Civic, Social, and Education Innovators Highlight Symposium on the Future of Libraries During Midwinter

A tech accelerator program for Black and Latina women founders of high-growth tech companies. Lee is Chief Network Officer for Welcoming America, a national network for nonprofits and local governments interested in developing plans, programs, and policies that embraces immigrants, foster opportunity for all, and transform communities into vibrant places where people respect each other. The Social Innovation plenary will be moderated by Spectrum Scholar Charlotte Roh, representing ALA’s Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services.

Sunday morning (January 22, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.) will look into the future of cities, communities, and neighborhoods as we sit down to talk with Kyle Keuser and Marian Liou. Keuser is Community Program Manager for Atlanta’s Center for Civic Innovation, which helps find and test high-growth tech companies. Lee is Chief Community Officer for digitalundivided and their BIG Innovation Center and BIG Accelerator, the first and only space and tech accelerator program dedicated to the training and support of Black and Latina women founders of

Acclaimed Comedian W. Kamau Bell to Open Midwinter

Described by the New York Times as “the most promising new talent in political comedy in many years,” acclaimed comedian and hit podcast host W. Kamau Bell will open the Midwinter Meeting & Exhibition on Friday, January 20 at 4:00 p.m. Bell, who describes himself as a “Socio-Political Comedian and Dad” has been voted San Francisco’s best comedian by the SF Weekly, the SF Bay Guardian, and 7×7 Magazine, and praised by Punchline Magazine as “one of our nation’s most adept racial commentators with a blistering wit.”

“Bell’s gimmick is intersectional progressive: he treats racial, gay, and women’s issues as inseparable,” according to The New Yorker. His many roles include hosting the docu-series “United Shades of America,” the public radio show “Kamau Right Now!” and co-hosting the podcasts: “Politically Re-Active” and “Denzel Washington is The Greatest Actor of All Time Period.” He performs hit one-man show, “The W. Kamau Bell Curve: Ending Racism in About an Hour” at colleges across the country, has appeared on various Comedy Central programs, and his writing has been published in Vanity Fair, The Hollywood Reporter, and many other issues.

Bell is the ACLU’s Ambassador of Racial Justice and serves on the advisory boards of Race Forward, a racial justice think tank, and Hollaback, a non-profit movement to end street harassment.

Bell’s appearance is sponsored by Penguin Random House. Get more information and add this to your schedule now.
Daina Ramey Berry to Keynote 2017 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sunrise Celebration

Historian Dr. Daina Ramey Berry will deliver the keynote during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance and Sunrise Celebration during ALA’s 2017 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibition in Atlanta. The 2017 Celebration will take place on Monday, January 23 from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. in the Georgia World Congress Center, under the theme “Freedom Ain’t Never Been Free.”

A longstanding tradition and highlight at Midwinter, the 2017 Sunrise Celebration will bring together leaders from across the association, including 2016-17 ALA President Dr. Julie Todaro and ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels. Featured readings will include selected passages from the works of King, Cynthia P. Lewis, Director of Archives at King Library and Archives in Atlanta, will deliver the welcome address.

Berry is Associate Professor of History and African and African Diaspora Studies and the Oliver H. Radkey Regents Fellow in History at the University of Texas at Austin. Berry is a specialist in the history of gender and slavery in the United States with a particular emphasis on the social and economic history of the 19th century. Her forthcoming book, *The Price for Their Pound of Flesh: The Value of the Enslaved,* will be published by Beacon Press, January 2017. The book will include a groundbreaking look at slaves as commodities in the history of gender and the economy, including the writing of several seminal publications.

She is a Past-President of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) and has been an active member and advocate of the five ethnic caucus associations since 1990, in addition to her service on several ALA committees and elected positions on ALA Council and the ALA Executive Board. Wong has received several awards in recognition of her contributions to the profession, including the ALA Equality Award and the Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) Advocacy Award.

Coffee and tea will be served. Attendance is open to all Midwinter attendees.

The Sunrise Celebration is coordinated by the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Task Force, the Black Caucus of ALA, Inc., and the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services. Berry’s participation is made possible by Beacon Press.

