Activists Patrisse Cullors, Marley Dias to Open the 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits

Marley Dias, the girl-wonder who started the #1000blackgirlbooks Campaign, interviews Patrisse Cullors, co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement, to learn what determining factors and mindset led each of these activists and motivators to take action. Discover these answers and more when two generations tackle issues of inequality and strive for grassroots level solutions. The Opening Session will take place on Friday, February 9 from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. at the ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Cofounder of Black Lives Matter, Cullors is an artist, freedom fighter and performance artist. In 2013, Cullors co-founded a global movement with a hashtag. #BlackLivesMatter has since become an international organization with dozens of chapters and thousands of determined activists fighting anti-Black racism worldwide.

Given the opportunity to publish her memoirs, Cullors co-wrote When They Call You A Terrorist with journalist asha banana. The book, with a foreword by activist Angela Davis, is a poetic biography and reflection on humanity. Cullors has been named an NAACP History Maker – and she’s been invited to the White House. Her appearance is sponsored by Macmillan.

Dias made headlines as a sixth grader, when she started the #1000blackgirlbooks Campaign to collect and donate 1,000 books that featured black girls as the main characters. She realized that she saw no characters like herself in the books she was reading and wanted to make a difference. And a difference she has made with a campaign that has, to date, generated more than 10,000 books. She has been featured in the New York Times and was recognized as a “21 under 21” Ambassador for Teen Vogue. In her new book, Marley Dias Gets It Done – and So Can You, Dias shows kids how they can galvanize their strengths to make positive changes in their communities. Her appearance is sponsored by Scholastic. Get details and add to your schedule now.

Dave Eggers

Award-winning Author Dave Eggers to Speak at Midwinter

Dave Eggers is an award-winning and acclaimed author of many books, including What Is the What, winner of France’s Prix Medici and finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award; and more recently The Circle and Heroes of the Frontier, long listed for the 2018 International Dublin Literary Award. The session will take place on Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. during the 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits.

Eggers will discuss his soon to be released picture book, Her Right Foot, a fascinating, non-fiction tale, uniquely American in its frank tone. Eggers and debut illustrator Shawn Harris investigate a seemingly small trait of America’s most emblematic statue, her raised right foot. What they find is the powerful message of acceptance essential to the story of

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Are Libraries Neutral? Have They Ever Been? Should They Be?

The question of neutrality in librarianship is an old one. ALA’s 1939 Code of Ethics for Librarians calls for unbiased “recommendations.” This is seen in the ALA Library Bill of Rights principles that present the library as content neutral, open and accessible to all. We will explore the following questions with the aim of challenging our thinking and practices:

- Were libraries ever neutral?
- Has the time come to question neutrality?
- Are libraries through their practices, collections, services and technologies able to be neutral?
- Can libraries be neutral as part of societies and systems that are not neutral?
- Rather than neutral, should we advocate for a distinct set of values?
- How can we do so and maintain trust in our communities?

A group of ALA members from academic library, public library, and library education backgrounds engage the issues. The ALA President’s Program will include a formal debate — with two speakers in the affirmative and two in the negative — followed by commentary from a reactor panel and a conversation with attendees, moderated by ALA President, Jim Neal.

Debate [Affirmative]
Em Claire Knowles serves as the Assistant Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs at the Simmons School of Library and Information Science. She is serving for a second term as a trustee of the Freedom to Read Foundation, and as the foundation’s Vice President.

James LaRue
James LaRue is the Director of the ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom, and the Freedom to Read Foundation. Author of The New Inquisition: Understanding and Managing Intellectual Freedom Challenges, LaRue was a public library director for many years, as well as a weekly newspaper columnist and cable TV host. He has written, spoken, and consulted on leadership and organizational development, community engagement, and the future of libraries.

Debate [Negative]
Chris Bourg
Chris Bourg is the Director of Libraries at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he also has oversight of the MIT Press. She has written and spoken extensively on the future of research libraries, diversity and inclusion in higher education, and the role libraries play in advancing social justice and democracy.

Commentary Panel
Emily Drabinski
Emily Drabinski is the Coordinator of Library Instruction at Long Island University, Brooklyn, where she also serves as secretary of the Long Island University Faculty Federation. She also edits Gender and Sexuality in Information Studies, a book series from Library Juice Press/Litwin Books.

Kathleen de la Pena McCook
Kathleen de la Peña McCook is a distinguished university professor at the School of

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Junot Díaz to Speak Sunday Morning
Junot Díaz is the author of the critically acclaimed Drown, The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao, which won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award; and This Is How You Love Her, a New York Times bestseller and National Book Award finalist. By self-admission, Díaz is an agonizingly slow writer and a chronic procrastinator. He once spent five years working on a 15-page story. But he said, “In my view, a writer is a writer because even when there is no hope, even when nothing you do shows any sign of promise, you keep writing anyway.” The session will take place on Sunday, February 11 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Islandborn is Díaz’ first work of fiction for young readers, a picture book illustrated by Leo Espinosa, scheduled for release in February 2018. Little Lola is asked to draw a picture of her home country for school. To help with her assignment, she asks her family, friends, and neighbors for their recollections of the Island. What emerges is a stunning portrait of a place that Lola once called home, and the magic that comes when culture, tradition, and stories are passed down and shared. The book offers a diverse portrait of characters who have migrated to New York from all around the world, and shows the importance of community as they support each other, and their respective cultures.

