Jason Reynolds to Speak at Opening General Session

Jason Reynolds is an American author who writes novels and poetry for young adult and middle grade audiences. Born in Washington, DC, and raised in neighboring Oxon Hill, Maryland, Reynolds found inspiration in rap and began writing poetry at nine years old. He focused on poetry for approximately the last two decades, only reading a novel cover-to-cover for the first time at age 17. He went on to publish several poetry collections before he published his first novel, *When I Was the Greatest*. He won the About the Coretta Scott King – John Steptoe Award for New Talent for this first work of prose, and seven more novels followed in the next four years, including *Ghost* and his *New York Times* best-selling *Long Way Down*, a novel in verse, which was named a Newbery Honor book, a Printz Honor Book, and best young adult work by the Mystery Writers of America’s Edgar Awards.

Reynolds returned to poetry with *As Brave as You*, which won the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers’ Literature, an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work for Youth/Teen, and the Schneider Family Book Award. He also wrote the Marvel Comics novel *Miles Morales: Spider-Man*. Reynolds has appeared on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, and *CBS This Morning*. Find his ideas and thoughts on *JasonWritesBooks.com*.

Nnedi Okorafor to Present at ALA President’s Program

Nnedi Okorafor is a Nigerian American author of African-based science fiction, fantasy, and magical realism for children and adults. Her works include *Who Fears Death*, currently in development at HBO for a TV series, the *Binti* novella trilogy, *The Book of Phoenix*, the *Akata* books, and *Lagoon*. She has written comics for Marvel, including *Black Panther: Long Live the King*, *Wakanda Forever*, featuring the Dora Milaje; and the *Shuri* series. She is currently creating and co-writing the adaptation of Octavia Butler’s *Wild Seed* with actress Viola Davis and Kenyan film director Wanuri Kahiu.

Her science fiction comic series *LaGuardia*, published by Dark Horse Comics, was released in late 2018 and her TED Books memoir, *Broken Places & Outer Spaces* is scheduled for a June 2019 release. Her debut novel *Zahrah the Windseeker* won the prestigious Wole Soyinka Prize for Literature in Africa and she has won the Hugo, Nebula, World Fantasy, Locus, and Lodestar Awards.

The session will be moderated by Donna Seaman, Editor, Adult Books for *Booklist*. A recipient of the Louis Shores Award for excellence in book reviewing and the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award, Seaman has written for the *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, and other publications. A member of the Content Leadership Team for the American Writers Museum and a frequent presenter at various literary events and programs, Seaman has collected her author interviews in *Writers on the Air*. Her new book is *Identity Unknown: Rediscovering Seven American Women Artists*. Find more details and add to your schedule now.
A Conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice, was born in Bronx, New York, on June 25, 1954. She earned a B.A. in 1976 from Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude and receiving the university’s highest academic honor. In 1979, she earned a JD from Yale Law School where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. She thereafter served as Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney’s Office from 1979–1984. She then litigated international commercial matters in New York City at Pavia & Harcourt, where she was an associate and then partner from 1984–1992. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated her to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and she served in that role from 1992–1998. She then served as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1998–2009. President Barack Obama nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on May 26, 2009, and she assumed this role August 8, 2009. Justice Sotomayor is the author of My Beloved World, Turning Pages, The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor, and the forthcoming Just Ask! This session will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2019, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

The session will be moderated by Jill Santopolo, the Associate Publisher of Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House. She edits an array of best-selling and award-winning authors, including Sonia Sotomayor, Chelsea Clinton, Kamala Harris, Temple Grandin, Mayim Bialik, Lisa Graff, Jeffrey Kluger, Terry Border, and Amy Ephron. Santopolo is also the international and best-selling author of The Light We Lost and More Than Words, as well as the Sparkle Spa series, the Follow Your Heart books, and the Alec Flint mysteries. She was a thesis advisor for the New School’s MFA program, on the faculty of the Columbia Publishing Course, and an adjunct professor at McDaniel College, where she helped develop the online certificate program in Writing for Children. Justice Sotomayor’s publisher is Penguin Random House.

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Author, Writing Coach Tomi Adeyemi

Tomi Adeyemi is a Nigerian American writer and creative writing coach based in San Diego, Calif. After graduating Harvard University with an honors degree in English literature, she received a fellowship that allowed her to study West African mythology and culture in Salvador, Brazil, where she discovered her inspiration for her novel, Children of Blood and Bone.

Her debut West African YA Fantasy novel, Children of Blood and Bone, was named a 2019 YALSA Morris Award Finalist and has spent over a year on the New York Times Bestseller list. It was also recently awarded the Waterstones’ Children’s Book Prize for 2018. A Children of Blood and Bone movie is currently in development with Rick Famuyiwa attached to direct.

Heralded by Entertainment Weekly as “the new J.K. Rowling,” she has appeared on “The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon,” “Good Morning America,” and “BBC Breakfast” and has been featured in Elle, Essence and O Magazine. Adeyemi seeks not only to inspire readers through her work, but to help people of all races, ethnicities, and orientations understand that they matter and that their dreams are achievable. When she’s not watching BTS and Seventeen music videos, she can be found teaching creative writing to her 12,000 subscribers at tomiadeyemi.com, named one of the 101 best websites for writers by Writer’s Digest.

