Symposium on the Future of Libraries’ Concurrent Sessions Explore Near- and Long-Term Futures

Civic engagement, creative placemaking, diversity and ethics in changing landscapes, the future of library labor, virtual reality. These topics and more will be part of the over 25 concurrent sessions in the Symposium on the Future of Libraries. The schedule includes library leaders, advocates, and partners sharing near- and long-term visions for the futures of academic, public, school, and special libraries. The Symposium on the Future of Libraries, organized and facilitated by the ALA Center for the Future of Libraries, is included with 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits full registration. Each of the three days – Saturday, Sunday, and Monday – begins with plenary sessions focused on civic, education, and social innovation (see story page 8).

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 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 progressivism: 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 his 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 VanityFair.com, Salon, MSNBC.com, Buzzfeed, and The Hollywood Reporter.

His memoir and manifesto, titled The Awkward Thoughts of W. Kamau Bell: Tales of a 6’4”, African-American, Heterosexual, Cisgender, Left-Leaning, Black, Proud, and Asthmatic Blond, Mama’s Boy, B-Student, and Stand-up Comedian, will be released in May, 2017. The book will be a humorous, well-informed take on the world today, tackling issues such as race relations, fatherhood, the state of law enforcement, superheroes, politics, 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.
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 Crossover, the New York Times bestselling novel Booked, 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, 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 stunning photos of the world’s endangered animals in the photo-illustrated book Animal Ark.

Get more information and add this to your schedule now.

Share Your Story at Midwinter

A head of the announcements of the winners of the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction, the American Library Association is launching its #ShareTheStory campaign highlighting the six 2017 shortlist titles and how they remind us of the power of stories. Now through June 1, 2017, readers are encouraged to tell us their own stories about their lives, communities and histories and how they relate to these titles. From violence to joy, from poverty to friendship, these six books hold a mirror to our lives and drive home how we are shaped both by the forces inside us and outside of our control. Pick a character, a passage, or open the book at random and choose a quote; then tell us what it means to you – in a sentence, in a picture, in a video, in a song. Post to Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook using #ala_carnegie and #ShareTheStory to share and discover how these books demonstrate the influence of stories on our culture.

More information on how to share your story can be found on the Share The Story homepage at ala.org/share-the-story. We will be featuring your shared stories at ALA’s Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, January 20 – 24 at the RUSA Book and Media Awards Ceremony and at ALA’s Annual Conference in Chicago, June 22–27 where we will celebrate the two winning authors and titles.

The Medals are made possible, in part, by a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York in recognition of Andrew Carnegie’s deep belief in the power of books and learning to change the world, and are co-sponsored by ALA’s Booklist and the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association.
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Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Annette Gordon-Reed to speak Sunday

Annette Gordon-Reed
Auditorium Speaker
Sunday 1/22, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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 Misfits (Fall 2017, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers) is Harris’ 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 Misfits 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.”

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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 kind 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 remodeling cities with better infrastructure to reconnect both neighborhoods and people.

Through his work on site design, infrastructure, concept development, and public policy as the founding principal at Sixpitch, Gravel also investigates the cultural side of infrastructure, and in Where We Want to Live, describes what these projects mean and why they matter. A compelling case for our capacity to address challenges that result from sprawl, traffic, divided neighborhoods, inequality, and both rapid growth and declining economies is made by the Atlanta Beltline, which has seen record-breaking use of its first section of mainline trail and $2.4 billion of private sector redevelopment since 2005.

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 Streetsblog, and “Top 25 Newsmakers” of 2011 by Engineering News-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.

Gravel’s appearance is sponsored by Macmillan.