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Carnegie Medals for Excellence Shortlist Sets the Stage for Announcements of Winners at Midwinter

Representing a major step toward the exciting winding down of the Midwinter Meeting, the shortlist for the ALA’s prestigious 2017 Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction was announced on October 26. The six titles on the shortlist—one for each for the fiction and nonfiction medals—were chosen from a longlist of 47 that’s also available on the awards’ website. The books are selected by library professionals who work closely with adult readers, and offer an excellent guide to quality reading.

The 2017 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction shortlist includes:

**Nonfiction Titles**
- *Bell-Scott meticulously chronicles the boundary-breaking friendship of Pauli Murray and Eleanor Roosevelt, telling each remarkable woman’s story within the context of the crises of the times, from ongoing racial violence to WWII and the vicious battle over school integration.*


**Fiction Titles**
- *Moonglow,* by Michael Chabon, published by Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins. A young writer listens in breath-held astonishment as his ailing grandfather, whose lifelong reticence has been vanquished by strong painkillers, tells the hidden stories of his hardscrabble boyhood, WWII military service, obsessions with moon missions, and love for a French Holocaust survivor.


Author Kwame Alexander to Speak at ALA President’s Program

Kwame Alexander—poet, educator, and award-winning, bestselling author of *24 books for children of all ages, including the 2015 Newbery Medal-winning *The Cross anne,* the New York Times bestselling novel *Boone,* and the forthcoming collection of personal essays and basketball rules *The Playbook*—joins ALA President Julie Todaro as speaker at the President’s Program on Sunday, January 22 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Attendees can look forward to hearing how Alexander’s work is inspired by his belief that poetry can change the world, and how he uses poetry to inspire and empower young people all over the world. His latest project pairs his uplifting poetry with more than 100 running photos of the world’s endangered species in a stunning photo-illustrated book *Animal Ark: Celebrating Our Wild World in Poetry and Pictures.*

The poetry and photographs by acclaimed *National Geographic* photographer and founder of *National Geographic* Photographers’ Ark Joel Sartore, speak to children of the importance of conservation and the beauty of the animal kingdom.

- *Animal Ark* is inspired by *The Photo Ark,* a multiyear effort with Sartore and the National Geographic Society to document every animal species under human care, with special attention given to those facing extinction.

Kwame Alexander, a regular speaker at schools and conferences, recently served as the Bank Street College of Education Center for Children’s Literature’s Inaugural Dorothy Carter Writer-in-Residence. He leads an annual delegation of writers, educators, and activists to Ghana as part of LEAP for Ghana, an International literacy program he co-founded that builds libraries and provides literacy professional development for teachers. He also travels widely to other places such as Singapore, Brazil, Italy, France, and Shanghai to share his love of literature.

Alexander’s appearance is sponsored by *National Geographic* Books.

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Insights Sought at Town Hall

Library and Information Experts Succeeding in the 21st Century: A Town Hall Dialogue on Competencies, Careers, and Successful Practice” on Saturday, January 21 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. will offer a critical discussion on the future of the library professions as experts and the skills needed for career success. The session will be facilitated by ALA President Julie Todaro and guided by thought leaders including Eileen Abels (Dean, Simmons School of Library and Information Science), Valerie Gross (President and CEO, Howard County Library, Maryland), and John Bertot (Professor, University of Maryland, College of Information Studies), addressing future competencies of librarians and library workers in all types and sizes of libraries.

Participants will contribute to the conversation on what skills, knowledge, traits, and expectations will support successful libraries of the future. What will employers be expecting? What competencies will be necessary for libraries to thrive in our future society and education? How can library and information science schools and professional development programs prepare librarians and library workers today to be successful in the future? Expert information professionals will be necessary in an increasing global information society, and insights from participants will help ALA best support future libraries and librarians.
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Don’t miss this magic! Adding young readers’ author to his list of accomplishments – actor, producer, director, host, author, and magician – Neil Patrick Harris joins us to close out the Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits. Harris is a five-time Emmy Award winner and winner of the 2014 Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical for his performance in “Hedwig and the Angry Inch.” A celebrated awards host, he hosted the 87th Annual Academy Awards in 2015. His first book was published in 2014 – Neil Patrick Harris: Choose Your Own Autobiography – a structurally innovative memoir that is “a revolutionary, Joycean experiment in light celebrity narrative, actor/personality/carbon-based-life-form.”