This session’s moderator is Dr. Rose Brock, professor of Children’s and Young Adult Literature and Library Science at Sam Houston State University. She is the author of Young Adult Literature in Action: A Librarian’s Guide, a veteran educator and advocate for using audiobooks as tools for literacy, Dr. Brock is one of the co-founders of the North Texas Teen Book Festival.

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Library Services for Persons with Print Disabilities

This interest group offers networking opportunities, as well as information sharing that promotes enhancing library services and programming for the print disabled. Stop in to learn what your colleagues are up to, who they are doing business with or to share what you are doing in your library.

Friday, June 21 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Marriott Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Ave NW. Join us!

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Programming to Inspire and Educate at ALA Annual

**Diversity and Outreach Fair**
Each year, the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services invites library professionals from all kinds of institutions to submit proposals to participate in the ALA Diversity and Outreach Fair, which is held during ALA’s Annual Conference & Exhibition. The Fair highlights library services to underserved or underrepresented communities, including people with disabilities; people experiencing poverty and homelessness; people of color; English-language learners; gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people; new Americans, language learners; gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people; new Americans, and non-readers; older adults; people living in rural areas; incarcerated people and ex-offenders; and mobile library services and bookmobiles. Saturday, June 22 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**Spectrum Leadership Institute**
Considered a highlight of the program, the 2018 Spectrum Scholars will come together for an intimate weekend of community-building and leadership development. The curriculum features sessions with library leaders of color and Spectrum alumni, opportunities to network with ALA leadership, and activities designed to foster deeper connections within the 20-year-old Spectrum alumni community.

**Stonewall Awards Program**
The first and most enduring award for LGBTQ books is the Stonewall Book Awards, sponsored by the American Library Association’s Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table. The award ceremony includes remarks by 2019 Stonewall winner and honoree authors, presentation of The Larry Romans Mentorship Award and The Newlin-Symons Award for Excellence in Serving the GLBT Community, and a book signing with participating publishers. Confirmed authors include Ashley Herring Blake, Isaac Butler, Kacen Callender, Uzodinma Iweala, Dan Kois, Eric and Stephani Lehman, Jessica Love, and Rebecca Makkai. Monday, June 24 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**News You Can Use: Literacy for All: Resources for Serving Learners Across the Lifespan**
Join ALA’s Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services and Committee on Literacy for highlights from our key literacy initiatives, the newly-published Literacy for All: Adult Literacy through Libraries toolkit and the ALA Literacy Clearinghouse (http://literacy.ala.org). These free resources will help you add, expand, and advocate for literacy services at your library. Learn about model library literacy programs, resources from across the Association for serving target populations, and how libraries are helping to increase access and opportunities across multiple literacies. Sunday, June 23 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**News You Can Use: Resources for Rural and Tribal Libraries – Advocacy and Literacy**
Join ALA’s Committee on Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds (RN-TLOAK) for a look at advocacy and literacy activities to participate in at the conference. Saturday, June 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Join ACRL President Lauren Pressley for the ACRL President’s Program at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition in Washington, DC.** Issues of equity in diverse workplaces, and the trend towards more inclusive language and policies, often leaves leaders in the difficult position of navigating the needs of the organization and the need to help the organization accommodate today’s workforce. How can leaders effectively influence and motivate their teams, when the individuals on those teams struggle with the challenges of poor communication, collaboration, culture, change and conflict? Spranger, author of Why People Stay: Helping Your Employees Feel Seen, Safe, and Valued addresses contemporary issues around diversity, leadership, and inclusiveness throughout the employment lifecycle. Through intensive dialogue, shared narrative, and humor supporting the theoretical material, Spranger shares an approach to inclusive leadership that leaves participants energized and engaged. A book signing will follow. The ACRL President’s Program will be held from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, in room 146A of the Washington Convention Center.

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- **Let’s be brief: A very short introduction to Very Short Introductions**
  Sunday, June 23, 2-3pm
  Since 1995, Very Short Introductions has been publishing new, easily digestible books offering a bridge between reference content and higher academic work. Stop by for some refreshments and help us celebrate the 600th title release in this popular series!
Dr. Carla Hayden invites Professor of Sociology and author of *Palaces of the People* to discuss the important and unique role that libraries provide to the community. The session will include the mapping out of accessibility and adapting to the changing needs of the library users in person, and online. This session will take place Saturday, June 22 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition in Washington, DC.

Hayden was sworn in as the 14th Librarian of Congress in September 2016. She is the first woman and the first African American to lead the national library. She was nominated to the position by President Barack Obama in February 2016 and her nomination was confirmed by the U.S. Senate, July 2016.