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Award-winning Actor, Author Neil Patrick Harris to speak at closing Session

Neil Patrick Harris
Closing Session
Monday 1/23, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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Youth Media Awards

Join ALA in honoring books, videos, and other outstanding materials for children and teens at this high-profile event. Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, the ALA Youth Media Awards, including the prestigious Newbery, Caldecott, Printz, and Coretta Scott King Book Award, guide parents, educators, librarians, and others in selecting the best materials for youth. Selected by committees composed of librarians and other literature and media experts, the awards encourage original and creative work in the field of children’s and young adult literature and media. The 2017 award winners will be announced on Monday, January 23, in the Convention Center. A live Webcast of the award announcements will be available for those not attending in person. Coverage of the award winners will be published in the Monday issue of Cognotes, available in the convention center after the announcement. Award press releases will be posted online on ala.org. Exact times to be announced.

ALA Youth Media Awards
Monday 1/23, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 a.m.)
Washington Office Program Update

NEW SESSION!

Are Libraries Ready to Code?
Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (GWCC B215)

What does it mean for a library to be “Ready to Code?” Find out during this interactive discussion reflecting on the themes, opportunities, and challenges that surfaced through a yearlong investigation of the nature and scope of coding activities for youth in school and public libraries. Libraries “Ready to Code” increase opportunities for youth in their learning journeys and in their pursuit of tomorrow’s careers. Panelists will challenge participants to rethink how they deliver youth programming through the lens of “computational thinking” and coding concepts. You’ll leave ready to get started or build on what you’re already doing. Speakers will discuss and other findings from the forthcoming Libraries Ready to Code report.

Speakers:
- Linda Braun, learning consultant, Librarians & Educators Online
- Marijke Visser, associate director, OITP
- Kelsey Gourd, teacher librarian, Lakeview Elementary School, Norman, Okla.

Libraries Ready to Code: Google’s CS First Program & Other Free Resources
Friday, January 20 1:00 – 2:20 p.m. and 2:40 – 4:00 p.m. (GWCC A304)

Is your library ready to code? The Libraries Ready to Code project is a collaboration between ALA OITP and Google to better understand what coding activities are currently underway in public and school libraries, in order to expand opportunities for youth to learn coding and other 21st century digital skills. One element of this is sharing resources and lesson plans to make it easier for libraries to launch their own programming and activities.

If you are interested in learning how to start and run a computer science program for youth at your library, join Google at the ALA Midwinter Meeting for a hands-on training session on their computer science (CS) First program. CS First is a free program that increases student access and exposure to CS education through after-school, weekend, and summer programs. Clubs can be run by librarians or community volunteers. We will also share other free resources designed to engage youth in computer science. CS First materials:
- are completely free and available online
- are targeted at students in grades 4-8
- can be tailored to fit your schedule and needs
- involve block-based coding using Scratch
- are themed to attract youth with varied interests

The session is offered twice on Friday, January 20 from 1:00 – 2:20 p.m. and 2:40 – 4:00 p.m. Laptops will be available for the hands-on activity, and we will also share some Google goodies and giveaways.

Speakers:
- Hai Hong, K-12 Education Program Manager, Google, Inc.
- Tina Orlund, Engineering Education Program Manager, Google, Inc.

Improving Federal and State Policy to Support Family Engagement in Libraries
Friday, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (joint program of PLA and OITP)

Policymakers need to recognize libraries as critical partners in advancing learning opportunities and family engagement. Join OITP and PLA as we discuss opportunities for federal and state policymakers to better support inclusion of public and other libraries in a holistic approach to children’s healthy development and education.

Speakers:
- Margaret Caspe, PhD, senior research analyst, Harvard Family Research Project
- Larra Clark, deputy director, Public Library Association and ALA Office for Information Technology Policy
- Jeannine Galloway, home visiting director, Maternal and Child Health Section, Georgia Department of Public Health
- Scott G. Allen, MS, deputy director, Public Library Association

I wish someone had taught me to ______:
An interactive session for children and youth librarians
Sunday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Monday 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

What does the youth librarian of the
Learn How Community Engagement Is Shaping Libraries

As the nation becomes increasingly divided, communities need conviction more than ever. Libraries across the country are rising to the challenge, bringing people together to tackle challenges large and small. Learn how libraries are transforming their communities—and how your library can get the resources you need to transform yours—at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting.

"Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change"

Starting in early 2017, public and academic libraries across the country will be invited to learn community engagement techniques, like coalition building and dialogue facilitation, through a series of free web-based and in-person trainings. The trainings will be led by change-making leaders like the National Coalition on Dialogue and Deliberation (NCDD), Everyday Democracy, National Issues Forums, and World Café.

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

The session will be held from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. on Saturday January 21, in room GWCC-B406.

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 libraries to the “Turning Outward” approach, a set of community engagement techniques created by The Harwood Institute for Public Engagement.

Get more information and add this to your schedule now.

"Building Community, Leading Change: Libraries Transforming Communities"

Join us for a discussion with three library innovators—with experience in public, school, and academic libraries—about how libraries are evolving and becoming leaders in the community engagement facilitation/dialogue space, and this shift’s impact on the professional and personal practices of library staff.

Attendees will also learn about “Libraries Transforming Communities: Community Engagement Models for Change,” a new ALA initiative that will offer free community engagement training to libraries of all sizes and types starting in early 2017.


The meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. Sunday January 22, in room GWCC-A402.

Panelists will include Erica Freudenberger, outreach consultant for the Southern Adirondack Library System; Nancy Kranich, lecturer at the Rutgers University School of Communication and Information; and Ken W. Stewart, school librarian (retired) from Blue Valley High School in Stilwell, Kan.

Get more information and add this to your schedule now.

ALA Masters Series Features Catherine Murray-Rust, Kelvin Watson

Join innovative library leaders Catherine Murray-Rust (Georgia Institute of Technology) and Kelvin Watson (Queens Library) for an informal discussion of transformative projects they are or have been involved with. These Midwinter Meeting noontime ALA Masters series talks take place on Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., in room B313 of the Georgia World Congress Center. Feel free to bring your lunch!

On Saturday, Murray-Rust, Dean of Libraries and Vice Provost for Academic Effectiveness at the Georgia Institute of Technology, will talk about reimagining the research library for the 21st century, including (in their case) creating a shared collection with Emory University, renewing two library buildings, and adopting such techniques as portfolio management and supply chain thinking to reshape every job, process, program, and service. The Library Next project is focused on renewal and the evolution of physical spaces and library services to meet the institution’s changing research, teaching, and learning needs. The goals of the project are “to show what a library really can be, and what research librarians and archivists really can do, like no other research library in America has yet done.” Georgia Tech’s own strategic plan includes enriching the student experience, developing an innovative environment, sustaining excellence in research and scholarship, and providing a cutting-edge infrastructure to support the faculty’s vision. . . . The new, re-imagined Georgia Tech Library building will be a space to provide new physical, informational, and technological resources to do just that.”

And on Sunday, January 22, attendees can join Watson, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice-President for the Queens Library (NY) to discuss wide-ranging innovations that are transforming the Queens Library, and learn about their efforts to radically transform and improve the library patrons discover and access resources through a Virtual Library System. This system will provide a best-of-breed solution for all their users, keeping the library’s doors open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and shifting the balance of power from providers to libraries and the customers they serve. Attendees will learn about how the Virtual Library System allows users seamless access to digital materials, all within Queens Library’s own web and mobile interfaces, extending beyond the confines of any physical location and into people’s homes with the tools and devices that allow deeper interaction with the library’s offerings.

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Saturday, January 21st | 12:30–1:15 P.M.
Book Buzz Theater Stage
Civic, Social, and Education Innovators Highlight Symposium on the Future of Libraries During Midwinter

As library professionals gather to contemplate our futures, we will hear from leaders in civic, social, and education innovation and consider the issues that they are tackling, the innovative practices they are leveraging, and the opportunities they see for the future. Attendees will have a chance to evaluate these leaders’ work in light of our values and the values we seek to provide to our communities, campuses, and organizations.