The Magic Misfit (Fall 2017, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers) is Harris’s middle-grade debut. Well known for his creative genius on the screen, stage, and page, with this latest endeavor, he combines his passion as a magic enthusiast with his more recent experiences as a parent to craft a series that will inspire and entertain kids. “Books are awesome. Reading and books have become a mainstay in my family, and they have gotten me thinking in a new way about the power of storytelling,” he commented. “Playing with elements of magic, adventure, and friendship, The Magic Misfit is the kind of series that would have thrilled me as a kid, and I hope it does just that for today’s young readers.”

Harris served as President of the Academy of Magical Arts from 2011 – 2014, won the Tannen’s Magic Louis Award in 2006, and hosted the 2008 World Magic Awards. He directed the highly acclaimed intimate illusion show “Nothing to Hide,” featuring two award-winning magicians, in Los Angeles and New York. He most recently served as host and Executive Producer of NBC’s five variety series “Best Time Ever” with Neil Patrick Harris and will next be seen starring as Count Olaf in the Netflix’s original series “Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events.”

His appearance is sponsored by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Urban Visionary Ryan Gravel to Deliver 2017 Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture

Ryan Gravel, urban visionary, planner, designer, and author of Where We Want to Live: Reclaiming Infrastructure for a New Generation of Cities, will bring his message to the 2017 Midwinter Meeting as the Arthur Curley Memorial Lecturer on Saturday, January 21, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Gravel is the award-winning creator of the Atlanta Beltline, a 22-mile transit greenway that will ultimately connect 40 diverse Atlanta neighborhoods to city schools, shopping districts, and public parks. He presents an exciting pitch for how to make cities the kinds of places where we truly want to live, and argues that we can take the future into our own hands and improve our way of life by remodelling cities with better infrastructure to reconnect both neighborhoods and people.

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Gravel’s work has been covered in The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Monocle, CityLab, CNN International, USA Today, Esquire Magazine, and others. Among his numerous awards and honors, he has been listed among the 100 Most Influential Georgians by Georgia Trend Magazine, the GOOD 100 by GOOD Magazine, “Visionary Bureaucrat” by Streets Blog, and Top 25 NewsMakers of 2011 by Engineering New-Record. He received an “Emerging Voices” citation from the AIA-Atlanta, 2011 and was identified in 2006 by Esquire Magazine as one of the “Best & Brightest.” His TEDx presentation provides a global overview of his work.

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Equity, diversity, and inclusion are important concepts for libraries and librarians as the nation’s population becomes more diverse, inclusiveness more essential, and access to information critical. In fact, equity, diversity, and inclusion are so significant that the American Library Association (ALA) has devoted substantial resources to promoting these essential values. Nowhere in the library are these concepts so pressing as in library collections, and the ability of libraries to represent a more diverse clientele, provide the equity of access needed to their collections, and include all is tantamount.

The Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) is proud to present its full-day Midwinter Symposium Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Creating a New Future for Library Collections at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, Ga. on Friday, January 20. Part of the extensive Midwinter programming from ALCTS, the symposium examines the critical roles of equity, diversity, and inclusion in today’s libraries. This not to be missed event touches on many aspects of library collection, including equitable access to collections, scholarly communication and diversity, and inclusion in preservation. Speakers include Hannah Buckland, Charlotte Roh, Harrison Inefuku, Paolo Gujilde, Emily Drabinski, and Ann Marie Willer, with ALA Past President Courtney Young providing the keynote address and Mark Puente, Director of Diversity and Leadership Programs Association of Research Libraries, giving the closing presentation.

Furthering discussions on metadata, open access, and preserving diverse voices in collections are critical as libraries face challenges in a rapidly changing society. No matter your role in the library, acquisitions, access, collection management, or preservation, library collections are evolving in support of the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion. This symposium explores the work occurring now, progress made, and what the future holds.

Register today for this timely and important symposium, and join your colleagues for stimulating presentations and riveting discussions on the intersection of collections and equity, diversity, and inclusion at the 2017 ALCTS Midwinter Symposium.

Online registration is available through the ALA 2017 Midwinter Meeting website at 2017.alamidwinter.org/register-now. Include Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Creating a New Future for Library Collections in your conference registration or register for it alone. The cost of this full-day ALCTS symposium is $219 for ALCTS members, $269 for ALA members, $319 for non-members, and $99 for ALA student members and retired members, and the registration event code is ALC1.