Prior to her current post, she served as CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland. She was nominated by former President Obama to be a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board in January 2010 and was confirmed to that post by the Senate in June 2010. Prior to joining the Pratt Library, Hayden was deputy commissioner and chief librarian of the Chicago Public Library; an assistant professor for Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh; and the library services coordinator for the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. She began her career with the Chicago Public Library as the young adult services coordinator and as a children’s librarian.

Hayden was president of the American Library Association from 2003 to 2004. In 1995, she was the first African American to receive Library Journal’s Librarian of the Year Award in recognition of her outreach services at the Pratt Library, which included an after-school center for Baltimore teens offering homework assistance and college and career counseling. Hayden received a B.A. from Roosevelt University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago.

Eric Klinenberg is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Institute for Public Knowledge at New York University. His most recent book is *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life*, available now. The book argues that the future of democratic societies rests not simply on shared values but on shared spaces: the libraries, childcare centers, bookstores, churches, synagogues, and parks that help us form crucial, sometimes life-saving connections. These are places where people can gather and linger, strengthening personal ties and promoting interaction across group lines. They are vital parts of what he calls our “social infrastructure,” and they are necessary for rebuilding societies everywhere. Of all the articles written about *Palaces for the People*, Klinenberg’s favorite was written by the Librarian of Congress in the *Wall Street Journal*. Carla Hayden called *Palaces*, “One of my favorite books of 2018,” and exclaimed that “Klinenberg is echoing what librarians and library patrons have been saying for years: that libraries are equalizers and absolutely universal.”

Klinenberg is also the coauthor, with Aziz Ansari, of the #1 *New York Times* best-seller *Modern Romance*, and author of the acclaimed books *Going Solo: The Extraordinary Rise and Surprising Appeal of Living Alone*, *Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago*, and *Fighting for Air: The Battle to Control America’s Media*. In addition to his scholarship, Klinenberg has contributed to *The New Yorker*, the *New York Times Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, the *London Review of Books*, *Wired*, and *This American Life*.

Hayden will host an ongoing series of discussions at ALA conferences with principals in the library field, thought-leaders, and icons. Past guests have included former First Lady Michelle Obama and 10th Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. Get details and add to your schedule now.
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Rocca’s long love of obituaries led him to create his new podcast Mobituaries, as well as the associated forthcoming book, available this fall. Mobituaries celebrates extraordinary people whose names you may not remember, in addition to sitcom characters, historical epochs and even snack foods that have all bitten the dust.

Journalist and Author Mo Rocca to Close Annual Conference

Mariana Atencio is a journalist, TED talk speaker, influencer, and award-winning news personality covering domestic and international assignments, breaking news, and special reports. As a first-generation Latina who fled violence and oppression in her native Venezuela, Atencio crossed over to the United States when she was 11. She studied at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, Georgetown University, the London School of Economics, and UCLA.

Atencio has been named one of the top speakers at ALA, and is a frequent panelist on NPR’s hit weekly quiz show “Wait, Wait…Don’t Tell Me!” Learning to cook from grandparents across America, Atencio created “Mother’s Ravioli,” learning to cook from her grandparents across America. This session will take place Tuesday, June 25 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition in Washington, DC.

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Actor, Community Activist George Takei

With an acting career spanning six decades, George Takei is known around the world for his founding role in the acclaimed television series “Star Trek”, in which he played Hikaru Sulu, helmsman of the Starship Enterprise. But Takei’s story goes where few stories have gone before. He has become one of the country’s leading figures in the fight for social justice, LGBTQ rights, and marriage equality and remains a powerful voice on issues ranging from politics to pop culture.

In his upcoming graphic memoir, “They Called Us Enemy”, available this summer, the beloved actor, author, and activist revisits his haunting childhood in American concentration camps, as one of 120,000 Japanese Americans imprisoned by the U.S. government during World War II. Experience the forces that shaped an American icon – and America itself – in this gripping tale of courage, country, loyalty, and love. Hear firsthand from Takei, as well as his co-authors Justin Eisinger and Steven Scott and artist Harmony Becker, about this dark chapter of our nation’s history and its urgent relevance for our world today.

Takei has been a passionate advocate for social justice, an outspoken supporter of human rights issues, and a community activist. He has served as the spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign’s “Coming Out Project” and was Cultural Affairs Chairman of the Japanese American Citizens League. He is also chairman emeritus and a trustee of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles. He was appointed to the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission by President Clinton, and the government of Japan awarded Takei the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, for his contribution to U.S.-Japanese relations. The decoration was conferred by His Majesty, Emperor Akihito, at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. Mashable.com named Takei the most influential person on Facebook, with 10.4 million likes and 2.8 million followers on Twitter.

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Hoda Kotb is the co-anchor of “NBC News’ Today” and co-host of the fourth hour of “NBC News’ Today with Katie Couric.” She has served as a correspondent for “Dateline NBC” and is open to all registered attendees. The awards will promptly start 8:30 a.m. and is free to the public. Kotb has written six books: You Are My Happy, I’ve Loved You Since Forever, Hoda: How I Survived War Zones, Bad Hair, Cancer and Kane, and Ten Years Later: Six People Who Faced Adversity and Transformed Their Lives and Where We Belong. Kotb has a nine-year breast cancer survivor and is involved in several initiatives to raise awareness about the disease. Her book, You Are My Happy, illustrated by Suzie Mason and available now, was inspired by the nighttime routine she shares with her daughter Haley Joy. The book is about gratitude for the things in life — both big and small — that bring us happiness.