Social Innovation will be the focus of Saturday morning’s plenary (January 21, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.) with speakers Darlene Gillard Jones and Isha Lee. Gillard Jones is Chief Community Officer for digitalunited and their BIG Innovation Center and BIG Accelerator, the first and only space and tech accelerator and Latina women founders of tech accelerator program for Black Lives Matter demonstrate the real need to keep our focus on diversity as a key area for the world has experienced loss, hate, anger, anguish, and distrust that has rocked communities to their core. At the forefront of so many tragedies and challenges, 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 for the future of libraries, part of the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits in Atlanta. As library professionals gather to contemplate our futures, we will hear from leaders in civic, social, and education innovation and consider the issues that they are tackling, the innovative practices they are leveraging, and the opportunities they see for the future. Attendees will have a chance to evaluate these leaders’ work in light of our values and the values we seek to provide to our communities, campuses, and organizations.

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In the meantime, we encourage you to engage with the events and sessions at this Midwinter Meeting that committees, divisions, affiliates, and individual members have designed to continue dialogue around these complicated issues, provide best practices, and share stories from the field. You can use the Midwinter Scheduler to find the many related programs, events, speakers, exhibitors, and meetings. Use this link for diversity-related events, and use this link for equity of access-related events.

ODLIS Director Jody Gray encourages attendees to reap the benefits of participating in related events at a conference. “Often, the people who attend sessions that directly address equity, diversity, and inclusion are the ones who already have the time, skills, and commitment to address these issues affect your, your colleagues, your patrons, and your communities. In addition, there is a palpable racial, social, and class boiling point that has erupted in the United States and around the world that can no longer be ignored. For progress to happen in the areas of equity, diversity, and inclusion, every person needs to be at the table.”

Increasing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Transform in the ALA Lounge

The ALA Lounge, sponsored by ALA Membership, welcomes you to a bevy of information on ALA divisions, round tables, offices, membership, and more. Staff will be at the Lounge to guide you, to provide information, and to answer any questions you may have about the conference and about ALA.

Learn about ALA’s public awareness campaign, Libraries Transform, and see the transformative nature of today’s libraries. Sign up to participate at the Libraries Transform kiosk and receive a free window cling. Don’t forget to have your smiles ready, our #Libraries Transform photo booth will be set up to snap photos that you’ll be able to share via social media or the old-fashioned way with photo strips.

Leadership Development for New Library Roles Focus of ACRL Forum

Academic libraries continuously change in order to serve their constituents successfully. Change often requires libraries to take on new responsibilities and build new skills. How can library leaders support staff change? How can staff be continuous innovators? Learn more about these important issues at the ACRL Presidential Forum at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta. Titled “Leadership Development for New Library Roles,” the dynamic session will feature academic library leaders who will share their experiences leading workforce and organizational change and offer strategies useful to all library staff wanting to build new roles and skills to support value-added services. The forum, hosted by ACRL President Irene M. H. Herold, University Librarian at University of Hawai’i at Manoa Library, will take place from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 22 at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Atlanta, Savannah A/B Ballroom.

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Meet the Candidates on Saturday January 21

Loida Garcia-Febo, Terri Grief, and Scott Walter are the candidates for the 2018-19 presidency of the American Library Association. Join them in a Candidates Forum from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 21 during the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The candidates will each have an opportunity to make a statement and will answer questions from the audience.

Garcia-Febo

Garcia-Febo has been an ALA member for 15 years and has served the library profession both domestically and internationally. Her organization, Information New Wave, is a non-profit organization seeking to bring access to information to underserved populations.

Garcia-Febo has served on the ALA Council from 2011 – present and was elected to the ALA Executive Board 2015 – 2018. In addition, she has held numerous committee appointments within ALA including the Committee on Diversity, Intellectual Freedom Committee, and Nominating Committee; she has chaired the International Relations Committee, the Intellectual Freedom Round Table and the Committee on Membership meetings, and is currently the chair-elect of the International Relations Round Table.

She is also very active in IFLA (the International Federation of Library Associations) and currently sits on their governing board, and REFORMA (The National Association of the Spanish-Speaking) where she co-chairs its 2017 National Conference Committee, and served on the executive board from 2008 – 2011, including president from 2009 – 2010.

