collaborative. Administrators must be nominated by an AASL member and both the administrator and the AASL member must be able to attend the 2019 AASL National Conference taking place November 14-16 in Louisville, Kentucky. If appointed to serve, the administrator and nominator will receive a shared \$1,000 travel stipend, and each will receive complimentary conference registration. <http://bit.ly/2VRa9zX>

Illinois High School District 214 Named National School Library of the Year

High School District 214, located in Arlington Heights, Illinois, is the recipient of the AASL 2019 National School Library of the Year (NSLY) Award. Sponsored by Follett, the NSLY Award annually honors a single school or district-wide school library that exemplifies implementation of AASL's "National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries." High School District 214 will receive a crystal obelisk – the symbol of school library excellence – and \$10,000 toward its school libraries. http://bit.ly/AASL_19nsly

Jennifer Sturge Receives AASL Ruth Toor Grant for Strong Public School Libraries

Jennifer Sturge, specialist for school libraries and digital learning for Calvert County Public Schools in Prince Frederick, Maryland, is the recipient of the 2019 AASL Ruth Toor Grant for Strong Public School Libraries. Sponsored by Jay Toor, the grant provides \$3,000 in funding for the creation and implementation of a local public awareness/marketing campaign that promotes and positions the school library as a necessary resource in the community. <http://bit.ly/30RITVD>

Jones County Schools Awarded AASL Inspire Disaster Recovery Grant

Jones County Schools in North Carolina has been awarded \$7,060 as part of the AASL Inspire Disaster Recovery Grant program. The grant program, sponsored by AASL member and retired middle school librarian Marina “Marney” Welmers, supports public middle or high school libraries that incurred damage or hardship due to a natural disaster, fire, or an act recognized by the federal government as terrorism. Thirty-thousand dollars in funding is available annually. <http://bit.ly/30RJGG5>

Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Receives AASL Affiliate of the Year Award

The Pennsylvania School Librarians Association (PSLA) is the recipient of the 2019 American Association of School Librarians’ (AASL) Affiliate of the Year Award. The \$1,000 award recognizes the AASL Affiliate most active and dynamic in achieving the goals of AASL at the state and local level. <http://bit.ly/30RJwhY>

Preconferences at AASL National Conference Dive into New AASL Standards-Related Publications

Even before the 2019 AASL National Conference officially kicks off, attendees can delve into AASL Standards-related topics at preconferences presented by the authors of forthcoming publications. Half-day workshops will be held Wednesday, November 13, and two-hour workshops will be offered Thursday, November 14. Full preconference descriptions, presenters, and registration rates can be found at national.aasl.org/preconferences.

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)

Revised ACRL Open Access Policy Statement, New Guidelines for Standardized Holding Counts Approved

The ACRL Board of Directors approved a revision of the [ACRL Policy Statement on Open Access to Scholarship by Academic Librarians](#) at its April 2019 virtual meeting. Written by ACRL’s Research and Scholarly Environment Committee (ReSEC), the revision addresses the sense of the “across the lifecycle” nature of scholarly communication interest in open access. The Board also approved new [Guidelines for Standardized Holdings Counts and Measures for Archival Repositories and Special Collections Libraries](#) (PDF) at the April meeting. Developed by the SAA-ACRL/RBMS Joint Task Force on the Development of Standardized Holdings Counts and Measures for Archival Repositories and Special Collections Libraries, the guidelines were intended to help archival repositories and special collections libraries quantify and communicate information about holdings. Approval of the new guidelines by the Society of American Archivists (SAA) Council is pending.

New Immersion Program Facilitators

ACRL recently announced the selection of Veronica Arellano Douglas, Ashleigh Coren, Carlos Duarte, Michelle Gohr, Sofia Leung, Jessie Loyer, and Rachel McCaskill as the newest facilitators for the Information Literacy Immersion Program. They join the current program facilitator team in shaping the curriculum and facilitating the program. Now in its twentieth year, the 4.5-day Immersion Program is designed for those who contribute to the educational role of libraries in higher education. Through a critical examination of information literacy, teaching and

learning, and influence and leadership, the Immersion Program curriculum aims to develop critically reflective practitioners who go on to enact change in their practice, projects, or personal and professional goals. Complete details on the program and new facilitators are [available online](#).