Author and Poet, Elizabeth Acevedo to Present Arthur Curley Lecture
Elizabeth Acevedo was born as the youngest child of Dominican immigrants. Raised in New York City, her poetry is infused with Dominican bolero and her beloved city’s tough grit. With over 12 years of performance experience, Acevedo has been a featured performer on BET and Mun2, and has delivered several TED Talks. She has graced renowned venues, such as the Madison Square Garden, the Kennedy Center of the Performing Arts, South Africa’s State Theatre, The Bozar in Brussels, and the National Library of Kosovo. The session will take place on Saturday, February 10 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., at the 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits in Denver.

Her passion for poetry has manifested in an increasing body of popular poetry videos, most of which have gone viral and been picked up by PBS, Latina Magazine, Cosmopolitan Magazine, and Upworthy Magazine. She said, “I commit wholeheartedly to the mission that my mother’s stories will not die with her. I believe wholeheartedly telling my own story is an act of love and survival.” Many of her poems have been published, or are forthcoming in Puerto Del Sol, the Callaloo Journal, Poets Lore, Notre Dame Review, and others.

Acevedo is a National Slam Champion, Beltway Grand Slam Champion, a Cave Canem Fellow, Cantomundo Fellow, and participant of the Callaloo Writer’s Workshop. She is the author of two poetry collections: Beastgirl & Other Origin Myths and Medusa Reads La Negra’s Palm, winner of the 2016 Berkshire Prize. A novel, The Poet X1 is scheduled for release in early 2018.

Acevedo’s appearance is sponsored by HarperCollins Children’s Books. Get details and add to your schedule now.

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Bill Nye and Gregory Mone to Speak at Closing Session

Science educator, mechanical engineer, television host, and New York Times best-selling author, William Sanford “Bill” Nye, and co-author Gregory Mone, a novelist, science journalist, speaker, and children’s book author will close the 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits. The session will take place on Monday, February 12, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the ALA Midwinter Meeting.

As creator of the Emmy award-winning, syndicated television show “Bill Nye the Science Guy,” Nye first became a household name while introducing the millennial generation to science and engineering. He now appears in his much-anticipated return to the screen, in the Netflix series, “Bill Nye Saves the World.” Nye, who is on a mission to help foster a scientifically literate society and help people everywhere understand and appreciate the science that makes our world work has appeared on “Good Morning America,” “CNN New Day,” “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert,” “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver,” and “Real Time with Bill Maher,” as a trusted science source.

Mone has covered artificial intelligence, robots, physics, and biology as a magazine writer. “I’m always busy writing about strange people building strange contraptions,” he said. His award-winning children’s books include Fish, Dangerous Waters, and The Truth About Santa: Wormholes, Robots, and What Really Happens on Christmas Eve, which at its heart is about the power of science and technology and which was picked by USA Today as one of its “top five holiday books for geeks.”

In Jack and the Geniuses, Nye and Mone take middle-grade readers on a scientific adventure that features real-world science and scientific facts along with action and a mystery that will leave kids guessing until the end, making the books ideal for STEM education. The first book in their new middle-grade series from Amulet Books, an imprint of ABRAMS, Jack and the Geniuses, was published this Spring and a second book will be out Fall 2017.

Carnegie Medals for Excellence Shortlist Announced

Congratulations to the six titles, three fiction and three nonfiction, that made the 2018 Carnegie Medals for Excellence Shortlist. The two medal winners will be announced at the Reference and User Services Association’s Book and Media Awards event, sponsored by Novelist, at American Library Association Midwinter Meeting & Exhibition in Denver on Sunday, February 11 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fiction
Jennifer Egan
Manhattan Beach (Scribner)

George Saunders
Lincoln in the Bardo (Random House)

Jesmyn Ward
Sing, Unburied, Sing (Scribner)

Nonfiction
Sherman Alexie
You Don’t Have to Say You Love Me: A Memoir (Little, Brown)

Daniel Ellsberg
The Doomsday Machine: Confessions of a Nuclear War Planner (Bloomsbury)

David Grann
Killer of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI (Doubleday)

Syposium on the Future of Libraries

Included in your 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits full registration, three days of exploring the many futures for academic, public, school, and special libraries – Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Midwinter.