“Libraries save lives,” said Garcia-Febo. “More than ever, we need strong libraries to foster stronger communities.” I hold almost 20 years of library work and leadership experience. I have worked in a variety of libraries, including academic, public, school, and special libraries. As ALA president, I would bring focus to four important pillars: Advocacy, Diversity, Educational Development, and Information Policies. I am committed to values-centered leadership, with an eye toward empowering our members and their allies to advocate for libraries, library staff, and the people who depend on the library to make a difference in their lives. I will bring strong experience in libraries and a commitment to values-centered leadership, member empowerment, and activism at the grassroots level to the ALA presidency.

I would make it my mission to work with members across the country and around the world to answer the key questions of how ALA makes a difference in their lives, and how, through ALA, our libraries can be the force for good in our communities that they need to be today.”

Walter holds a PhD in higher education administration from Washington State University, an MS in History and Philosophy of Education from Indiana University Bloomington, an MLS also from Indiana University, and an MBA in Education from American University, an MA in Russian Area Studies, a BS in Russian, and a BS in Linguistics, all from Georgetown University.

Ballot mailing for the 2017 ALA election will begin on March 13, 2017 and will run through April 5, 2017. Individuals must be members in good standing as of January 31, 2017, in order to vote in the 2017 ALA election. Get more information and add this to your schedule now.

ASCLA to Hold LTC Health Outreach Event

Register for “Activate, Collaborate and Engage: Transforming Your Community through Health Outreach @ Your Library,” by using the unique link in your registration email confirmation. If you don’t have your registration confirmation handy, you can request a copy by emailing alaregistration@compusysystems.com.

This event will be held on Friday, January 20, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., event code: ASC1. 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 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.

Click here to register
2017 Midwinter Meeting Exhibits

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The What's Cooking Stage will be heating up the exhibit floor with mouthwatering displays from the latest cookbooks, hottest chefs and best-in-the-business foodies.

Click on the stage logos below for an updated schedule of presentations.

Hear the latest “Buzz” about the newest titles from your favorite publishers all in one easy-to-find location in the exhibits.

The PopTop Stage features librarian favorites including mystery, humor, romance, technology, and travel, with readings, discussions, panels, and presentations.
Oxford University Press

Stop by booth #1206 to join us on a research journey across America! In our booth, we’ll have a map where you can guess in which state an invention was created, a person was born, or another interesting fact. Guess correctly, and you’ll win a special prize from OUP.*

A Shakespearean Celebration
Friday, January 20th from 5:30-7:00pm
To round off our year of Illuminating Shakespeare, we’re celebrating his life and works with our Shakespearean Celebration! Stop by our booth to enjoy refreshments, snap a photo with a life-size version of the legendary man himself, and learn more about Shakespeare-related titles and products, including the revolutionary New Oxford Shakespeare Online!

Reference Reimagined: Oxford Research Encyclopedias
Saturday, January 21st from 2:00-3:00pm
Have you heard about Oxford Research Encyclopedias (OREs)? Visit our booth to learn why they are a valuable part of the research journey. We’ll provide refreshments and giveaways as we delve into the journey of an ORE, discuss subjects, and talk about what’s next for the project.

Complimentary Wi-Fi Service

Visit BiblioCommons in Booth #855.

ALA thanks BiblioCommons for its sponsorship of free Wi-Fi service throughout the meeting rooms and public space in the Georgia World Congress Center during the 2017 Midwinter Meeting.

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Private Security, Public Events, and Civic Engagement: Tips from the Kansas City Public Library

A popular, well-respected public programming series. An eminent speaker. A question asked by a citizen. A private security force. What could go wrong?

Then, suddenly, one injured library staff person, and two arrests.

Steve Woolfolk, Kansas City Public Library’s (MO) Director of Public Programming, and Crosby Kemper III, executive director of the library, will discuss private security entanglements and a library’s role in fostering difficult conversations during the "IFC/FTRF News You Can Use" session on Saturday, January 21, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in room B405 of the Georgia World Congress Center.

During a lecture titled “Truman and Israel” at the Kansas City Public Library last spring, Woolfolk was arrested and injured by off-duty police when he intervened with the arrest of an audience member, who was asking the speaker a question. The incident made headlines in September as both patron and director still faced charges.