ACRL Program Proposals for 2020 ALA Annual Conference

ACRL invites its committees, sections, interest groups and individual members to consider submitting program proposals for the 2020 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Program proposals will be submitted via a centralized submission site for all ALA Divisions, Round Tables, Committees, and Offices. ACRL members must choose “ACRL” on the first screen of the submission form in order to have the program included in the ACRL pool of programs to be reviewed. The submission site is expected to open in early June 2019. There will be a virtual meeting at 3:00 p.m. (Central) on June 3, 2019, for ACRL units and members interested in submitting proposals for a 2020 ALA Annual Conference program. The purpose of this meeting is to provide potential conference program planners with an understanding of the Annual Conference program planning process, including budgets, timelines, and planning tips. Complete details are on [ACRL Insider](#).

ACRL Presents Webcast – ACRL Libraries Transform Toolkit

In 2016, ACRL charged a task force to adapt ALA’s Libraries Transform campaign for ACRL. A free ACRL Presents webcast was held on Tuesday, April 30, to unveil the new toolkit, which arose out of the needs expressed during the committee’s assessment of marketing and outreach activities across academic libraries. Surveys and discussions with various stakeholders revealed a need to have access to easy to use outreach best practices and materials in a way that allows for flexibility and adaptability. This toolkit is designed to be a work in progress and allows for the uploading and sharing of content over time. A recording of the webcast is available on the [ACRL YouTube channel](#).

ACRL e-Learning

ACRL's e-Learning program offered two live webcasts during this report period. 34 individuals and 19 groups participated in e-learning, focusing on teaching online in plain language and an introduction to the creative commons. Upcoming topics for the ACRL e-Learning program include conversational topics and difficult dialogues, impostor syndrome, and a four-part series on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Full details and registration information are available on the [ACRL website](#).

Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)

2019 ALSC Membership Needs Assessment Survey

ALSC launched a 2019 Needs Assessment Survey to its members on May 2. This survey was last conducted in 2015 and helps assess who ALSC members are, how they use their membership, and how the association can best serve these members. The survey closed on May 28 and received more than 500 responses. Survey results will be available in the coming weeks.

2021 Arbuthnot Lecture

ALSC welcomes member input on the 2021 [Arbuthnot Lecturer](#). Members may submit nominations for the 2021 lecturer through the [2021 Arbuthnot Lecture Nomination Form](#) until July 31, 2019. The lecturer may be related to the field in any area: author, illustrator, editor, publisher, professor of children's literature, reviewer, art director, etc. The lecturer need not be a resident or citizen of the United States. The Arbuthnot committee will evaluate each nominee based on the impact of the candidate's work on the world of children's literature, the opportunity to make an additional contribution to the field through the lectureship, and how the lecture honors someone who has played a significant role in the field of children's literature.

ALSC Partners to Support National Summer Learning Week 2019

In 2018, ALSC collaborated with the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) to promote National Summer Learning Day (July 12). ALSC joined NSLA and the Association of Children's Museums (ACM) to present a webinar about how to incorporate this year's national read-aloud selection of *Trombone Shorty* into library programming. The webinar also featured Caldecott winning illustrator Bryan Collier; the 2018 National Summer Learning Day official ambassador. This year, ALSC will join NSLA and ACM to promote a weeklong summer learning event, designed for youth of all ages and organized around theme days.

Leadership Development within ALSC

In May, the 2019 ALSC Nominating and Leadership Development Committee hosted an online Community Forum for ALSC members called "Leadership Development within ALSC". This forum explored the benefits of leadership and governance within ALSC and how it can affect change, not only within the association, but within the library profession and communities.