Kotb was recognized with a 2016 Gracie Award for Outstanding Host in Entertainment/Information for her radio show, “The Hoda Show on SiriusXM” and in 2015, she was honored with a Gracie Award for Outstanding Host in News/Non-fiction and a Webby Award for her Truly Brave music video, shining a light on pediatric cancer. Kotb was also awarded at the Daytime Emmys, as part of “Today’s” recognition as the best morning news program.

Prior to joining NBC News, Kotb worked as an anchor and reporter in New Orleans and in Fort Meyers, Florida. She graduated from Virginia Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts in broadcast journalism. Get details and add to your schedule now.
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Limit of 100 people, Free
Metro accessible – No Transportation Provided
Thursday, June 20, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
National Library Service (NLS) is a free braille and talking book library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS circulates books and magazines in braille or audio formats, delivered by post-age-free mail or instantly downloadable. https://www.loc.gov/nls/

Library of Congress Tours: High-Density Collections Storage Modules at Fort Meade, Maryland

45 People per session, $20 per person
Transportation Provided
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Two tours of the Library's state-of-the-art high-density storage facility at Fort Meade, Maryland

Four hours each and registration fee includes bus transportation.
The Library's main preservation facility is designed and built to create and optimal preservation environment for the library’s physical collections, including books and bound periodicals, as well as maps, manuscripts, prints, photographs, sheet music, and microfilm masters. Five modules and four cold storage rooms have already been completed and are fully operational, and construction has begun on a sixth. When construction of all modules is completed, there will be five single size (12,500 sq ft) and four double size (25,000 sq ft) modules, in addition to the cold storage rooms, located on a secure 100-acre site within the U.S. Army Base at Fort Meade. https://www.loc.gov/preservation/


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$40 per person
$20 for box lunch * not required, no food services on site.
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Thursday, June 20, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a tour set on a beautiful 45 acre campus with stunning architectural design and landscaping. The Packard Campus of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center is a state-of-the-art facility where the Library of Congress acquires, preserves, and provides access to the world’s largest and most comprehensive collection of films, television programs, radio broadcasts, and sound recordings. https://www.loc.gov/avconservation/

Explore Trends and Activities at Intellectual Freedom 101

What intellectual freedom issues have recently been in the news? How can library workers assist in defending privacy and the right to access information across the country? Where are conversations about these topics taking place?

At the Intellectual Freedom 101 session on Friday, June 21 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Marriott Marquis, Georgetown University, intellectual freedom leaders will discuss censorship trends and specific ways that library workers can get involved with ALA groups and related organizations. Attendees will hear from and can pose questions to the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF), Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC), IFC Privacy Subcommittee, the Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE), the Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT), and the Freedom to Read Foundation (FRT).

This session is the perfect introduction for members who are looking to get involved with intellectual freedom activities, and a great refresher for intellectual freedom fighters on current trends and issues in the field.

Library Services to the Incarcerated and Detained Interest Group Meeting

Sunday, June 23, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Renaissance Washington Room 10 & 11
Agenda will include introductions, resource sharing, information about the DC Books to Prisons program (www.dcbookstoprisoners.org), and discussion of topics/potential programs for the LSID interest group.

Our Daily Bread, in collaboration with Stallion Books, presents

Jan Spivey Gilchrist

Autograph Schedule

Saturday
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.–1:50 p.m.
Booth #1065
ALA Autographing Area

Sunday
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
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Monday
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
Booth #1065

The Colors of Love: The Jan Spivey Gilchrist Story, documentary film preview and Q&A
June 24 at 3:00 pm | Washington Convention Center | Room 209
Career Development Sessions at Annual

If you are ready to improve your job and career options, be sure to attend the career guidance workshops in the ALA JobLIST Placement and Career Development Center during the ALA Annual Conference. You'll discover how to master an interview, learn how to negotiate for a better salary, and determine what you need to do to move up in your career. There is no cost to attend. Registration is not required. The Center will be located in the Marriott Marquis Hotel – Independence Ballroom. Plan to attend the sessions listed below so that you can get your career moving forward.

**SATURDAY**
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
AAUW Start Smart Salary Negotiations
This workshop is designed to empower you to successfully and confidently negotiate your salary and benefits and to make sure your compensation is aligned with your worth and market value. Whether you are negotiating for a new job, a promotion, or a raise, we’ll show you how to be a highly objective, persuasive, and strategic negotiator. Don’t leave money on the table! Join us to gain valuable skills and strategies for successfully negotiating your salary throughout your career – not just your next job. There will be opportunities in session to practice what you learn.

You’ll discover how to master an interview, learn how to negotiate for a better salary, and determine what you need to do to move up in your career.