Reducing Conflict

Take home some new skills you can immediately put to use to reduce conflict and potential conflict in your workplace. Join professional mediator Jetta Todaro at the Conflict Resolution Advanced Questioning Seminar, Sunday, January 22, 8:00 – 11:00am, Georgia World Congress Center, room B313.

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ALSC to Host Mini Institute in Atlanta

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is presenting the ALSC Mini Institute, a one-day event that will take place on Friday, January 20, just prior to ALA’s Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

The Mini Institute is everything you need in one place—programming, keynote author/illustrator events, networking, discussion forums and much more. This intensive learning opportunity with a youth services education focus is designed for front-line youth library staff, children’s literature experts, education and library school faculty members, and other interested adults.

The Mini Institute, in addition to ALSC’s Virtual Institute in September 2016, are being held in lieu of the 2016 ALSC National Institute that was scheduled to take place in Charlotte, North Carolina. ALSC’s Board of Directors voted to cancel the event in Charlotte in response to the passage of North Carolina’s Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act (House Bill 2), which repealed all GLBT-inclusive nondiscrimination ordinances across the state. The law contradicts the core values, purpose, and diversity work of ALSC and undermines civil rights and the fundamental principles upon which libraries are founded. More information on the Board’s decision can be found in ALSC’s official statement.

Registration for the Mini Institute is open and can be purchased as a ticketed event through www.alamidwinter.org. Registration categories include ALSC members, ALA members, and non-members.

For more information including agenda and keynotes, please see the ALSC Mini Institute site: www.ala.org/alsc/alsc-mini-institute.

ALSC Releases New Booklist

ALSC has released a new booklist to share the message of creating unity, acting with kindness toward others, and promoting peace. ALSC’s Quicklists Consulting Committee developed this list for librarians, parents, caregivers, teachers, and other caring adults faced with children asking tough questions about the recent election and looking at positive ways to take action.

“In the midst of turmoil, children look to us, the adults surrounding them, for clues about how they express their thoughts and feelings,” says ALSC Vice President/President-Elect Nina Lindsay. “A story in words or pictures can help in unique ways, creating a safe space for the imagination to act, process, and revive. Librarians serve everyone, and we hope you can use this list to help children understand and talk with their adults about what they are seeing, hearing, thinking and feeling today.”

The booklist Unity, Kindness, Peace, is available for free download on the ALSC website at www.ala.org/alsc/unitykindnesspeace. In an effort to share this list as quickly as possible, ALSC has chosen to keep the initial formatting simple. Later versions of the booklist will be customizable to encourage libraries to include their own contact information prior to printing.

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United for Libraries to Present Nuts & Bolts for Trustees, Friends, and Foundations

United for Libraries will present “Nuts & Bolts for Trustees, Friends and Foundations,” sponsored by EBSCO, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20 during the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits in Atlanta.

The popular, free Nuts & Bolts program will feature speakers addressing topics of interest to Trustees, Friends, Foundations, and advocates. Roundtable discussions will be held on fundraising, marketing, social media and more.

Martha Hall Kelly, author of Lilac Girls, will be the featured author. A native New Englander, Kelly lives in Atlanta. Lilac Girls is historical fiction and is based on the true story of Polish women who were imprisoned at Ravensbruck Concentration Camp and how Caroline Ferriday, an American philanthropist and former actress, brought them to the U.S.

The first 75 people to register will receive a complimentary lunch during the program. Those who register after the first 75 are welcome to attend the program and will be placed on a waitlist for the complimentary lunch.

Those planning to attend the Nuts & Bolts program at the ALA Midwinter Meeting should RSVP by visiting www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/midwinter.

For information on registering to attend United for Libraries programs, visit www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/midwinter.

Apply for YALSA’s 2017 Summer Learning Grants

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has opened the applications for its 2017 summer learning resources and teen summer intern grants.

Through generous funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, two grants are available: the Summer Learning Resources Grant and the Teen Summer Intern Program Grant. The purpose of the grants is to help libraries combat the summer slide, as described in YALSA’s position paper, “Adopting a Summer Learning Approach to Increase Impact,” which can be read at http://tinyurl.com/adoptingsummerlearning.

