Announcements of 2016 Andrew Carnegie Medals Now at Midwinter

Don't miss the announcements of the 2016 winning titles of the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction, made for the first time at Midwinter! The new timing aligns the awards with other major national book awards, and resulted in the shortlist (announced now in October) being included in national coverage of the National Book Awards, the Nobel Prize in Literature, and the Man Booker Prize in fall 2015. The awards, sponsored by Booklist (booth #1923) and the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), have quickly gained a national following, and the celebratory events have been a highlight of recent Annual Conferences, especially for attendees who work closely with adult readers. With the Youth Media Awards following on Monday morning, the ALA Midwinter Meeting now offers all ALA book and media award announcements in the same 24 hours. The 2016 Carnegie announcements will be made on Sunday as part of the RUSA Book and Media Awards Ceremony and Reception, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Imperial Ballroom, Boston Park Plaza. The six books shortlisted include three nonfiction...
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Anti-racism Workshops Help Libraries Transform

The Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, with support from ALA President-Elect Julie Todaro, is offering two free four-hour anti-racism workshops facilitated by Community Change Inc. at part of the 2016 Midwinter Meeting. All attendees are invited to participate in “If I Hadn’t Believed It, I Wouldn’t Have Seen It: Exploring Systemic Racism and Its Implications for Our Lives and Work” on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or on Monday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Both workshops will be held in the Constitution Room at the Seaport Boston Hotel.

These interactive workshops will explore how race, systemic racism, and racial privilege have implications for our personal and professional lives and will provide tools to help us better recognize and address racism and other forms of oppression in our relationships, organizations, and institutions. Why talk about racism? What does it have to do with our work as librarians? Systemic structures such as racism uphold misinformation and perpetuate scarcity of access to information. Librarians, as information purveyors, must reflect on how our work upholds, contributes to, or helps dismantle these structures. Those of us who want to change oppressive systems need a shared understanding of how they operate; we can’t challenge something we do not see or understand. Facilitated by Paul Marcus, trainer/consultant at Community Change Inc. and Donna Bivens, trainer/consultant at Community Change Inc.

CCI is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote racial justice and equity by challenging systemic racism and acting as a catalyst for anti-racist action and learning. CCI was founded in 1968 following the publication of the U.S. Kerner Commission Report on Civil Disorders, and works today with a multi-racial constituency to equip people with the knowledge and skills necessary to take effective action, to support movement building tied to an action agenda, and to educate policy makers on institutional racism and its public policy implications.

For more information about CCI visit www.communitychangeinc.org.

Masters Series Programming Begins Today

The ALA Masters Series is a Midwinter Meeting chance to hear and talk to experts from across library specialties as they describe their latest in-house innovations in fast-paced sessions (attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch). These lunchtime sessions offer insights into the hottest trends and how librarians are stepping up to them. This year’s sessions feature Jason Griffey on “Measuring the Future” and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich on “Sustainable Thinking.”

In “Measuring the Future” today from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Jason Griffey will address how understanding your spaces can make your library better for everyone. One of the most valuable assets a library has is the physical building itself, but aside from gate count we have remarkably little information about how it’s used. What if you could have a Google Analytics-style dashboard and understanding of what happened in your library yesterday? Over time, longitudinal data about activity in your library can do amazing things: allow you to plan staffing predictively, let you A/B test displays or furniture arrangements, check what rooms are most popular during different parts of the day or year, and much more. Why just collect statistics when you can use them to actively make your library better for both staff and patrons? Griffey welcomes all attendees to a discussion about these issues and would like to know what attendees would like to see from the Measure the Future project (www.measurethefuture.net).

Griffey is a librarian, technologist, writer, and speaker. He has a blog called Pattern Recognition and also writes Release Candidate, an emerging technologies blog, and writes for the ALA TechSource blog.

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich will look at “Sustainable Thinking” on Sunday from 12:30 –1:30 p.m. Libraries must take an active, visible role in building sustainable, resilient, and regenerative communities. Our future depends on it. We will explore how to infuse the core value of sustainability into everything we do, taking a “whole systems approach” to leading our libraries into the future and building our base of support among those we serve along the way.

Smith Aldrich is the owner of Sustainable Libraries, LLC, and has been a public library development consultant since 1998. She currently holds the position of coordinator for library sustainability at the Mid-Hudson Library System in New York, where she assists 66 public libraries in the areas of governance, management, funding and facilities. Her website is www.sustainablelibraries.org.
Don’t Miss Change and Innovation Related Learning Today Through Monday

Because of you, libraries transform in myriad ways, and there’s plenty on offer at this Midwinter Meeting to help you become an even more effective change agent and innovator. One pillar of the Libraries Transform campaign is to provide access to everyone in the profession to learning, strategies, and information that help you move your institution or organization forward.