**SUNDAY**
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
How to Transition from Peer to Supervisor
Transitioning from peer to supervisor can be very difficult for most newly promoted supervisors. Many are not equipped with the tools to successfully transition. In this session we will discuss what skills and abilities are needed to move into supervisory roles. Discover the tools and techniques needed to communicate more effectively, gain trust, set boundaries, provide constructive feedback and motivate employees for results.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Mastering the Interview: Visualizing Your Path Forward
Congratulations! You’ve got an interview… now what? During this interactive workshop, we will look at what to expect when interviewing at different types of libraries: academic, special, and public. We’ll discuss both remote and in-person interviews, and talk about the importance of doing your research, preparing questions for your interviewers, and following up after the interview. We will practice introductions, answering questions, and telling others about ourselves. We will discuss the benefits of building self-awareness and visualizing your destination. And finally, we will employ activities and prompts to help you cultivate your own professional practice, at any stage of your career.

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Soft Skills: What Library School Doesn’t Teach You
I learned the basics of cataloging. I took classes on providing information services. I can mine databases for information. All of these things I learned in library school. But what about the soft skills you don’t get from the classroom and can only learn on the job? In this session, you’ll find out about the knowledge, skills and abilities they don’t teach in school that can help prepare you to be an even better librarian.

To see the full list of workshops and activities being held in the ALA JobLIST Placement & Career Development Center, visit the Center’s web site.

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**Transform Your Library’s Early Learning Programs**

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**Preparing for Controversial Speakers and Programs: Advice From Banned and Challenged Authors, Communications Expert, Q&A Writers**

Sometimes when an event is planned at your library, it might be more controversial than you originally anticipated. Having policies in place before the event can make you feel more prepared. At “Controversial Speaker Planned for Your Library Event? Things to Consider,” attendees will hear from banned and challenged authors Gayle Pitman (This Day in June) and Ellen Hopkins (Crank, Glass, Borned), ALA Communications & Marketing Office Deputy Director Macey Morales, and Intellectual Freedom Committee’s “Responding to and Preparing for Controversial Programs and Speakers Q&A” writers Peter Coyl and Sukrit Goswami about questions and aspects you may want to consider before holding such an event. Participants will receive a handout with questions to consider when developing program policies, as well as a crisis communications template.

Join the conversation on Monday, June 24 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Washington Convention Center, 140B.

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- Friday, June 21 – 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 22 – 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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- Monday, June 24 – 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A special “popup” mini-Store will operate near the Registration area on Friday, June 21 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Remember to stop by early to get your pick of conference t-shirts—they sell out fast!

ALA Graphics will feature a selection of new and best-selling posters, bookmarks, and gifts, plus special conference-only items. Shop the newest posters, featuring Mo Willems’ Pigeon, Tomi Adeyemi’s Children of Blood and Bone, and for gaming enthusiasts—Minecraft. Plan ahead for upcoming events with new products for Library Card Sign-up Month, featuring Toy Story, and Banned Books Week. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards with limited-edition t-shirts, available in black and yellow, and a commemorative gold-plated pin.

Star Wars fans will find the Force is strong at the ALA Store this year. The store will carry Out of Print’s new Star Wars™ READ® Collection, including Yoda, Darth Vader, and Princess Leia READ® t-shirts and socks in a wide range of sizes and styles. Let the world know how much you love Star Wars and reading by taking a selfie at one— or all three—Star Wars-themed backdrops, located outside the ALA Store. Use #StarWarsREAD, @ala19, and tag @ALA_Graphics when you share your pictures on Twitter for a chance to win a Star Wars poster and bookmark pack. Winners must be present at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference to claim their prize. Full details for the giveaway can be found at the ALA Store at Conference and on ALA Graphics social media.

ALA Publishing is excited to offer several new titles hot off the press, such as Beyond Basmed Books: Defending Intellectual Freedom through Your Library by Kristin Pekoll and Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF); Anonymity, the newest title in the Library Futures Series by Alison Macrina and Talya Cooper; Marketing Plans in Action: A Step-by-Step Guide for Libraries, Archives, and Cultural Organizations by Amanda L. Goodman; and Partners for Preservation: Advancing Digital Preservation through Cross-Community Collaboration, edited by Jeanne Kramer-Smyth. Remember that you can find titles from ALA Editions, ALA Neal-Schuman, Facet Publishing, UK, and the ALA Divisions in the ALA Store, and also get free shipping on all book orders placed in the ALA Store (posters, bookmarks, and other gift-type items are not eligible for this offer).