Carnegie Medals for Excellence Shortlist Announcement

Carnegie Medals for Excellence Shortlist Announcement Sunday 2/11 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Denver Convention Center, Rm 401

Symposium on the Future of Libraries
Saturday-Sunday-Monday
2/10-11-12
See sessions for locations

A Collaborative Future for Libraries, Museums, and More: Chicago Collections and Lifelong Learning Across the Community Location TBD
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Library Security Trends: The Opioid Epidemic and Libraries
Colorado Convention Center, Rm 401
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Every Day Literacy: South Carolina’s Tool-Box for Library Resources
Colorado Convention Center, Rm 401
F3; Fine-Free Future
Colorado Convention Center, Rm 402
Immersive and Interactive Virtual Reality in Academic and Medical Libraries
Colorado Convention Center, Rm 403

Saturday, February 10
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Plenary Session
Colorado Convention Center, Rm 405/407
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Do Space: Technology for Everyone
Colorado Convention Center, Rm 401

Libraries Ready to Code from Research to Practice
Location TBD

Bill Nye and Gregory Mone’s appearance at the meeting is sponsored by Amulet Books, an imprint of ABRAMS. Get details and add to your schedule now.
Washington Office Midwinter 2018 Sessions

Providing resources to help libraries launch computer science (CS) programming is top priority for the Office for Information Technology Policy’s (OITP) three sessions at Midwinter. Whether you’re thinking about offering coding classes at your library or want to enhance a CS program already in full swing, Libraries Ready to Code has a session that will boost your confidence, inspire you with new ideas, and give you resources to implement.

Friday, February 9, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.  “Creating Inclusive CS/coding Programs for Youth”  How do you design inclusive youth coding programs? Join ALA’s Libraries Ready to Code, Google, and the National Center for Women and Information Technology as we build on your experiences to explore what libraries need to be integral partners in preparing youth to meet career and life challenges. Topics include computational thinking, community partnerships, mentoring, implicit bias, and outcomes-based design with a focus on increasing youth participation from groups underrepresented in tech. Bring your ideas, and give you resources to implement.

Presenters:  Jennifer Manning – NCWIT AspireIT  Marijke Visser – Associate Director ALA Office for Information Technology Policy  Jennifer Manning – NCWIT AspireIT Partnerships Program Director

Saturday, February 10, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  “Building Digital Literacy Skills for Problem Solving and Job Skills Development”  Learn how to get started using Google’s “Applied Digital Skills,” a free curriculum that connects digital literacy learning with practical problem solving to develop important job-ready skills. Google staff will discuss how libraries have implemented the curriculum to help learners develop life and job skills while building projects using Google’s G Suite (Docs, Slides, Sheets, etc.).

Presenters:  Nicky Rigg – CS Education Program Manager, Google  Linda Braun – Informal Learning Consultant, LEO

Sunday, February 11, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  “Confidence and Facilitation is Key: Infusing Technology into Youth Programs”  Where do I begin? What if I don’t have technology skills? What if I have no or limited budget? These are all questions that run through the minds of youth librarians when asked to implement new technology programs. Listen to front-line librarians who answered these same questions to successfully facilitate technology programs for youth. Learn how to boost your confidence in implementing tech-infused programs through community partnerships and adding youth voice into the planning and implementation process. Walk away with an arsenal of examples to facilitate youth technology programs.


Mega Subramaniam – Associate Professor, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland

Eggers writes, “Liberty and freedom from oppression are not things you get or grant by standing around like some kind of statue. No! These are things that require movement. And adaptation. And more than anything else, it’s unfinished business. It never ends!” In response to the heightened concern for the rights of immigrants and refugees seeking to enter the U.S., the creators have accelerated the release date to Fall 2017.

Eggers’s new adult, non-fiction book to be released in late January from Knopf Books, The Monk of Mokha is a heart-pounding, true story weaving together the history of coffee, the struggles of everyday Yemenis living through a civil war, and the courageous journey of a young man, a Muslim and a U.S. citizen, following the most American of dreams. Eggers co-founded ScholarMatch, a nonprofit organization connecting students with resources, donors and colleges to make higher education possible for those in low-income communities. Currently over two hundred students are now enrolled in college, with a 97 percent retention rate.

Other awards include the TED Prize for his work in education, Amnesty International Chair, the Heinz Award, the National Book Foundation’s Literacy Award, Germany’s Albatross Award, the National Magazine Award for Fiction, and he has been named one of “Time Magazine’s 100 Most Influential People” in the world. He is also a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, an honor society of the country’s 250 leading architects, artists, composers, and writers.

Sponsored by Chronicle Books. Get details and add to your schedule now.
Exciting Activities and Workshops in the ALA JobLIST Placement & Career Development Center

Prepare to wow your colleagues and inter-

views alike. After attending the workshops and activities being held in the ALA JobLIST Placement & Career Development Center during the ALA 2018 Midwinter Meeting in Denver, you will be ready to meet the challenges of any job search. You don’t have to be actively engaged in a job search to take advantage of the services. The Center will be located in the Colorado Convention Center and will be open Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11, during the Midwinter Meeting. Listed below is a list of what you can expect in the Center.