Public libraries have long played a role in hosting public programs and discussions. The Kansas City Public Library has been an exemplar of civic engagement. But the incident raises questions of intellectual freedom and norms of public discourse. It also provides some cautionary tips on how to plan for public security, and the limits of staff interference with the police.

Librarians are encouraged to come, listen, and question. Get more information and add this to your schedule now.
Celebrate YA novels’ 50th Anniversary with Booklist

Always an important destination and resource for librarians, fans, and publishers of young adult books, Booklist will be indispensible in 2017 as it offers a year-long print, online, and in-person celebration of the 50th anniversary of YA novels. (The novel commonly considered the first proper young-adult novel, The Outsiders, was the debut novel of 19-year-old S.E. Hinton, published in 1967 by Viking. It is still widely read.)

Celebrations in the magazine itself will include special features and spotlights such as Booklist’s Top 50 YA Novels Ever, monthly guest appearances by top YA authors to share their insights and favorite titles, a decade-by-decade retrospective with Michael Cart in his popular “Cart Blanche” column, love letters to YA from librarians and publishers, a Librarians’ Top 50, a fresh look at past YA reviews, and features from Booklist (“YA Flashbacks”), and best YA audiobook coverage. The special June 2017 double-issue of the magazine will focus on YA books.

Online, content related to YA and the anniversary will be posted regularly on the Booklist Reader, and Booklist will host a free “50 Years of YA” webinar. Other interactive opportunities will be announced throughout the year. The face-to-face celebrations at ALA’s 2017 Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta in January and the Annual Conference in Chicago in June will include presentations and a special panel discussion, cake, fun giveaways, author interviews, contests, and more.

It’s a pretty exciting time to be at Booklist. The anniversary gives us a chance to talk about all these great books we grew up reading, as well as the best of what’s happening right now,” said Booklist Books for Youth Editor Daniel Kraus, himself an award-winning YA author. “It’s also a chance to take a step back and look at the YA movement as a whole – what it has done well, what it still needs to work on, all that.”

Readers are invited to stay updated and join the #BooklistYA @BooklistYA Booklist Celebrates 50 Years of YA is generously sponsored by HarperCollins Children’s Books, Little Brown, Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group, Penguin Random House, Scholastic, Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing, and many other YA publishers and supporters to be announced.

Meet and talk with Booklist editors at booth #1925 in the exhibits. Find out more about the book review magazine of the American Library Association, considered an essential collection development and readers’ advisory tool for more than 100 years. And try out Booklist Online, with its growing archive of 170,000+ reviews available to subscribers as well as a wealth of free content offering the latest news and views on books and media.

Cornucopia of New Books, Products, Special Events at the ALA Store During Midwinter Meeting

R onger hours and easy access near the onsite Registration area make it convenient to shop and browse at the ALA Store at Midwinter Meeting. The ALA Store offers products that meet the widest range of your promotional and continuing education/professional development needs – as well as fun gift items. Make sure to carve out some time in your schedule to stop by and examine the many new and bestselling items available!

ALA Store hours:
Friday, January 20
12:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 21
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 22
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 23
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ALA Graphics will feature a range of new and best-selling products, plus special conference-only items. Posters making their conference debut include Finding Winnie, by 2015 Caldecott Medal-winner Sophie Blackall, LEGO Batman and Batgirl, and Rainbow Fish. Other popular posters and bookmarks like Buffy the Vampire Slayer, DC, Super Hero Girls, and Fantastic Beasts will also be available. Shop new gift items including the Baby Bear Read to Me T-shirt featuring art by Eric Carle.

Come check out all the new materials on hand for 2017 National Library Week including posters, bookmarks, mini-posters, and clings.

Remember to stop by early to get your pick of conference t-shirts – they go fast.