ALA Editions/ALA Neal-Schuman is pleased to present a selection of free programs exploring the profession’s issues and trends. The programs scheduled to take place at the ALA Store are:

- Saturday, June 22
  - 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.: The Public Library Director’s Toolkit
   New public library directors quickly learn what seasoned directors already know: running a library means you’ve always got your hands full—balancing the needs of staff, patrons, facilities, library boards, and other stakeholders with professional responsibilities like community interactions, legal and financial requirements, and whole lot else that wasn’t exactly in the job description. Kate Hall and Kathy Parker’s new resource walks you through the core components of getting up to speed and then provides templates, sample documents, checklists, and other resources that will make your job easier.
  - 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.: Muslims in Story: Expanding Multicultural Understanding through Children’s and Young Adult Literature
   Exposing children in their formative years to positive stories about Muslims can go a long way to creating a multicultural understanding by cementing ideas of tolerance, respect, and acceptance. Gauri Manglik and Sadaf Siddique’s book takes a timely and proactive approach by spot-lighting quality children’s and young adult literature.

In his new book, award-winning architect Peter Gisolfi presents detailed case studies of ten design projects from public, academic, and school libraries that identify paths to success as well as hazards to avoid. Library planners, designers, and administrators will gain practical guidance directly applicable to their own undertakings, regardless of size or complexity.

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Register for 2019 YALSA Young Adult Services Symposium

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

Virtual Augmented Reality Demo

Virtual Augmented Reality (VAR) technology is emerging as the new medium for 21st-Century learning. VAR immersive experiences are now feasible and available with new technology, interfaces, and software being released daily. Libraries are positioned to be one of the catalysts for community engagement and VAR content development. Come by and experience Virtual Reality using state-of-the-art systems.

YALSA Events, Programs at the ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition

Michael L. Printz Program and Reception

Monday, June 24, 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Come listen to the 2019 Michael L. Printz award-winning authors speak about their writing, followed by a reception. This year, all authors will give a short speech! The annual award is administered by YALSA and sponsored by Booklist magazine. Tickets: $39. *Please note: this year only, the Printz Program will take place on Monday instead. Learn more.

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YALSA 2019 Teens’ Top Teen Nominees

The official 2019 Teens’ Top Ten nominees have been announced. View a list of the 25 nominees, along with annotations, at www.al.org/yalsa/teentop10. Encourage teens to read the nominees over the summer so they can vote starting August 15.

Margaret A. Edwards Brunch

Saturday, June 22 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Come join us for brunch and listen to the winner of the 2019 Margaret A. Edwards Award speak about their writing. The award honors their significant and lasting contribution to writing for teens. The annual award is administered by YALSA and sponsored by School Library Journal magazine. Tickets: $39. No tickets will be sold at the door. Learn more.

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ACRL Announces Saturday Events at ALA

Collective Reinvestment in Open Infrastructure Inclusion Focus of SPARC-ACRL Forum

Libraries are increasingly considering scaling back their subscriptions or canceling big deals altogether. Yet, the question of how and where to reinvest the resources that become available is both far from settled and increasingly pressing. As we start to move away from the subscription model, we should be intentional about crafting the vision for open research communication we strive to build and how we intend to build it. This forum, “If I Had A Million Dollars: Collective Reinvestment in Open Infrastructure,” will invite active participation throughout the session in a facilitated discussion with experts representing both libraries and research funders. The forum will be held from 2:30 – 3:30 pm on Saturday, June 22, in room 151A of the Washington Convention Center.

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Update on ACRL Research Agenda for Scholarly Communications

Learn about ACRL’s new research agenda for scholarly communications and the research environment. Developed over the course of a year with a high degree of community involvement, particularly historically under-represented groups, this powerful new action-oriented agenda encourages the community to make the scholarly communications system more open, inclusive, and equitable by addressing issues concerning people, content, and systems. It outlines trends, encourages practical actions, and clearly identifies the most strategic research questions to pursue. Learn how to apply for an ACRL research grant to investigate timely and substantial research questions, developing solutions that will move the community forward. The update session will be held from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, in room 151A of the Washington Convention Center.
The Joy of Finding Out: Google’s Daniel Russell Presents at Annual Conference

Dr. Daniel Russell, Über Tech Lead for Search Quality and User Happiness at Google, will join the 2019 ALA Annual Conference for his session, “The Joy of Finding Out: Adventures in Teaching People How To Do Both Online and Offline Research” on Saturday June 22, 10:30 – 12:00 p.m., at the Washington Convention Center, 158A-B. Russell has been a research scientist at Google since 2005, focusing on user experience in web search. He manages the popular SearchReSearch (http://searchresearch1.blogspot.com/) blog and the Power Searching and Advanced Power Searching online courses (http://www.powersearchingwithgoogle.com/) for Google. In addition to his research on online searching and international lectures and trainings on human experience with search engines, Russell is a vocal supporter of libraries and the library profession and frequently teaches searching in libraries. Russell has previously presented at the ALA Annual Conferences in San Francisco and Chicago. This year's session coincides with the upcoming release of his book, The Joy of Search: A Google Insider's Guide to Going Beyond the Basics (September 2019, The MIT Press). With this new title, Russell helps readers navigate some of the best methods for finding answers to a series of intriguing questions and explains how to frame search queries, so they yield the best information. With a wealth of resources available online, he shows how searchers can move beyond just typing a few words into Google.