Summer Online Courses

ALSC's Summer online courses begin July 8. Students have a choice of five different course offerings: [Contemporary Issues in Action: Ethics for Librarians](#); [Full STREAM Ahead: How to take Science, Technology, Engineering and Math \(STEM\) to the next level with maker kits](#); [Postmodern Picturebooks: Changing Minds for Life](#); [Science, Technology, Engineering and Math \(STEM\) Programs Made Easy](#); and [Storytelling with Puppets](#).

Webinars

ALSC is currently offering a number of hot topic webinars, including [Inclusive Technology for Babies to Teens in the Library](#) and [Translated Books For Youth: Celebrating the Batchelder Award--Past, Present, and Future](#).

Continuing Education Proposals

The ALSC Education Committee is always considering new courses and webinars to add to ALSC's growing online education offerings. Members interested in teaching need to fill out an [online application](#) and provide a copy of their resume, teaching references, and a course syllabus (not needed for webinars). The Education Committee will be selecting proposals on a rolling basis to allow for webinars and courses to be added multiple times throughout the year.

2020 ALSC National Institute

Planning is underway for the ALSC National Institute which will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, Minnesota from October 1-3, 2020. More information about the Institute will be posted on the [ALSC website](#) as it becomes available.

2019 Annual Conference Activities

- ALSC Preconference Program: *With Gratitude: Honoring Stories that Connect Us*
ALSC will host an awards-focused [preconference](#) on June 21 from 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Join us in conversation with authors, illustrators, and publishers as we celebrate and explore the 2019 Batchelder, Caldecott, Geisel, Newbery, Pura Belpré, and Sibert Honor Books.

- Charlemae Rollins President's Program: *Subversive Activism: Creating Social Change Through Libraries, Children's Literature, and Art*

The ALSC Program, "Subversive Activism: Creating Social Change Through Libraries, Children's Literature, and Art," will take place on Monday, June 24, 2019 and will examine activism and social change through multiple lenses: first – from two scholarly leaders, Dr. Nicole Cooke from Library & Information Science, and Dr. Janina Fariñas from Pediatric Neuropsychology, then – from acclaimed children's book author/illustrator Yuyi Morales, and finally, from Dr. Karin Perry's sketchnoting that will document this dynamic event.

- Leadership & ALSC

ALSC will host its Leadership & ALSC meeting on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Kathleen Campana, Ph.D.; J. Elizabeth Mills; Marianne Martens, Ph.D.; and Claudia Haines will present on Media Literacy, Computational Thinking, and Connected Family Learning: Positioning New Media across the Evolving Landscape of Children's Services. Wondering how new media can fit into your library programs for children? Come to the Leadership & ALSC session to learn how your peers are using new media and their attitudes about this trend in the field. Discover how new media as well as other traditional tools can be used to support media literacy, computational thinking, and family learning. All conference attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend.

- Pura Belpré Award Celebración,

This event will take place on Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. to celebrate the 2019 Pura Belpré award-winning authors and illustrators. The event will feature speeches, book signings, and entertainment.

2020 ALSC Distinguished Service Award Applications Open

[The ALSC Distinguished Service Award](#) committee is now accepting online nominations for the 2020 Distinguished Service Award. Nominations and supporting materials will be due by December 1, 2019. This award honors an individual member of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) who has made significant contributions to, and an impact on, library service to children and/or ALSC. The recipient receives \$2,000 and an engraved pin at the ALSC Membership Meeting during the ALA Annual Conference.

Association of Specialized, Government, and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASGCLA)

ASGCLA Staffing Changes

ASGCLA is pleased to announce staffing changes as staff members Shuntai Sykes and Melissa Vanyek have been promoted to regular ALA employees and Ninah Moore was acknowledged with an updated job title. ASGCLA member services are nearing successful completion of FY19 initiatives and planning for the next year.