Twenty summer learning resources grants, worth $1,000 each, will be awarded to libraries in need and will allow them to provide resources and services to teens who are English language learners, struggling in school and/or who are from socio-economically challenged communities. Twenty teen summer intern program grants, also worth $1,000 each, will be awarded to libraries to support the implementation of summer learning programs while also providing teens a chance to build hands-on job skills.

Increasing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

In the past year alone, the world has experienced loss, hate, anger, anguish, and distress that have rocked communities to their core. At the forefront of many tragedies and challenges, the libraries responded to their communities by advocating for knowledge and providing brave spaces. Events such as the Pulse shooting, Dakota Access Pipeline, and Black Lives Matter demonstrate the real need to keep our focus on diversity as a key area of focus for ALA. It is time to embrace and understand the concepts of equity, diversity, and inclusion as instrumental to the success of libraries.

The Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (TFEDI), charged with assessing and addressing how ALA can be more intentional about the ways it addresses issues surrounding equity, diversity, and inclusion within the Association and its events, and how to increase the impact, unveiled its recommendations at the 2016 Annual Conference. Over the next few conferences, you’ll see and hear about progress, and the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS) will offer ongoing updates on how we are addressing issues and implementing solutions.

RUSA Invites Attendees to Celebrate Winners of Year’s Best in Adult Reading and Reference

On Sunday, January 22 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) will host their annual Book and Media Awards ceremony to announce the many awards and best of lists in adult reading and reference. The free event, sponsored by NovelList, is open to all ALA Midwinter Meeting attendees and will take place in Rooms B302-B305, Georgia World Congress Center. For the second year in a row, the winners of the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction will be announced and as always, RUSA will unveil the Reading List, Notable Books List and Listen List selections, the Sophie Brody Medal, the Dartmouth Medal and many more! Selections are made by library professionals who work closely with adult readers, and offer an excellent guide to quality reading and library collection enhancement. Readers are sure to leave with their To-Be-Read lists full! For those who cannot attend, information about this year’s winners will be posted on the RUSA blog and tweeted via @ala_rusa during and immediately after the event using the hashtag #alabma.

The ALA Midwinter Meeting now offers all ALA book and media award announcements in the same 24 hours, with the Youth Media Awards following on Monday morning.

The literary winners announced at this event will shape the program for RUSA’s Literary Tastes author panel at ALA’s 2017 Annual Conference in Chicago. More information about the award winners and the Literary Tastes event will be available on the RUSA blog following ALA’s Midwinter Meeting.

PLA Offers Partnering with Law Enforcement to Advance Social Justice

Taking its groundbreaking civil rights training partnership with law enforcement agencies as an example, this institute will offer concrete strategies for how public libraries can use history as a gateway to discussing today’s most complex community dynamics in an environment that encourages open conversation and greater understanding.

Click here for more information or registration.
Free Community Engagement Training Opportunities at News You Can Use Session

Starting in early 2017, public and academic libraries across the country will be invited to learn community engagement techniques, such as coalition building and dialogue facilitation, through a series of free web-based and in-person trainings.

Join the ALA Public Programs Office for a News You Can Use Session, "Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change." At the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting to learn more about these new offerings, including training schedules, application instructions, and special travel stipends available to small and rural libraries.

The session will be held on Saturday, January 21 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. in room GWC-8406.

Through Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change, a two-year initiative supported by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), ALA will offer library-focused training and resources on a variety of community engagement models. The initiative builds upon Libraries Transforming Communities, a 2014-15 ALA project that introduced hundreds of librarians to the “Turning Outward” approach, a set of community engagement techniques created by The Harwood Institute for Public Engagement.

Over the next two years, ALA will work with several other change-making leaders – such as the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation (NCDD), Everyday Democracy, National Issues Forum, and World Café – to develop and lead the trainings. NCDD will collaborate with ALA to connect libraries to their network and curated resources to complement training opportunities.

Through offerings such as these, ALA demonstrates its commitment to the idea that libraries have a unique capacity to support healthy, sustainable communities.

“In today’s changing library landscape, it is increasingly clear that skills like facilitation and consensus-building are vital competencies for library professionals,” said ALA President Julie Todaro. “ALA has been a champion of community engagement work for years, and we’re excited that this IMLS support will provide libraries and librarians even more resources to aid them in this important work.”

Like the resources developed through the first phase of Libraries Transforming Communities, all materials created for Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change will be available online for all libraries, free of charge.