ALA Publishing is excited to offer several new titles hot off the press, such as the new second edition of Winning Grants: A How-To-Do-It Manual For Librarians by Stephanie K. Gerding and Pamela H. MacKellar; Capturing Our Stories: An Oral History of Librarianship in Transition by A. Arro Smith, PhD; and Becoming a Media Mentor: A Guide for Working with Children and Families by Claudia Haines, Cen Campbell, and the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). Remember that you can find titles from ALA Editions, ALA Neal-Schuman, Facet Publishing, UK, and the ALA Divisions in the ALA Store, and get free shipping on all book orders placed in the ALA Store during the Midwinter Meeting (posters, bookmarks, and other gift-type items are not eligible for this offer).

Meet high-profile authors and pick up an autographed book or two: use the Conference Scheduler to plan your time at Midwinter Meeting, including the author signing taking place at the ALA Store:

Edmund A. Rossman III, author of 40+ New Revenue Sources for Libraries and Nonprofits
Saturday January 21, 1:00 p.m.

Prices at the ALA Store automatically reflect the ALA Member discount, so there is no need to dig out your member number. And remember that every dollar you spend at the ALA Store helps support library advocacy, awareness, and other key programs and initiatives!

Value of Academic Libraries

Action-oriented Research and the Value of Academic Libraries

Learn about continued progress on ACRL’s forthcoming “Action-Oriented Research Agenda on Library Contributions to Student Learning and Success” at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta. A team from OCLC Research – which ACRL selected to design, develop, and deliver the new action-oriented agenda – has been working since August and circulated a first draft in November. Join ACRL’s Value of Academic Libraries committee chair and OCLC Research’s project director and team members from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, to learn more about the project. The panelists will answer questions and take feedback on the second draft of the project report, to be posted online a few weeks prior to the update session at www.oclc.org/research/themes/user-studies/acrl-agenda.html. The session will be held in room B407 of the Georgia World Congress Center.

ASCLA/COSLA Happy Hour

Join us for ASCLA/COSLA Happy Hour where members can socialize with colleagues and network. Students and Librarians at all levels are also welcome to attend this event. The event will take place at the Omni Hotel and Resort’s Latitudes Lounge at 100 CNN Center on Friday, January 20 from 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Celebrate Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at the ALCTS Midwinter Symposium

On Friday, January 20, the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) presents its Midwinter Symposium “Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Creating a New Future for Libraries.” The event will take place during the ALCTS Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, organized by Charles Wilt, Chair, ALCTS President’s Program Committee, co-hosted by the Georgia State University Library and Director Jeff Steely, and sponsored by OCLC, this symposium addresses the need for action relating to equity, diversity, and inclusion in libraries.

Equity, diversity, and inclusion are ideals librarians espouse. Whether in acquisitions, access, management, or preservation, library collections are evolved to support these ends. Furthering discussions on metadata, open access, and preserving diverse voices in collections are critical as libraries face challenges in a changing society. This symposium explores work underway and what the future brings, and librarians in academic, public, and special libraries will benefit from attending this symposium.

Courtney Young, ALA President 2014-2015 and Head Librarian and Professor of Women’s Studies at Pennsylvania State University’s Greater Allegheny campus, opens the symposium with the keynote address. Speakers Hannah Buckland, Charlotte Roh, Harrison Inefu, Paule Gujilde, Emily Drabinski, Ann Marie Willer, and Miriam Cerino will discuss topics including equitable access to collections, scholarly communication and diversity, and visibility in collection development and management, inclusion and advocacy in cataloging and description/knowledge organization, and diversity and inclusion in preservation. Mark Puente, Director of Diversity and Leadership Programs, Association of Research Libraries, will provide closing remarks.

Online registration is available through the ALA 2017 Midwinter Meeting website. Include this event 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 $399 for ALA student members and retired members. The registration event code is ALC1, and attendance at the ALA Midwinter Meeting is not required to register for this event. Space is limited so register early. A complete listing of ALCTS events at Midwinter is available, and you can follow ALCTS on social media using #ALCMW17 to get the latest details about ALCTS Midwinter programming.