Orientation – Saturday February 10, 8:30 a.m.
Career Counseling – Saturday February 10, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday February 11, 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Mentoring-on-the-Fly – Saturday February 10, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Sunday February 11, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Open House/Job Fair – Sunday February 11, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Photography Service – Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Walk-ins welcome.

Resume Review – Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Career Development Workshops
Saturday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
“The Key to Getting Interviews: Great Cover Letters and Resumes”
You can’t show the hiring manager what a perfect fit you are for that job really want if you can’t get an interview. Effective cover letters and resumes can be the key to getting your foot in the door. Get tips from someone who reviews cover letters and resumes daily — a human resource director. Bring your resume and be prepared to leave with ideas for polishing your resume and cover letters so that you can start getting those interviews.
Presenter: Dan Hoppe, Associate Executive Director, Human Resources, American Library Association

Sunday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
“HR Confidential: Insider Tips on Applying for Library Jobs from HR Directors”
An informal discussion/Q&A session where you can gain an insider’s perspective on the recruitment process from experienced HR Directors. Get tips on how to make your application stand out. Find out how to be your own best advocate for professional development and career advancement. Explore negotiation strategies to ensure you get the most out of your offer package. All questions are welcome.
Presenter: Dan Hoppe, Associate Executive Director, Human Resources, American Library Association

You don’t have to be actively engaged in a job search to take advantage of the services.
Sunday, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
“It’s Your Future – Get Ready For It Now!”
As part of the 2018 Symposium on the Future of Libraries
Wouldn’t it be nice to know more about what the future holds for your field and your career? Well, you can! No crystal ball needed. Come join our lively discussion to learn about emerging trends that will make a difference for library professionals. We’ll look at why it’s so important to pay attention to trends, develop a “future mindset” and practice preferred futuring. We’ll also explore 17 critical trends and how you can use them to develop a career/professional development plan guaranteed to keep you on the cutting edge. Join us as we step into the future!
Presenter: Caitlin Williams, PhD, Career Consultant for ALA’s Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment (HRD)

Sunday, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
“Professional Etiquette 101”
There are times – nearly every day – when you must make a choice of whether to use good etiquette or possibly risk embarrassment. Good manners can mean the difference between success and failure in many aspects of life. This interactive presentation will equip you with essential skills to help you put your best foot forward and avoid making a faux pas. The session focuses on professional etiquette as it relates to dining, dress/appearance (for job interviews, business receptions, etc.), behavior, and communication in the professional world. We will provide an extensive tutorial on etiquette skills needed when meeting potential employers, colleagues, or others in professional and social networking settings.
It does not matter if you are a student, a new graduate, or a professional. The information provided in this session will be useful either as an introduction or a refresher. Everyone who attends can benefit.
Cost: complimentary. Registration required. Register early, as seating is limited. To register for this event, you should use the ALA Midwinter registration form. If you have already registered, you may add it to your registration. Use event code: HRD1.
Presenter: Beatrice Calvin, Manager of Professional Development, ALA Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment (HRD) and Kimberly Redd, Program Officer, Education (HRD) & Certification (APA)

Sunday, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
“Successfully Applying for Your First Manager, Director, or Dean Position”
Being smart, experienced, credentialed, and successful as a supervisor or manager is not a guarantee that you will make the leap to a leadership role. Learn how to establish that you understand the leader’s point of view, the importance of focusing on the future and the big picture, political savvy in your community or institution, recruiting and delegating to your executive team, and why loving cataloging, the reference desk, and story hour will not be enough.
Presenter: Pat Wagner

For more information, visit the ALA JobLIST Placement and Career Development Center’s web page.

Debate
Information, University of South Florida in Tampa. She teaches annually, and over 1 million library card holders. He is the Immediate Past President of the Black Caucus of ALA. Kelvin Watson is the Director of the Broward County Libraries Division with 38 locations, circulating over 10.5 million items

Moderator
Jim Neal
ALA President Jim Neal is University Librarian Emeritus at Columbia University. Previously, he served as the Dean of University Libraries at Indiana University and Johns Hopkins University, and held administrative positions in the libraries at Penn State, Notre Dame, and the City University of New York. Jim is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences, consultant and published author, with focuses in the areas of scholarly communication, intellectual property, digital library programs, and library cooperation. He also serves on the Board of the Freedom to Read Foundation.

Get details and add to your schedule now.
Recharge at the ALA Lounge

Drop by the ALA Lounge, where you can learn how membership will enhance your career, connect with colleagues, and get information to help improve library services in your community. Also learn about membership options that fit your budget and career path. ALA staff will be on hand, ready to answer questions about your membership, the conference, Libraries Transform™, ALA’s strategic directions, and the many things happening at ALA. With information and displays from ALA divisions, round tables, and offices, the ALA Lounge is your one-stop place to learn and get connected.

