

“News You Can Use” sessions during the Midwinter Meeting. During “ALA Archives: Building

ALA Leadership Visits New York City

In December, an ALA leadership delegation met with executives from Penguin Random House, Macmillan Publishers, and Hachette Book Group to discuss library ebook issues. Additionally, the delegation met with leaders of the New York Public Library and Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO) about digital content and other issues. The delegation was led by Courtney Young and the co-chairs of the Digital Content Working Group, Carolyn Anthony and Erika Linke. Sari Feldman, Barbara Stripling, Alan S. Inouye and I also participated in the delegation were.

Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF)

Intellectual Freedom Workshops for School Librarians

OIF Deputy Director Deborah Caldwell-Stone led a series of half-day intensive intellectual freedom workshops for school librarians in south central New York State during the first week of December. Workshops were conducted for the librarians of the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services), the Delaware Chenango Madison Otsego BOCES, and the Broome Tioga BOCES. Continuing education trainings are a new and developing source of revenue to support the work of OIF.

OIF Support and Assistance in Challenges

In the last three months, OIF has logged 52 requests for support and assistance in challenges. These challenges have been in elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and public libraries. The censorship map has flags from Alaska to New Mexico and California to Oklahoma and Boston. One state chapter addressing multiple challenges this quarter is the Delaware Library Association (DLA), which has worked to resolve challenges in three different school districts, including a contentious challenge to the young adult novel *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* in the Indian River School District. The DLA Intellectual Freedom Committee is an active member of the OIF's State Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) network, and OIF assisted and advised the DLA and wrote letters to each school board to support DLA's defense of the books. This month, two of the challenges resolved in favor of students' free access to library material. OIF has seen a remarkable reversal of challenges to meet ALA values and policies as a result of in-depth work. As a result of OIF's work with the Delaware IFC, OIF has been invited to present a series of intellectual freedom and privacy workshops for librarians, school boards, and administrators, and a state legislator has reached out to OIF to work on a proposed law to improve library users' privacy in Delaware.

Forward Progress in Two Lawsuits Supported by the Freedom to Read Foundation

On November 26, 2014, the U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton entered an order in *Antigone Books v. Horne* to stay enforcement of Arizona's broad ban on the dissemination of nude images; the order was agreed to by all parties in order to provide the state legislature an opportunity to amend the over-broad law. On January 12, 2015, the Ninth Circuit Court of

**Public Programs Office
(PPO)**

Ferguson Library Director Scott Bonner to Speak at Midwinter Meeting

Ferguson (MO) Municipal Public Library Director Scott Bonner will discuss the recent turmoil in his community — and how the library managed to lead through it — at the 2015 Midwinter Meeting. During his talk, [“Leading in Times of Crisis: A Conversation with Ferguson Library Director Scott Bonner”](#), he will share his experiences, strategies and lessons learned since

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)

ACRL 2015 Preconferences, Early-Bird Deadline

Registration is now available for preconferences to be held prior to the [ACRL 2015 Conference](#), “Creating Sustainable Community,” to be held March 25 – 28, 2015, in Portland, Oregon. ACRL is offering six preconferences on Wednesday, March 25, 2015; separate registration is required. Preconference topics include leadership, creating sustainable library instruction, assessment, data management, and more. Complete details on ACRL 2015 preconferences, including learning outcomes and registration materials, are available on the [conference website](#). Early-bird registration ends February 13, 2015.

ACRL 2015 Kick Start the Future Campaign

ACRL is offering approximately 175 scholarships worth more than \$110,000 for the [ACRL 2015 Conference](#)

Scholarly Communication Road Show Hosts Announced

The ACRL Research and Scholarly Environment Committee has selected four sites to host the workshop “Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement” as road show events in 2015. Recognizing that scholarly communication issues are central to the work of all academic librarians and all types of institutions, ACRL is underwriting the bulk of the costs of delivering this proven content by sending expert presenters on the road. The institutions selected to host the 2015 road shows are: Auburn University Libraries (Auburn, Alabama), Iowa State University Library (Ames), Tri-College University Libraries (Fargo, North Dakota), and the University of South Carolina (Columbia). More information on the road show is available on the [ACRL Insider blog](#).

Scholarly Communication Roadshow Presenters Wanted

ACRL is accepting applications from prospective new presenters for the workshop “Scholarly Communication: From Understanding to Engagement.” The day-long workshop, now in its seventh year, is led by two expert presenters at locations across the country. In addition to the in-person workshop, the presenter team is seeking to develop virtual programming, which may be via brief, recorded videos that would

e-Learning Update

ACRL's e-Learning program offered one live webcast during this report period. 19 individuals and 17 groups participated in the e-Learning webcast focusing on the intersections of information literacy and scholarly communication. Upcoming online seminars and webcast topics include reaching out to international communities, data management plans, and research strategies. Full details and registration information are available on the [ACRL website](#).

Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)

ALCTS Midwinter Symposium on Collection Development Strategies

“Collection Development Strategies in an Evolving Marketplace: an ALCTS Midwinter Symposium,” is a presentation of the ALCTS President’s Program Committee. The starting point for this symposium is the seminal article “Collection Directions: Some Reflections on the Future of Library Collections and Collecting” written by Lorcan Dempsey, Constance Malpas and Brian Lavoie (OCLC). The program explores strategies for selecting, acquiring and budgeting for new materials such as streaming media, unbundled content and institutional open access models. Presenters address front line issues such as how to maximize resources to support user needs, how to manage unknown elements of these new models and how to market and build the library’s profile. Join colleagues from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday, January 30, 2015 at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. On-site registration is available: \$219 for ALCTS members, \$269 for ALA members, and just \$99 for students and retired members. The Symposium takes place in McCormick Place, Room W192b.

ALCTS Forum Talks Library Publishing

“Libraries as Publishers: Next Steps in Self-Publishing?” is the featured presentation at the Midwinter Forum of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. The Forum takes place from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 2, McCormick Place, Room W183b. Look to the “News You Can Use” schedule for this and other important sessions. What is library publishing? And more specifically, how can it work for your library and your patrons? Come hear experts from public and academic libraries speak about their new and up-and-running library publishing programs. Learn innovative ways that libraries are supporting

Brad Meltzer Honorary Chair of 2015 Preservation Week® April 26-May 2

ALCTS is excited to the present Preservation Week ® and welcomes Brad Meltzer, NY Times bestselling author as its 2015 Honorary Chair. “Pass It On”, a week of celebrating the importance of preserving personal and community cultural heritage, brings workshops, webinars, information resources and more to libraries across the nation. Learn more at the [Preservation Week ® web site](#) and at the “[@your library](#)” site. Visit the Preservation Week ® booth at Midwinter and ACRL National Conference in March.

ALCTS 2015 President’s Program Features Maryanne Wolf

Dr. Maryanne Wolf, John DiBaggio Professor of Citizenship and Public Service, and Director, Center for Reading and Language Research at Tufts University is the featured speaker at the ALCTS President’s Program at the 2015 ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco. The program is Monday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Wolf received her doctorate from Harvard University where she began her work on the neurological underpinnings of reading, language, and dyslexia. She was a Fulbright Fellow in Germany. She has been awarded a National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Shannon Award for Innovative Research and several multiyear NICHD grants to investigate new approaches to reading intervention. She has edited the book, *Dyslexia, Fluency, and the Brain* and is the author of *Proust and the Squid: The story and science of the reading brain* (2008) published by HarperCollins.

ALCTS Spring Workshop Schedule Available

The ALCTS spring workshop schedule will be available soon on the [ALCTS Web site](#) under Conferences and Events. Web courses are being offered, all in the “Fundamentals” series: Acquisitions; Collection Assessment; Collection Development and Management; Electronic Resources Acquisitions; Cataloging; and Preservation.

Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)

ALSC Begins Advocacy Button Campaign at Midwinter

As part of its grassroots [Everyday Advocacy](#) initiative, ALSC is launching an advocacy button call to action campaign during the 2015 Midwinter Meeting. The ALSC Advocacy and Legislation Committee developed a tip sheet to accompany each button with talking points articulating the value of youth library service. An overview of the campaign will be provided during the Leadership & ALSC session on Saturday, January 31 at 8:30 a.m. in MCP-W179.

ALSC Awarded USBBY Bridge to Un

Building STEAM with Día Booklist

ALSC has released four [Building STEAM with Día book lists](#) for children from birth to 8th grade. Intended to accompany [Día](#) programming, the lists are comprised of multicultural titles that showcase STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) topics. Titles and activities were selected and developed by members of ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee. These free book lists were made possible through the Everyone Reads @ your library grant funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Día Get Together

ALSC hosted a [Día Get Together](#) Facebook chat on the [Día Facebook Page](#) on Thursday, January 15 at 2 p.m. (Eastern). The chat was hosted by members of ALSC's Public Awareness Committee and Colorín Colorado. During the chat a wealth of Día and multicultural resources and best practices were shared by both groups and attendees; all are [archived online](#).

ALSC Blog Increases Readership for the Third Year in a Row

Thanks to a successful group of regular bloggers, representatives from ALSC committees and over 100 guest bloggers, the ALSC Blog increased readership by more than 7% in 2014 over the previous year. On Saturday, January 10, 2015, ALSC Blog Manager Mary Voors shared the [blog's yearly review](#), which included the top posts, most tweeted, and the post with the most comments. This is the third year in a row that the blog increased readership, including higher levels of users, pageviews, and sessions.