Get more information and add this to your schedule now.
Matthew Quick and Mary Kay Andrews Added to Gala Author Tea

Matthew Quick and Mary Kay Andrews have been added to the lineup of the Gala Author Tea sponsored by ReferenceUSA, also featuring Emily Fridlund, Lisa Wingate, Pam Jenoff, and Kathy Hepinstall. The Tea will be held 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Monday January 23 at the Georgia World Congress Center, B211/B212.

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.

Matthew Quick (The Reason You're Alive HarperCollins, July 2017) is the New York Times bestselling author of several novels, including The Silver Linings Playbook, which was made into an Oscar-winning film, The Good Luck of Right Now, and Love May Fail. His work has been translated into more than 30 languages and has received a PEN/Hemingway Award Honorable Mention. Quick lives with his wife on North Carolina’s Outer Banks.

Mary Kay Andrews is the New York Times bestselling author of The Weekenders, Beach Town, Save the Date, Ladies’ Night, and many more novels. A former journalist, she is the Atlanta Journal Constitution, she lives in Atlanta.

Emily Fridlund (History of Wolves Atlantic Monthly Press/Penguin, January 2017) grew up in Minnesota and resides in the Finger Lakes region of New York. Her fiction has appeared in a variety of journals, including Boston Review, Zyzzyva and Painted Bride Quarterly. Fridlund’s collection of stories, Catapult won the Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction and will be published by Sarabande in fall 2017.

Lisa Wingate (Before We Were Yours Ballantine Books/Penguin Random House, June 2017) is a former journalist, an inspirational speaker, and the author of the national bestseller Tending Roses. She is a seven-time ACFW Carol Award nominee, a Christy Award nominee, an Oklahoma Book Award finalist, and a two-time Carol Award winner.

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 topselling advertising creative director who has written award-winning campaigns for corporate clients from Apple to Nike. She grew up in Spring, Texas, and now lives in Portland, Ore., and Santa Barbara, Calif. Polly is based, in part, on Hepinstall’s own mother, who has as wicke tongue as her fictional counterpart.

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: UN1.

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.
RUSA, United for Libraries Host Discussion on Library Advocacy Best Practices at Midwinter 2017

In partnership with United for Libraries, the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) is hosting “Are you a Proactive or Reactive Advocate? Best Practices from Academic and Public Library Supporters,” an engaging discussion on best practices for library advocacy at ALA’s Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta. The discussion will take place on Monday, January 23 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in room A301 of the Georgia World Congress Center. All ALA Midwinter attendees are encouraged to participate.

This discussion will feature experienced library advocates as they share their insights on how to be a proactive advocate for your library and how to respond when a budget crisis hits. What advocacy lessons can academic and public libraries learn from each other? Attendees will be able to share their own experiences and learn from each other. Discussion leaders include Dustin Fife, Director of Library Services for Western State Colorado University and Donna McDonald, Director of the Arkansas River Valley Regional Library in Dardanelle, Ark. Discussion organizers include Susan Schmidt, United for Libraries President 2016-2017, and Joseph Thomson, RUSA President 2014-2015.

Fife has also served as the Outreach Librarian for Utah Valley University and as the Library Director for San Juan County Public Libraries. He was a 2016 Library Journal Mover & Shaker and the 2015-2016 President of the Utah Library Association. More than anything, Fife believes that library advocacy, evangelism, and outreach is about connecting with people individually, wherever they may be physically, intellectually, or otherwise. Some have come to realize that “there is no spoon.” Fife believes that there are no library walls.

McDonald has been in her current position for 17 years and during this time was named by the Governor to the Arkansas State Library Board, where she served as the first public librarian on the Board for seven years, both as vice chair and chair. She received the Bessie B Moore Trustee Award from the Arkansas Library Association in 2009. She is very involved in United for Libraries/ALTAFF and has served on the Publications Committee, Executive Committee, as president, and now as secretary. McDonald has completed PLA’s “Turning the Page 2.0” and has successfully trained advocates through the State Library. She has served on various ALA advocacy committees and has attended ALA’s Legislative Day for many years. She notes that, “being an advocate means being engaged and engaging, consistent and steady each and every day.”

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