Don’t forget, nearby you can find the Networking Uncommons where a variety of items are available for you to use and recharge with. You can reserve spots to present to a small group (sign-ups will open soon), strum a tune on our ukuleles, feed your laptop at the charging stations, or even sew a quick stitch on the sewing machines.

RUSA Book and Media Awards Ceremony and Reception, Featuring Andrew Carnegie Medals Announcements, to be Held February 11

The Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction will be announced during the Midwinter Meeting event on Sunday, February 11 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m (see finalists on page 4). As always, RUSA will also unveil the winners of the Notable Books, Reading List, and Listen List selections, the Dartmouth Medal, the Sophie Brody Medal for Jewish literature, and the best in reference sources for adults. Get to know our expert-resources to enrich your library’s collections! Get details and add to your schedule now.
**ALCTS Midwinter Symposium Explores Library Access and Accessibility**

On Friday, February 9, the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) will hold the symposium “Empowering Access and Ensuring Accessibility: Connecting People to Information and Collections” during the 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting. Aimed at those working in collections and technical services, this full-day symposium will examine how libraries and cultural institutions provide all populations with access to materials.

Connecting people to information is a fundamental tenet of librarianship and in the rapidly evolving information age, librarians strive to enhance access and increase accessibility for all patrons. These concepts are particularly significant to those working in collections and technical services, where responsibility for identifying, selecting, acquiring, organizing, managing, digitizing, and preserving recorded knowledge resides.

This symposium will explore the current landscape as well as the future of collections and technical services work as it contributes to access and broad accessibility to stimulate knowledge creation, foster innovation, and empower libraries to have a transformative role in society.

The symposium will open with the keynote presentation “Libraries Improving Access: Policies, Programs, and Promotion” from Denver City Librarian Michelle Jeske. Following the keynote, speakers Heidi M. Schroeder, Dr. Heather Moulaison Sandy, Jennifer Dandle, and Jordan Fields will present on building accessible collections through interinstitutional collaboration; systems, standards, and strategies used to access library data; enhancing discoverability with accessible content; and partnering to create integrated local collections.

In addition, the symposium will offer facilitated roundtable discussions and the closing presentation “Crossing State Lines: Enabling Sharing of Accessible Content” from Laura C. Wood.

**Syposium**

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**Sunday, February 11**

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

**Plenary Session**

Colorado Convention Center, Rm 405/407

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**It’s Your Future – Get Ready for It Now!**

Colorado Convention Center, Rm 405/407

**Library Island**

Colorado Convention Center, Rm 401

The Library’s Evolution into Centers of Innovation and Learning

Colorado Convention Center, Rm 402

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Advocating for Ourselves: Does Our Profession’s Survival Depend on Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program Policy Support?

Colorado Convention Center, Rm 402

Libraries in the Age of Extended Reality: Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), Mixed Reality (MR)

Colorado Convention Center, Rm 401

**Monday, February 12**

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

**Plenary Session**

Colorado Convention Center, Rm 405/407

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Equity-Driven Services and Programs: Exploring Alternative Information Services at the Library**

Colorado Convention Center, Rm 401

Libraries as Community Partners in the Workforce Development System

Location TBD

Get details and add to your schedule now.

**ASCLA Institutes at ALA Midwinter**

**Collective Leadership: Activating the Gifts of You and Your Team**

Friday, February 9, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Collective Leadership is about changing the way we think about leadership from something you do alone, or for others, to something you do with others. The benefits of adopting collective leadership include: better decisions, increased self-direction and motivation, shared responsibility, increased engagement and investment and sustainability. Foundational to adopting collective leadership is building trust. This session will cover the essential ingredients for collective leadership, the relationship between individual and collective leadership, and how to bring out the best of you and your team through collective leadership. The session will cover a framework for collective leadership that includes five elements and 11 practices. Participants will: identify ways they are already developing collective leadership; learn about the neuroscience which supports conversations that build trust; and explore strategies for identifying shared goals, identifying and building on strengths, facilitating exciting and energizing meetings, effective shared decision making, and rotating/sharing roles. This session will be presented by Cassandra O’Neill. Registrations are due Friday, December 29, 2017.

**Conversational Intelligence: What is it, Why it’s Important, and How to Increase It**

Friday, February 9, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Learn key concepts from neuroscience research about how the brain determines whether there is trust and safety, or distrust and shut down. Explore three levels of conversation, and how to quickly move from conversation levels one and two (transactional and power seeking) to level three (co-creation). Identify new strategies for increasing trust and authenticity in leadership development, partnerships, coaching, mentoring, and professional development.

This session will help participants assess which of three levels they are using, the result of using a particular level, and strategies for getting to level three conversations – the level where transformational conversations happen. This level conversation is necessary for change, growth, innovation, and quality improvement. Participants will plan how to incorporate the new strategies into their work. This session will be presented by Cassandra O’Neill. You must register by Friday, December 29, 2017.