For session attendees, Russell will share some of his lessons learned from teaching thousands of people how to find what they seek through Google (and many other online resources and tools). With insights into searchers’ habits and preferences, he will explore how researchers move from online to offline content (and back again). And he'll share some of the insights from various studies he’s run in the lab and with live search traffic.

This session is sponsored by ALA’s Center for the Future of Libraries with thanks to The MIT Press (Booth 719).

LLAMA President's Program Addresses “How Do I Respond to That?”

How do you as a manager or library leader handle incidents in your library of discrimination, micro-aggression, and interpersonal rejection? How do you build a culture that reduces the likelihood of EDI conflicts erupting? Many programs help library employees develop EDI sensitivity and implement EDI initiatives within libraries, but when a work situation occurs that involves EDI issues, managers often freeze and do not know what to do – often forgetting basic managerial approaches to handling staff and patron conflicts.

The Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) will present “How Do I Respond to That?” on Saturday, June 22 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at the Washington Convention Center, 158A-B. This panel discussion for library managers and leaders will focus on how to effectively manage challenging diversity, equity, and inclusion issues as they happen. The panelists will describe how they would respond when presented with EDI-related scenarios based on actual events. Lynn Hoffman, president of the Library Leadership and Management Association, will welcome panel facilitator Don Crenshaw, equity and well-being officer, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library. The Panelists will include: Jon E. Cawthorne, Ph.D., dean of the Wayne State University Library System and School of Information Sciences; Nicole A. Cooke, Ph.D., associate professor and program director for the Master’s Degree of Library and Information Science, School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Derrick Jefferson, associate librarian, American University; Jason Kucan, acting director/assistant officer, Toledo Lucas County Public Library; and Deb Sica, deputy county librarian, Alameda County Public Library.
United for Libraries President’s Program to Focus on Relationship Building with Lawmakers

The United for Libraries President’s Program, “How to Hug a Porcupine: Relationship Building with Lawmakers and Why It’s Important,” will be held Sunday, June 23 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Washington Convention Center, 147B.

Brad Fitch, president and CEO of the Congressional Management Foundation, will discuss how to build relationships with elected officials and their key officials can sometimes be difficult and uncomfortable. It forces you and your key stakeholders to get close to politicians in ways that may feel “prickly” – like hugging a porcupine. This program will help participants overcome that discomfort, revealing the methods and benefits for building relationships with elected officials. Participants will learn: who members of Congress and state legislators listen to; what congressional staffers believe are the most effective communications tactics for influencing undecided members of Congress; and how to conduct effective in-person meetings, influence legislators at town hall meetings, as well as effective advocacy in the state/district.

Fitch has spent 25 years in Washington as a journalist, congressional aide, consultant, college instructor, Internet entrepreneur, and writer/researcher. He began his career as a radio and television reporter in the 1980s. He began working on Capitol Hill in 1988 where he served for 13 years. He worked in a variety of positions for four members of Congress, including: press secretary, campaign manager, legislative director, and chief of staff. Fitch left Congress in 2001 to work for the Congressional Management Foundation (CMF). As deputy director of CMF, he served as a management consultant for Members of Congress, offering confidential guidance, conducting staff training programs, and writing publications on enhancing the performance of individual congressional offices and the institution. He left CMF in 2006 to form a new company, Knowledge, in affiliation with Capitol Advantage. Knowledge is now a part of CQ-Roll Call Group, where Fitch served as a vice president until 2010 when he returned to CMF. He has taught journalism and public communications at American University in Washington, DC, where he served an adjunct associate professor of communications. He received his B.A. degree in political science from Johns Hopkins University and his M.A. degree in journalism and public affairs from American University.

This program is co-sponsored by United for Libraries and ALA’s Public Policy and Advocacy Office.

For more information about United for Libraries programs at the ALA Annual Conference, visit http://www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/annual.

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ALA Publishing

Sunday, June 23

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.:

**Art Projects, History Activities, and Storytimes for Kids**

In two new books Christine M. Kirker offers ready-to-go activities that encourage children to explore their creativity while learning about art and history. She’ll be joined by Kathy MacMillan, with whom she’s co-authored several best-selling storytime sourcebooks.

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.:

**Book Club Reboot: 71 Creative Twists**

Sarah Ostman and Stephanie Saba profile dozens of successful book clubs across the country. Their book’s diverse cross-section of ideas will inspire you to rethink your reading groups and try out new ways to better meet your library’s and community’s needs.

Offered elsewhere in the Convention Center are these special Trending Topics programs from ALA Editions and ALA Neal-Schuman:

- “Teaching Media Literacy: How Consuming Media and Technology Impacts Student Learning,” a panel discussion led by Belinha De Abreu;
- “Information Policy Intersections: Human Rights, Civil Rights, and Professional Ethics,” with Paul T. Jaeger and Natalie Greene Taylor; and
- “Practical Anonymity,” with Alison Macrina and Talya Cooper; and “Shaping School Library Instruction and Collections to Inspire Engagement,” with Mona Kerby and Maureen Schlosser.

Use the Conference Scheduler to learn about all these special events and plan your time efficiently!