Winter Online Courses

Four [online courses](#) began on January 5: *Children with Disabilities in the Library* v. 8CID 27 .3()JTJ 082 349.4

and illustrator Melissa Sweet will present an informative and inspiring look at the creation of excellent nonfiction and the matchmaking of great books with kids who need them. The session will also address the libraries' important role in implementation of innovative programs and services to support the Common Core Standards and the communities we serve.

Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)

ASCLA Direct

ASCLA launched its first [weekly e-newsletter](#) in mid-December for members only. It contains items exclusively from, about and for ASCLA from the ASCLA office, including news, announcements, online learning offerings, ASCLA trips, etc., and will help cut down on the many individual emails sent to our members.

ASCLA/COSLA Networking and Happy Hour

Kick off the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting in style with the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) Networking and Happy Hour—an opportunity to socialize, network, and learn more about ASCLA. The event is open to all current ASCLA members, friends of ASCLA and those meeting attendees interested in learning more about the association and networking with peers. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet ASCLA's leaders. The event takes place: Friday, January 30, 2015, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Renaissance Blackstone, Lower Lounge Bar.

Library and Information Technology Association (LITA)

LITA Workshops at the Midwinter Meeting

Workshop registration is handled

LITA Meetings at Midwinter

On Saturday, in addition to the all committees meeting in the morning, a number of Interest Groups (IGs) are holding discussions both in the morning and during the afternoon. The IG sessions continue through Sunday. The Top Technology Trends discussion is scheduled for Sunday morning, and, the LITA Open House happens Sunday afternoon. The Open House is followed by the Happy Hour at Lizzie McNeill

support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and in partnership with Chicago Public Library and Aarhus Public Library, IDEO created a toolkit for using design thinking to better understand library patrons. This step-by-step, open source guide will be used to explore and practice design thinking during the session. [Find more details online.](#)

Safer at Work: Library Security for Everyone With everyone from rambunctious teens to “difficult” patrons to actual criminals coming through the doors, libraries have to involve everyone in the security process. This preconference will share tips on creating a culture of safety, cover nuts-and-bolts training, and identify policies and procedures that work. With all staff members invested and involved, everyone can be safer at work. [Find more details online.](#)

Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)

Book and Media Reception

All ALA Midwinter Meeting attendees are invited to celebrate the announcements of adult literature’s next classics at RUSA’s upcoming [Book and Media Awards Ceremony and Reception](#) in Chicago. This year the event will host special guest Margaret Hawkins, author of “Lydia’s Party” (Viking, 2013). The Chicago-based author has written two previous novels, “A Year of Cats and Dogs” and “How to Survive a Natural Disaster” and a memoir about her sister, “After Schizophrenia: The Story of My Sister’s Reawakening.”

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RUSA Leadership Development and Speed Mentoring Session in Chicago

Join a group of experienced RUSA leaders and engage in a fun, interactive [“speed mentoring” session](#). Similar in format to “speed dating”, MLS students, new librarians, and mid-career librarians are invited to participate in this session where they will have the opportunity to gain leadership advice from a number of senior librarians and RUSA leaders on Saturday, January

Tell YALSA How You #act4teens!

Please take 60 seconds to fill out this brief [online form](#) to tell us how you're re-thinking teen services since reading the report, "The Future of Library Services for and with Teens: a Call to Action." YALSA could use your example for a blog post or article in YALS.

Upcoming YALSA Activities & Events

February 1, preliminary program announced for YALSA's 2015 [YA Services Symposium](#),

February 1, deadline to apply for Advocacy Stipend via this [online form](#)

February 2, winners of ALA, ALSC and YALSA [youth media awards](#) announced,

February 9, [Evaluating YA Literature e-course](#),

February 10, free Teen Tech Week™ webinar, [Leveraging Local Experts for Maker Programs](#)

February 19, [Library Policy Tune-up](#) webinar, T4wp66EMC BT /LBody-CS1 cEMC n <</MCID 41 >>BD

essential resource for librarians and patrons, the *Booklist* Editors' Choice list is also drawn from when selecting the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction longlist titles, which will be announced after the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Chicago.

Booklist/ERT Author Forum

ALA conferences are always an excellent opportunity for *Booklist* staff to meet with readers, subscribers, publishers, and advertisers, and there is special excitement about [this year's *Booklist*/ERT Author Forum](#), featuring four acclaimed .f sBDC BT(pecnov Td [9(c)-2(,)-6.7()]TJ 0..3(66Tw 0.