**Accepting Appointments for Career Counseling**

The American Library Association’s (ALA) JobLIST Placement and Career Development Center will offer complimentary career counseling sessions Saturday and Sunday, February 10 – 11, during the ALA 2018 Midwinter Meeting in Denver. Sign-up now.

Get inspiration to start or recharge your career by meeting with a professional career counselor. The counselor can guide you in strategizing for the first or next phase of your career, solving a problem in your current job situation, defining goals and/or rejuvenating your career. Each one-on-one session is 20 minutes and is completely confidential.

Our career development coach, Caitlin Williams, PhD, works with individuals and organizations to create and implement professional development initiatives. She focuses on helping professionals leverage their talents in ways that truly make a difference.

Advance sign-up is encouraged, as appointments go fast. Walk-ins are welcome, if there are available appointments.

For more information about career counseling or activities being held in the ALA JobLIST Placement & Career Development Center, visit our website.

The ALA JobLIST Placement & Career Development Center is managed by the ALA Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment (HRDR).
Exploring the ACRL Midwinter Topics

Engaging with the ACRL Framework: A Catalyst for Exploring and Expanding Our Teaching Practices

The ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education – with its emphasis on self-reflective and lifelong learning and on conceptual understandings about information, research, and scholarship and encouraging – has prompted many librarians to consider their teaching practices from fresh angles, as they explore their evolving instructional roles within and beyond the library classroom. The Framework’s vision of information literacy education as a shared responsibility of all educators suggests both opportunities and challenges for teaching librarians, as we expand pedagogical approaches and partnerships. This day-long workshop supports librarians in engaging more deeply with the Framework and exploring ways that it may help to enrich their individual teaching practices, as well as their local instruction programs and institutions. The workshop will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018. Complete details are available at www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/frameworkworkshop.

Applying Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Manuscripts)

Sponsored by ACRL’s Rare Books and Manuscripts Section, this day-long workshop will provide an introduction to DCRM(MSS), the new RBMS standard for cataloging individual manuscripts. Attendees will acquire an understanding of the considerations involved in cataloging individual manuscripts, and will gain practice in applying DCRM(MSS) to the cataloging of different types of manuscripts commonly found in special collections using provided examples. Each attendee will receive a hard copy of the DCRM(MSS) manual. Participants should have familiarity with DCRM(B) and/or DACS and Manuscripts Section, this day-long workshop will provide an introduction to DCRM(MSS), the new RBMS standard for cataloging individual manuscripts. Attendees will acquire an understanding of the considerations involved in cataloging individual manuscripts, and will gain practice in applying DCRM(MSS) to the cataloging of different types of manuscripts commonly found in special collections using provided examples. Each attendee will receive a hard copy of the DCRM(MSS) manual. Participants should have familiarity with DCRM(B) and/or DACS and will be helpful. Cosponsored by the Denver Public Library, the workshop will be held onsite at DPL from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018. More details are available at www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/descriptivecataloging.

Reserve Your Spot for the Morris and Nonfiction Award Program

Don’t forget to get your ticket to come celebrate the 2018 honorees and winners for the Morris Award and the YA Nonfiction Award. This event takes place after the Youth Media Awards on Monday, February 12 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Enjoy coffee, tea and rolls while listening to the winners and finalists speak about their honored titles. After the speeches, mingle with the authors and pick up free copies of their books. The Morris finalists and Nonfiction finalists were announced the first week of December. Tickets are $19 and include a continental breakfast and two or three free books, generously donated by the publishers. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Trends Impacting YA Services: Doin’ the Knowledge: Using Hip Hop as a Framework to Study Youth New Media Practices

Save the date for Saturday, February 10 and come see Dr. Kafi Kumasi present a paper exploring connections between youth of (all) color, the Hip Hop (HH) culture, and youth engagement with print and new media. How can we utilize knowledge of HH to increase youth participation, youth literacy, and community engagement? Learn how a simple app matches HH music and YA literature, and how HH culture is interpreted through today’s social media. Audience questions and discussion will follow the presentation. Hosted by YALSA Past Presidents.

Update on ACRL’s Value of Academic Libraries Initiative

Learn about ACRL’s recent research report, Academic Library Impact: Improving Practice and Essential Areas to Research, at this session from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Developed for ACRL by OCLC Research, this valuable resource investigates how libraries can increase student learning and success and effectively communicate their value to higher education stakeholders. Join members of ACRL’s Value of Academic Libraries committee to hear about the context for this action-oriented research agenda and plans for future directions, including new programs for travel scholarships and research mini-grants. This forum will allow community members to ask questions and give reactions to the report.
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**Shuttle Schedule to Colorado Convention Center**

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- 3:00pm – 7:30pm: Service every 10-15 minutes

**Saturday, February 10**

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- 11:00am – 2:00pm: Service every 20-25 minutes
- 2:00pm – 6:00pm: Service every 10-15 minutes

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*Indicates last time shuttle departs CCC returning to hotels. Last shuttle departs hotels coming to the CCC approximately 45 minutes prior to this time.