Prices at the ALA Store automatically reflect the ALA Member discount, so there’s 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!
Focus on Wellness While You’re at the ALA Annual Conference

Do you spend much of your time helping others? Do you use what free time you do have, running errands and taking care of the needs of friends and family members? Do you find that it’s often difficult to do things for yourself? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you’ll want to attend the wellness sessions that will be held in the ALA Job/LST Placement & Career Development Center. We know how important self-care is, but we just don’t seem to be able to manage it. These sessions are designed to help us think about and actively do something about our own self-care. They are also critical for those who supervise others. You will walk away being energized and prepared manage stress, deal with difficult people more effectively, and better support those that you supervise.

Saturday, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Dealing with Difficult People

Learn practical ways to identify and remedy different types of difficult people using triage to accurately name drama patterns. Learn the signs of bullies, narcissists and emotional vampires and how to limit their harm. Deploy proven techniques to lower our reactivity to the most challenging people among us.

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sidestepping Stress in a Distractible World

Original, evidence-based solutions are offered that apply across one’s entire life. Emphasis will be placed on the science of positive psychology and how to be sure we design downtime and live our highest priorities. Learn to break persistent patterns around chronic stress using science and wisdom to cultivate a more self-authored, less reactive stance.

Saturday, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Wellness Works! The Importance of a Healthy Workplace for Healthy and Happy Library Staff

In partnership with ALA, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine will be presenting a discussion on how implementing a variety of health and wellness practices can have a positive impact on the library workforce. Libraries typically focus on the wellness of their communities and are not always considering how library staff are coping with workplace change, work-life balance, stress, and overall health and wellness. However, library staff are the key component to the library’s success so their well-being should be of utmost concern. This session will present examples about how libraries as well as individual library employees can enhance health and wellness through library space design and configuration, wellness practices, health education, and self-care strategies.

Sunday, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Wellness in the Library Workplace

You’re a library worker. You already know how to help those in your community find health information. As a library worker, what are you doing to manage your own well-being? Individual and community well-being are inherently connected. Thus, it is critical that workplaces be areas of wellness for their employees. If you are a supervisor, how are you helping to ensure your staff stays healthy (physically, emotionally, etc.)? Join us to discover practical ways to improve your own personal well-being. We will also discuss ways to increase overall wellness for all staff in libraries so that we have happy, healthy, and safe work environments.

For a complete list of programs that focus on wellness during the ALA 2019 Annual Conference, visit the APA Wellness at Conference page.

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In addition to the “Meet the Authors” signings held at exhibitor booths, ALA is launching a Meet the Authors Autographing Area. See the participating authors here.
ALA Executive Director Opportunity

Libraries are an iconic feature of American life. In study after study, libraries are ranked among the public’s most trusted sources of information. They have introduced users to the joy of learning and the magic of books; have offered a safe and productive haven for study, research and reflection, and have transformed users’ lives through educational programs and community resources. Not only have America’s libraries changed the lives of many of their users, they themselves have transformed as societal needs, technology, and other forces in the economy have dramatically reshaped their role and nature. Libraries of all types have adapted to the digital age and are committed to meeting the evolving needs of their communities.

In July 2017, Executive Director, Keith Michael Fiels, retired after serving the American Library Association (ALA) for 15 years. His tenure was marked by important developments in the field and the association. Mary Ghikas, formerly senior associate executive director, is now serving as the Executive Director. Mary will serve as the Executive Director through ALA’s midwinter meeting, in January 2020. Upon the start of a new executive director, Mary will become the Deputy Executive Director and she will work to support the orientation and transition of the new executive director through ALA’s annual conference in June 2020.

ALA seeks a dynamic, innovative, entrepreneurial, and experienced leader as its next executive director. Founded in 1876, ALA is the world’s oldest and largest library association and promotes the work of libraries and the value of professional library and information science education. It advocates for issues and values that are important to the field and to a free and open information society. ALA achieves these goals through its programs, publications, conferences, professional development and outreach work. The Association, headquartered in Chicago, Ill. represents over 80,000 members, has a staff of 260, and an annual budget of $52 million. The ALA also has an office in Washington DC.

The position of executive director of the American Library Association offers an extraordinary and exciting opportunity to champion, represent, and support one of the most trusted and valuable institutions in American society. The next Executive Director will be able to leverage the organization’s strong reputation and the passion and dedication of the Association’s members, staff and elected leaders to build even stronger support for libraries, those who work in them, and the millions of users who benefit from them.

ALA will offer a competitive salary based on experience. ALA offers a comprehensive and valuable benefits package that includes generous paid vacation and retirement annuity.

ALA has engaged Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist with this important search. On June 22 and 23, consultants from Isaacson, Miller will be at our Annual Conference & Exposition and available to meet, in confidence, with interested parties, to discuss this opportunity. To contact them, please email Marc St. Hilaire (mst.hilaire@IMSearch.com) or Pamela Pezzoli (ppezzoli@IMSearch.com). For additional information about this opportunity, please visit https://www.imsearch.com/search-detail/S6-883