ASGCLA / RUSA staff

This has been a year of transition for RUSA and ASGCLA staff. In May, Shuntai Sykes was named Membership and Programs Specialist for RUSA/ASGCLA. Shuntai began as an agency temporary in September 2018. She is recognized as an asset to the divisions' staff. In May, she transitioned to regular ALA employee. Melissa Vanyek was named Marketing Communications and Web Services Coordinator for RUSA/ASGCLA in May. Melissa came to ASGCLA as an intern in the summer of 2018 to assist with the implementation of the ASCLA/FAFLRT merger and with welcoming FAFLRT members into ASGCLA. In September 2018, Melissa was added as a temporary employee for RUSA/ASGCLA in the role of Marketing and Communications Coordinator. Ninah Moore has been with RUSA/ASGCLA since the spring of 2018, in the role of Training and Events Coordinator. In May, her title was upgraded to Program Officer – Continuing Education. ASGCLA and RUSA are honored to have these wonderful staff members.

ASGCLA Committee Accomplishments

Several ASGCLA committees are completing an active year of planning activities that benefit ASGCLA members. In April, ASGCLA concluded very successful fall and spring seasons of Online Learning thanks to Ninah Moore and the Online Learning Committee. ASGCLA presented more offerings than in recent years. In the fall, ASGCLA offered one course and three webinars with a total enrollment of 136. In the spring, ASGCLA offered four online courses with an enrollment of 139. The Accessibility Assembly has worked this year to promote recognition of various disabilities through monthly news posts on ASGCLADirect. The Assembly is also working on a revision of the Accessibility Toolkit for “Service and Support Animals.” The Membership Committee is preparing to welcome eight mentor-mentee pairs for the 2019-2020 Mentoring Program with a meet-and-greet at the Annual Conference. A new ad hoc Committee on EBook Priorities and Industry Relations will begin working to follow-up on recommendations from the 2018 EBook Summit.

Library and Information Technology Association (LITA)

#LITAchat Interviews

In case you missed the May 31 [#LITAchat](#) on Twitter, you can get some background on the two projects highlighted.

- Western Carolina University recently launched a media wall that displays study room availability, events in the building, and the Library's social media feeds. In this interview, [Adam Olsen touches on the goals for the project and challenges they faced](#).
- Thomas San Filippo from Wheaton College shares a bit about their [pilot project to expand the use of JSTOR Forum](#) on their campus in a way that will help students learn to navigate and experience digital spaces in new and more applicable ways.

Conference Kickoff

If you're attending the 2019 ALA Annual Conference, watch the [LITA Conference Kickoff](#) to learn about all of the great LITA events you should be attending.

Update on A New Division

(see details in the LLAMA report below)

Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA)

Update on A New Division

When this discussion began early last year, we had hoped to bring the proposed merger to a member vote during the spring 2019 election. However, that timeline proved too ambitious. We wanted to make sure the new division could provide far more robust service to members than the three divisions can provide separately. We also needed more time to work through key operational details and to sufficiently involve our members in the discussion.

In recognition of this, the three Boards agreed at Midwinter to pause the project. Since then, the Steering Committee has had discussions about how best to meet our goals, communicate with members, and finalize the process.

We are happy to report that the leadership of all three divisions will continue to work together, so that we can present the best possible proposal for consideration on the spring 2020 ballot. We've already begun some joint projects and will have a new timeline to present at our joint Board meeting at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference on Monday, June 24, from 1:00-3:30 p.m. in room 207B of the convention center. We're currently exploring providing a livestream of the portions that won't involve small group discussions.

Get more details in [our ALCTS/LLAMA/LITA Alignment Discussion group in ALA Connect](#), which you can join to receive updates, or you can always [find the most current information here](#). Expect to see more activity, updates, and opportunities to share your thoughts with us starting later this summer.