Pam Jenoff and Kathy Hepinstall Among the Featured Authors at the Gala Author Tea, Sponsored by ReferenceUSA

Pam Jenoff and Kathy Hepinstall will be among featured authors at United for Libraries’ Gala Author Tea, sponsored by ReferenceUSA, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits in Atlanta.

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 2016 National Friends of Libraries Week Awards during the program.

Pam Jenoff (The Orphan’s Tale, Harlequin/MIRA, February 2017) was born in Maryland and raised in southern New Jersey, outside of Philadelphia. She attended George Washington University in Washington D.C., where she earned a bachelor’s degree magna cum laude in international affairs, with minors in history and Japanese. She then received her master’s in history from Cambridge University in England.

Kathy Hepinstall (The Book of Polly, Pamela Dorman Books/Penguin Random House, March 2017) is the author of five previous novels. She is also a top level advertising creative director who has written award-winning campaigns for corporate clients from Apple to Nike. She grew up in Spring, Texas, near the Louisiana border and now lives in Portland, Ore., and Santa Barbara, Calif. Polly is based, in part, on Hepinstall’s own mother, who has as wicked a tongue as her fictional counterpart.


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.

ASCLA’s Ticketed Event

To register for “Activate, Collaborate and Engage: Transforming Your Community through Health Outreach @ Your Library,” you can include them with your initial registration or add them later using the unique link in your email confirmation. If you don’t have your registration confirmation handy, you can request a copy by emailing alaregistration@compusys.com.

This event will be held on Friday, January 20, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., event code: ASCI. Please refer to the below chart for ticket pricing:

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This session will provide an introduction on how libraries can strengthen their roles within the communities they serve through health outreach using ALA’s Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC) initiative. Learn about free and reliable health information resources and ready – to – use materials. The focus will be on teaching libraries how to proactively create a culture of health for their users. Attendees will leave this session with resources to begin health outreach implementation at their library. Co-sponsored by ASCLA’s Consumer Health Information Librarians Interest Group.
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The Atlanta March for Social Justice and Women is running but delays may occur. Please plan for extra travel times.

Shuttle Service to the Georgia World Congress Center

Complimentary shuttle service is provided between the GWC and the official ALA hotels listed. For the most up-to-date information please check the shuttle information signs posted in each hotel lobby.

**Shuttle Schedule**

**Route 1**

- **Boarding Location**
  - Hilton Atlanta
  - Hyatt Regency
  - Atlanta Marriott Marquis
- **Boarding Time**
  - 7:00am - 11:00am Service every 10-15 minutes
  - 11:00am - 2:00pm Service every 20-25 minutes
  - 2:00pm - 6:00pm Service every 10-15 minutes

**Route 2**

- **Boarding Location**
  - Courtyard Atlanta Downtown
  - Holiday Inn Express and Suites
  - Sheraton Atlanta
  - Westin Peachtree Plaza – CO HQ
- **Boarding Time**
  - 7:00am - 11:00am Service every 10-15 minutes
  - 11:00am - 2:00pm Service every 20-25 minutes
  - 2:00pm - 6:00pm Service every 10-15 minutes

**Shuttle Schedule to GWC**

**Friday, January 20**

- **Service** 7:00am - 3:00pm Service every 20-25 minutes
- **Service** 3:00pm - 7:30pm Service every 10-15 minutes

**Saturday, January 21**

- **Service** 7:00am - 11:00am Service every 10-15 minutes
- **Service** 11:00am - 2:00pm Service every 20-25 minutes
- **Service** 2:00pm - 6:00pm Service every 10-15 minutes

**Sunday, January 22**

- **Service** 7:00am - 11:00am Service every 10-15 minutes
- **Service** 11:00am - 2:00pm Service every 20-25 minutes
- **Service** 2:00pm - 6:00pm Service every 10-15 minutes

**Monday, January 23**

- **Service** 7:00am - 11:00am Service every 10-15 minutes
- **Service** 11:00am - 5:30pm Service every 20-25 minutes

**Tuesday, January 24**

- **Service** 7:30am - 1:00pm Limited service between hotels and GWC

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The Atlanta March for Social Justice and Women is Saturday, January 21st in the afternoon and the Hot Chocolate 5K/15K takes place the morning of Sunday, January 22nd. Shuttles will be running but delays may occur. Please plan for extra travel times.
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