**Tuesday, February 13**

- 7:30am – 1:00pm: Limited service between hotels and CCC

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As of 11/17/17, Subject to change.
In response to anti-library trends, two ALA offices have joined forces to train a future generation of advocacy leaders. Their initiative, the Advocacy and Intellectual Freedom Bootcamp, has traveled to 11 chapter conferences and reached 300-plus library leaders—now it’s coming to Denver.

The Advocacy and Intellectual Freedom Bootcamp ticketed program at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, shows participants how to rethink advocacy messaging and recruit local leaders to revive the role of libraries in community dialogue. The workshop confronts brutal facts about the current environment, while offering proven strategies on how to promote libraries as the fundamental building blocks of democracy.

Initiated in 2016, the bootcamp was created by the ALA Office for Library Advocacy and Office for Intellectual Freedom. With the decline in library funding, school librarians, and minors’ access rights, both offices crafted the bootcamp’s content to answer an ever-looming question in headlines and articles: “Who needs libraries?”

“This is a critical time for libraries,” said OLA Grassroots Specialist Megan Cusick. “Bootcamp reinforces consistent messaging and research-based strategies, firmly positioning libraries as a public good — and a public necessity.”

The workshop reviews intellectual freedom basics and methods that cover messaging, networking, and community engagement. In one segment of the bootcamp, OIF Director James LaRue explains how to put libraries at the forefront of conversations with the art of storytelling.

“Brain research has confirmed what children’s librarians have long understood: Stories have power,” said LaRue. “To change minds, to advocate for an investment in libraries, we have to share narratives of transformation.”

Attendees will leave the session with an arsenal of facts to support their library’s progress and achievable goals to reinvigorate their advocacy work at the individual, organizational, and state level.

OLA and OIF also offer a follow-up session after the bootcamp for those interested in training the next generation of library leaders. “Recruit and Rally: Advocacy Training Institute” empowers intellectual freedom fighters to train others with new methods and resources, arming libraries with skill sets to meet today’s challenges head-on.

“Advocacy and Intellectual Freedom Bootcamp” takes place Friday, February 9 from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $25. “Recruit and Rally: Advocacy Training Institute” takes place on Friday, February 9 from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. Tickets are $25.

Don’t Miss the ODL&O Preconference

Join the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services for a preconference on “Managing Microaggressions” on Thursday, February 8 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This session will contextualize and deconstruct microaggressions to uncover often-unintended consequences. Participants will consider how to effectively challenge microaggressions. Tickets are $50 for members and $75 for non-members. Register using event code ODL1. The preconference will be facilitated by Dr. Dena R. Samuels, an Associate Professor in Women’s and Ethnic Studies at the University of Colorado – Colorado Springs (UCCS). As Director of UCCS Matrix Center for the Advancement of Social Equity and Inclusion and through her consulting firm, Dena Samuels Consulting (www.Dena-Samuels.com), she provides seminars and consultation to schools, campuses, and organizations nationally and internationally on the processes of integrating diversity and building inclusiveness. Having already sold out its first run, and now in its second printing, Samuels’ latest book, The Culturally Inclusive Educator: Preparing for a Multicultural World (Teachers College Press, 2014) offers transformative strategies for building cultural inclusiveness. Samuels volunteers as co-facilitator of the monthly Second Tuesday Race Forum of Denver.

Advocate for Your Library with New Tools and Training

Americans are constantly bombarded with information related to their health, but the messages they are receiving may not be understandable, reliable, or even credible. Faced with confusing medical terminology, conflicting reports, and a constantly changing healthcare system, people are looking to their local public libraries for guidance. Are you and your staff prepared to help them?

Join the Public Library Association (PLA) and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) for a special Unconference event at the 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting. "Public Libraries Supporting the Health and Wellness of Your Community" will be held on Sunday, February 11 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Bring your questions to this discussion group, and experts from NNLM and public libraries will answer them. For the first portion of this session, attendees will review and add topics to create an agenda, and then break into groups for deep-dive discussions on the most pressing concerns.

Topics may include: finding reliable health information; providing health and wellness programs for your community; the health reference interview; opioids and libraries; and the health and wellness of library staff.

By participating in this program, you’ll not only leave with valuable information for your library, but you’ll help inform future efforts of PLA and NNLM, who will incorporate the issues you raise into future educational initiatives.

This project has been funded in whole or in part with Federal funds from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Grant Number 1UG4LM012546-01 with The University of Iowa.

Money Smart Week®: Help Consumers of All Ages Improve Their Financial Literacy

On Sunday, February 11, come learn how your library can participate in Money Smart Week®, held April 21 – 28, 2018. This presentation will be held from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. during the 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting.

For eight years, the American Library Association has partnered with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to sponsor Money Smart Week®. This national initiative between the two organizations provides financial literacy programming to help members of your community better manage their personal finances.