Public Library Association (PLA)

Reminder to Attend Breakfast for Public Library Councilors at ALA Annual

As part of its "Stronger Together" outreach effort, PLA will host a [breakfast at the ALA Annual Conference](#) for ALA Councilors who work in public libraries and/or are PLA members. The event will provide an opportunity to meet with PLA leaders, learn about PLA priorities, and discuss how PLA and ALA can best address areas of shared interest. The inaugural "Stronger Together" Breakfast for ALA Councilors was held at the 2019 ALA Midwinter Meeting, and the majority of attendees said the event helped them better understand how PLA works with ALA. Two-thirds requested guidance on specific PLA concerns in order to better advocate for public libraries at Council. The next "Stronger Together" breakfast will be held on Monday, June 24, 7:30-8:15 a.m. (Eastern), in Salon 12 of the Marriott Marquis Washington DC. Councilors who work in public libraries and/or are PLA members will receive an invitation with more information. PLA hopes to create an ongoing dialogue with the Council throughout the year, so even if you cannot attend the June 24 breakfast, please feel free to share any questions and comments about PLA by emailing Executive Director Barb Macikas at bmacikas@ala.org.

Public Libraries in Connecticut, Maryland, New Mexico, Ohio and Virginia Awarded Funding for Workforce Development

In early May, PLA announced the names of another 36 libraries across five states, which have been selected to receive funding from [Libraries Lead with Digital Skills](#), an initiative of ALA and PLA, sponsored by Grow with Google. The goal of the initiative is to ensure that public libraries across the nation receive ongoing access to free tools and resources to help everyone across America grow their skills, careers and businesses. With the addition of Connecticut, Maryland, New Mexico, Ohio and Virginia the total number of grantee libraries is now at 56. The other 20 libraries are in Pennsylvania, [the first of 50 states to be announced](#). [Click here](#) to view the names and locations of the libraries. The \$1,000 grants can be used by libraries to continue or expand services and programs related to workforce development – either to assist job seekers in finding or preparing for work, or to empower small businesses to grow online. Grantee libraries will integrate [Grow with Google](#) programs into events or ongoing workshops to address the needs of their communities. In addition to the funding, awardees will receive marketing support, technical guidance, advocacy tools and a community of practice with the goal of drawing attention to the services libraries provide. [Learn more](#).

PLA 2020 Conference Garners Nearly 600 Program Proposals

The Call for Proposals for educational sessions to be presented at the [PLA 2020 Conference](#) closed on April 26 with a record-breaking 588 submissions. The PLA 2020 Conference—February 25-29 in Nashville, TN—will highlight innovative work and ideas that address the core challenges facing public libraries and their communities today. For the 2020 Conference, PLA specifically requested proposals and speakers representing diverse perspectives, with a commitment to representation of groups that have been historically marginalized or excluded due to race, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic background, and age. See our [Guidelines on Core Values and Conference Sites](#) for more information.

PLA Hosts Leadership Cohort from Africa

In March, PLA hosted a group of 12 librarians from Africa as part of a leadership exchange with the African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA). For part of the week, the AfLIA cohort toured four Midwest U.S. public libraries: Madison (WI) Public Library, Columbus (WI) Public Library, Skokie (IL) Public Library, and Chicago Public Library's Chinatown branch. The goal of the tours was to explore leadership models in different contexts, as well as the role of leadership in developing innovative services. Each visit focused on different leadership approaches to supporting innovative programming, community engagement, and staff development. Both hosts and visitors learned a great deal and established new, international networks. [Learn more](#).

Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)

New RUSA Mission Statement Adopted

At its May Board meeting, the RUSA Board of Directors voted to adopt a new RUSA Mission Statement. The new Mission Statement reads – “The Reference and User Services Association is a network to educate, empower, and inspire its members to advance the evolution of the profession and better serve users in a continuously changing information society.” Strategic

Goals to support the new Mission Statement are in development and should be finalized by the summer.

Inaugural Winner of the Gail Schlachter Memorial Research Grant

RUSA recently announced its inaugural winner of the Gail Schlachter Memorial Research Grant. The winning team was led by Adriana Gonzalez and included her Kansas State University teammates, Jason Coleman, Ryan Otto and Joelle Pitts. The \$5000 award helps support research into reference or user services whose projects aim to better understand or answer key questions related to connecting people to resources, information services, and collections.

Educational Offerings

Upcoming contracted educational offerings include 4 courses:

- 7/8/2019 – “*Business Reference 101*”,
- 9/9/2019 – “*Mastering Emotional Intelligence*”,
- 9/16/2019 – “*Reference Interview 101*” and
- 11/4/2019 – “*Inside Interlibrary Loan: Basics for a New Millennium*”

and 4 webinars:

- 7/16/2019 – “*The New Frontier – Training Older Adults for the Latest Gadgets*”,
- 7/29/2019 – “*Developing Financial Literacy in the Next Generation: Resources for Children and Teens*”,
- 8/14/2019 – “*Tools for Locating Primary Sources in Archives and Online*” and
- 9/10/2019 – “*Nonprofits and Libraries: Collaboration for the Public Good*”.

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)

Teens’ Top Ten Voting Starts August 15

Teens’ Top Ten voting starts August 15 and ends October 13. Teens aged 12 – 18 are eligible to vote for their favorite titles from the list of 25 nominees. Encourage the teens in your community to read as many nominees as they can so they will be ready for the vote. The “top ten” titles with the most votes will become the official 2019 Teens’ Top Ten titles and will be announced online the week of October 13. A list of the nominees can be found at www.ala.org/teenstopten.

Symposium Early Bird Registration Ends September 15

Have you registered for the 2019 YA Services Symposium yet? This year, it takes place November 1-3 in Memphis, TN, with the theme: *Show Up and Advocate: Supporting Teens in the Face of Adversity*. Now through September 15, those who become YALSA members and register for the symposium will be entered for a chance to win registration for the 2020 symposium in Reno, NV. The cost of joining and then registering is equal to the non-YALSA/ALA registration rate. Book your hotel early to ensure availability as they have sold out in previous years. Learn more and view the preliminary schedule at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium>.

New Month-Long Teen Celebration

This October, YALSA will launch a new, month-long teen celebration. The new celebration was created to reimagine Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week into a bigger campaign that emphasizes the importance of year-round teen services. An official name for the celebration has not been chosen. Teens are submitting suggestions, and the new title will be chosen by teens. The new name will be announced in late June/early July on the YALSAblog at yalsa.ala.org/blog/.

YALSA Summer E-Course: Register Now

Start at the End: Backwards Design for Library Programming, July 8 - August 11 Library staff, parents, and youth alike want library programs that are both fun and educational. YALSA and the Urban Libraries Council have recently shifted their language to make it clear that they view public library programming as a form of instruction. So, what's the best (and most efficient) way to plan for effective learning experiences in the library? In this 5-week course, learners will be introduced to the backward design model for instructional planning and will practice implementing this model in their library setting. Learn more and register: www.ala.org/yalsa/onlinelearning/info.

Upcoming YALSA Activities & Events

- June 13: Building Middle School Futures Webinar; 2 p.m. (Eastern) www.ala.org/yalsa/onlinelearning/webinar
- July 8 – August 11: *Start at the End: Backward Design for Library Programming* <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/onlinelearning/info>
- July 11: Teen Service Learning Webinar; 2 p.m. (Eastern) www.ala.org/yalsa/onlinelearning/webinar
- August 8: Self-Care for Library Staff Working with and for Teens; 2 p.m. (Eastern). www.ala.org/yalsa/onlinelearning/webinar
- August 8 – September 7: *ConnectedLib: Creating Learning Connections for Youth* E-Course. <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/onlinelearning/info>
- August 15: Voting for the 2019 Teens' Top Ten Starts. www.ala.org/teenstopten
- September 15: Early Bird Registration Deadline for 2019 YA Services Symposium

For more events and information, visit our [wiki page](#) or our [Google Calendar](#)

ALA PUBLISHING

ALA Editions

New Books from ALA Editions and ALA Neal-Schuman

The new professional development books published include

- the 2019 edition of [The Newbery and Caldecott Awards: A Guide to the Medal and Honor Books](#), by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC);
- [25 Projects for Global Explorers](#), a collection of ready-to-go activities, by Christine M. Kirker;

- [*Assessment Strategies in Technical Services*](#), a monograph from the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), edited by Kimberley A. Edwards and Michelle Leonard;
- [*Library Web Development: Beyond Tips and Tricks*](#), a handbook for problem solving, by Jason Bengtson;
- [*Beyond Banned Books: Defending Intellectual Freedom throughout Your Library*](#), which offers support for fighting censorship, by Kristin Pekoll and the Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF);
- [*The Public Library Director's Toolkit*](#), a resource packed with wisdom and sample documents, by Kate Hall and Kathy Parker (ALA Editions); and
- [*Foundations of Information Policy*](#), a new textbook on the discipline by Paul T. Jaeger and Natalie Greene Taylor.