Libraries of all types can and do participate in Money Smart Week®, providing financial programming for all ages and all stages of life. Financial topics range from basic banking services, credit and debt management, estate planning, going green to save, healthy habits that save, mortgages, identity theft, investment scams, financial fraud, and insurance to investing and wealth building, kids and money, personal finance 101, preparing for financial emergencies, retirement planning, savvy shopping and bargain hunting, small business and entrepreneurship, taxes, teens and money, and unemployment and job transitioning, and more.

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Awesome Foundation Libraries
Chapter Hosts Pitch Event for Ideas

The Awesome Foundation’s Libraries Chapter (http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/libraries) is hosting its first ever Awesome Ideas Pitch for Libraries during the 2018 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver. We’re looking for great ideas for small projects that could impact your community, demonstrate a new idea, or improve a tool or service. Up to eight teams will share their ideas with the attendees and the audience and judges will choose their favorite. The winner will walk out of the event with $1,000 to implement their idea.

The Awesome Libraries micro-grant initiative is an international community-funded effort that follows on the Awesome Foundation’s model: the grant brings together a group of trustees who make or direct personal contributions to collectively fund one project per quarter. Transformative innovation is often driven by small scale projects and experiences. In the past six months the chapter has supported projects from around the world that reflect the potential of citizen – and library – driven collaborations to address community issues and innovations. These include funding a digitization project for children’s textbooks in Chad, a one-day conference on community social justice in Texas, a teen empowerment project in Illinois, a collection of gadgets and equipment for special needs patrons in Michigan, a set of high quality materials for check-out to pre-K teachers in India, and a collection of materials in Pashto, Farsi, and Arabic languages for a migrant and refugee library in Serbia.

For Midwinter, we are looking for great ideas that just need a little funding to get started. We see this as a chance to share an idea, move a project along, or do something wacky, fun, experimental, or artistic with no strings attached. To be considered for the pitch event, interested participants will need to put together a project and fill out a Pitch Proposal. To help support this event and future awesome projects by being a trustee or donating or to keep up to date on quarterly winners and where projects have gone, join the newsletter. You’ll find them at http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/libraries.

If you just want to be inspired by the awesome ideas brewing in the field, come to the pitch on Saturday, February 10 at 4:30 p.m., Colorado Convention Center, Rm. 405/407.

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10. Hyatt Place Denver Downtown
11. Magnolia Hotel Denver
12. Hilton Denver City Center (Formally Marriott Denver City Center)

Elizabeth Hyde Among Featured Authors at the Gala Author Tea

Elizabeth Hyde, Spencer Wise, Ariel Lawhon, and Molly Tanzer will be among featured authors at United for Libraries’ Gala Author Tea, sponsored by ReferenceUSA, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. A light offering of tea, finger sandwiches, and a variety of sweet treats will be served. A book-signing will follow.

United for Libraries will recognize the winners of the 2017 National Friends of Libraries Week Awards during the program. Elizabeth Hyde (Go Ask Fannie) is the author of five critically acclaimed novels, most recently In the Heart of the Canyon, a New York Times Editor’s Choice and a People Magazine Great Read. Trained as a lawyer, she worked for the U.S. Department of Justice before she started writing full-time. Spencer Wise (The Emperor of Shoes) is a graduate of Tufts University and the University of Texas at Austin. He recently won the 2017 Gulf Coast Prize in nonfiction. His work has appeared in Narrative Magazine, Hayden’s Ferry Review, The Florida Review, and New Ohio Review.

Ariel Lawhon (I Was Anastasia) is co-founder of the popular website SheReads.org. A novelist, blogger, and lifelong reader, she lives in the rolling hills outside Nashville, Tenn., with her husband, four sons, and black lab – who is, thankfully, a female. Molly Tanzer (Creatures of Will and Temper) is the Sydney J. Bounds and Wonderland Book Award – nominated author of Vermilion, A Pretty Mouth, The Pleasure Merchant, and other works.

Advance tickets to the Gala Author Tea cost $60, $55 for United for Libraries division members. Onsite tickets cost $65, if available. Advance purchase is recommended. Event code: UN11.

For more information on purchasing tickets and other United for Libraries events and meetings at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, visit www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/midwinter.

UNITED FOR LIBRARIES WILL HOST FREE INSTITUTE FOR FRIENDS, FOUNDATIONS, AND TRUSTEES

United for Libraries will host a free “United for Libraries Institute: Friends, Foundations, Trustees” at the ALA Midwinter Meeting on Friday, February 9 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Library Trustees, Friends groups, Foundations, and staff are invited to join a free afternoon of expert speakers and learning opportunities. Miguel Figueroa and staff are invited to join a free afternoon of expert speakers and learning opportunities. Miguel Figueroa of ALA’s Center for the Future of Libraries will be the keynote speaker. Additional speakers will lead concurrent breakout sessions.

This event is free but registration is required event code: UN12.

For more information and a complete schedule of United for Libraries programs at the Midwinter Meeting, visit www.ala.org/united.

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