Two ALA Editions Books Are Finalists for Awards

Two ALA Editions books are finalists in the 2019 SLC/ARBA (School Library Connection [SLC] and American Reference Books Annual [ARBA]) Best of Reference Awards:

- [*National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries*](#), (9780838915790), American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
- [*The Stories We Share: A Guide to PreK–12 Books on the Experience of Immigrant Children and Teens in the United States*](#) (9780838916513), Ladislava N. Khailova

Events Scheduled for the 2019 ALA Annual Conference

Several programs and Meet the Author events spotlighting ALA Editions and ALA Neal-Schuman professional development books are scheduled for the 2019 ALA Annual Conference. The programs' topics include

- child development theory and storytimes, with Betsy Diamant-Cohen;
- public library directorship skills, by Kathy Parker and Kate Hall;
- multicultural children's and young adult literature, by Gauri Manglik and Sadaf Siddique;
- collaborative library design, by Peter Gisolfi;
- libraries and gardens, with Carrie Scott Banks;
- shaping school library instruction and collections, with Mona Kerby and Maureen Schlosser;
- wholehearted librarianship, with Michael Stephens;
- censorship beyond books, by Kristin Pekoll;
- information policy, with Paul T. Jaeger and Natalie Greene Taylor;
- projects and storytimes for kids, with Kathy MacMillan and Christine Kirker;
- rebooting book clubs, with Sarah Ostman and Stephanie Saba;
- the impacts of digital anonymity, with Alison Macrina and Talya Cooper; and
- teaching media literacy, with Belinha S. De Abreu.

For a full listing of titles including books, online workshops, and eCourses, visit the ALA Store. www.alastore.ala.org

American Libraries

June 2019 Issue

The cover stories for *American Libraries* magazine's June issue are the 2019 ALA Annual Conference Preview and Dining Guide, tipping off readers to the most anticipated speakers, programs, and cuisine in Washington, D.C. This packed 88-page issue also includes: a feature on the 50th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, with interviews from past winners, honorees, and committee members; librarians preparing for the 2020 US Census; the tough choices communities face when homeless patrons set up permanent residence at libraries; the growth of voice assistant technology in libraries; a look at what happens when librarians' work leads to online harassment; and our annual roundup of notable dissertations. The issue features an interview with YA author Tomi Adeyemi (who will speak at Annual) as well as coverage of community courts, gun lock giveaways, and book clubs for adults with disabilities. These stories and more are available at americanlibrariesmagazine.org on June 3.

American Libraries Online and Social Media

Top stories between April 24–May 23:

1. [Keep Library Workers Safe](#)
2. [Library Systems Report 2019](#)
3. [Front-Loading Literacy](#) (picked up by *Mother Jones*, *Arts Journal*, and other publications)

Plus 12 new online-only articles, including [DPLAfest coverage](#), a Newsmaker interview with Preservation Week Chair [Kenyatta D. Berry](#), and a special On My Mind column for [ALS Awareness Month](#).

AL Direct

The top three AL Direct news items:

- [Working as a librarian gave me PTSD](#) (1,769)
- [On My Mind: Keep library workers safe](#) (1,502)
- [White nationalists target bookstores and library](#) (1,442)

Number of links published in [Latest Library Links](#): 282

Dewey Decibel Podcast

The [April podcast episode](#) on artificial intelligence usage in academic libraries featured interviews with librarians from Stanford University Libraries and University of Rhode Island Libraries. The episode, sponsored by Tappe Architects, was the second in a row to receive more than 1,000 listens in its first two days of release.