With that in mind, the ALA Center for the Future of Libraries and the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services (working with the Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion), invite you to take advantage of special and unique opportunities to work with change-focused experts and innovators and to take home some tested approaches and ideas.

“The Center for the Future of Libraries is delighted to be involved in offering these high-caliber learning opportunities,” said its director, Miguel Figueroa. “Learning from outside our own field about effective models of change and social/civic innovation strengthens us in making all types of libraries increasingly dynamic and indispensable within the community. The Center’s mission includes promoting futuring and innovation techniques to help librarians and library professionals shape their future, as well as to build connections with experts and innovative thinkers to help libraries address emerging issues. These events certainly help us do that.”

Libraries Transform –
Understanding Change
Today 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., BCEC 103
Trainers from renowned Kotter International, experts in the process and leadership of change, will lead an interactive session to explore libraries’ current context and look ahead to meeting imperative for Libraries Transform. Using Dr. John Kotter’s renowned 8-Step Process for Leading Change — and its core principles — as a backdrop, session participants will have the opportunity to work with colleagues and Kotter International to answer the questions: Where am I in the process of leading change, and what do I need to be doing now to move my library into the future? Sponsored by the Center for the Future of Libraries.

Libraries Transform: Civic and Social Innovation
Civic Innovators – Sunday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Social Innovators – Monday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. BCEC 103
Join Boston-based civic and social innovators, including representatives from Boston’s Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics, Boston College’s Center for Social Innovation, and leaders from nonprofits and design firms, for two outward-looking forums exploring the changes happening in our communities. Learn more about the issues civic and social innovators are addressing and the strategies they are employing. These innovations can inspire our efforts to help libraries transform. Sessions are designed for individuals’ busy meeting schedules — each day will feature two or three presentations and attendees are encouraged to drop in as their schedules allow. Sponsored by the Center for the Future of Libraries.

Libraries Transform cards are available in the ALA Lounge. Libraries Transform encompasses how libraries and librarians are preparing for and leading change that transforms lives in the communities they serve.
Author and Law Professor Catherine Ross to Discuss How Schools Teach Lessons in Censorship

Nearly a century ago Justice Abe Fortas famously declared that students do not shed their constitutional right to freedom of speech at the schoolhouse gate. Yet public schools in the United States frequently censor student speech, especially controversial speech, often with the approval of the courts. School librarians confront this reality daily as they advocate and defend students’ freedom of speech and their right to receive information.

“Lessons in Censorship,” a talk given by law professor and author Catherine J. Ross, will try to bring clarity to the bewildering array of court rulings that define the speech rights of young citizens in the school setting. During her talk, Ross will bring clarity to the bewildering array of court rulings that define the speech rights of young citizens in the school setting. During her talk, Ross will examine the disputes that have erupted in our schools and courts over students’ free speech rights and outline how the failure of schools to respect civil liberties betrays their educational mission and threatens democracy. Ross will also discuss how to protect free expression without disrupting education.

The program, part of the ALA Midwinter Meeting’s “News You Can Use” series, is sponsored by the Office for Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read Foundation. It will take place today from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in BCEC 253B. Following her talk, Ross will sign copies of her new book, Lessons in Censorship: How Schools and Courts Subvert Students’ First Amendment Rights, published by the Harvard University Press.

Catherine J. Ross is a law professor at George Washington University and, during the 2015-2016 academic year, a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard School of Education. She has been a member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, and has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, Yale, and other universities.

She is a co-author of Contemporary Family Law, a leading law school text (Foundation Press/West, 2015). For many years she led the American Bar Association’s efforts to address the legal needs of children. Please join us for this important “News You Can Use” session.

PLA Update on DigitalLearn.org: New Features and Modules

Learn the latest about DigitalLearn.org and its exciting updates for 2016 on Sunday from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in BCEC 253C. DigitalLearn.org is PLA’s resource for libraries and others to provide patrons with access to training modules on basic computer skills. It is also an online hub for digital literacy trainers to share and learn from each other. In 2016, DigitalLearn.org will add modules, translate content to Spanish, improve opportunities for trainers to share, and roll out customized registration and learning plan options for users. Come hear how your library can use DigitalLearn.org.

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Anti-bullying Activist Lizzie Velasquez to Present Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture

Anti-bullying activist Lizzie Velasquez will bring her message of not allowing others to define you and of turning negativity into a motivating force to the 2016 ALA Midwinter Meeting as the Arthur Curley lecturer today from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Born with a rare syndrome that prevents her from gaining weight and causes accelerated aging, Velasquez was first bullied as a child in school for looking different, and later as a teenager when she discovered a YouTube video labeling her “the world’s ugliest woman.” Instead of giving in to the cruelty and vitriol expressed, Velasquez decided to respond to the bullies and tormentors by fighting back in a positive way. She was inspired to speak out against both cyber- and face-to-face bullying, becoming a motivational speaker and author as well as the subject of the documentary “A Brave Heart: The Lizzie Velasquez Story,” which premiered at SXSW in 2015. She also got involved in lobbying Congress to pass an anti-bullying bill, and presented a TEDx talk – “How do you define yourself?” – which has been viewed more than 10 million times. She credits her parents with teaching her not to allow herself to be defined by what was different about her. “You are the one that decides what defines you,” she said. She decided to let her goals, success, and accomplishments define her, not her outward appearance, and has used the many negative things directed at her “as a ladder to help me climb up to my goals.” She exhorts her audience to remember that “brave starts here.”

The Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture series commemorates Arthur Curley’s lifelong dedication to the principles of intellectual freedom and free public access to information. Her appearance is sponsored by Tugg Educational Films.

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The awards, established in 2012, recognize the best fiction and nonfiction books for adult readers published in the U.S. in the previous year and serve as a guide to help adults select quality reading material. They are made possible in part by a generous 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, with additional support from Ingram Content Group (booth #1623). More information on the finalists and the awards is at www.ala.org/carnegieadult.

The Andrew Carnegie Medals celebratory event will continue to be held on the Saturday evening at ALA Annual Conference, including presentations by winning authors and a featured speaker. Save the date now – June 25th in Orlando!

Today’s Book Buzz Theater Schedule

9:30 – 10:15 a.m. – Penguin – Start your day off right with the Penguin Young Readers Book Buzz!

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. – Charlesbridge – The Art of Storytelling: How Illustrators Construct Stories

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Penguin Random House Publisher Services – Get Graphic with Penguin Random House

12:30 – 1:15 p.m. – Perseus, Hachette – Book Buzz

1:30 – 2:15 p.m. – HarperCollins Children’s, Macmillan Children’s, Bloomsbury Children’s, Disney Book Group


3:30 – 4:15 p.m. – Random House Children’s – Buzzing about our Favorite Spring and Summer 2016 Titles!

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Deep Dive Session – Brand New Workshop!

“We are all User Experience Librarians: Creating Change from the Trenches”

Join RUSA today from 1:00 – 4:15 p.m. in the BCEC room 207. This Deep Dive workshop will focus on user testing and understanding your users’ experience through a mix of discussion, presentations, and interactive experiences. Our five presenters will offer design strategies and tools from throughout the life cycle of a user experience design project, and they will also join together as a panel to provide a spirited, entertaining look at pitfalls to avoid and lessons learned. Unlike other sessions about user experience design, the proposed workshop will focus on providing attendees with concrete skills and techniques they can apply at their home institutions with relatively little expense or pre-planning.

Ticket information and more details can be found here: www.2016.alamidwinter.org/education-and-meetings#86. Learn more about the division at www.ala.org/rusa.

10 Questions About... ALA’s Green Initiatives

1. What is ThinkFit? This is ALA’s program to create a conference “with a small footprint” and provide sustainable options and opportunities.
2. What was the green option at registration? It is an option through online registration that allowed attendees to choose not to receive a bag and/or program.
3. What is ALA doing in Boston to be more green? Badge holders have been eliminated, fewer program books were printed, and a new mobile app and online scheduler have been introduced at ALA Midwinter 2016.
4. How is the BCEC “green”? The BCEC has policies to reduce and reuse paper products, donate all leftover pallets to local organizations, and use energy-saving, sensor-controlled lighting in the majority of spaces.
5. Can I access handouts electronically? Yes, using the BluBeams App. Click on the “what’s beaming” button in the ALA Midwinter Mobile App to get started.
6. Is there an online scheduler? Yes, the schedule is available online at http://www.eventscribe.com/2016/ALA-MidWinter/.
7. You can also use the ALA Midwinter Mobile App to create your personal schedule.
8. Are there any sessions on sustainable and green practices? The following sessions are on this topic:
   - The Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT) Meeting today 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Westin Waterfront, Quincy room
   - Ignite Session on Sunday 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., BCEC 206AB
   - Sustainability Round Table Social on Sunday 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Seaport Hotel, Harborview 1
10. What can attendees do to be green? Use reusable water bottles, recycle printed materials, and reuse your conference tote bag throughout the year (and bring it next year). You can also reduce your carbon footprint when traveling throughout Boston by riding the ALA hotel shuttles (see yesterday’s Cognotes, page 16) or by using the Boston Subway (the T): www.mbta.com/schedules_and_maps/subway/.
11. What other things are green in Boston? The Boston Public Garden, the Boston Celtics, and the Green Monster at Fenway Park.
First-time ALA attendees Allison Martel (left) and Clemencia Aramburo, both from Mount Ida College, Newton Center, MA, pick up some tips at the Conversation Starter Station in the registration area.

Dora Sims, Birmingham, AL, contributes to a poster in progress, one of many throughout the BCEC to be finished by Midwinter Meeting attendees.

Midwinter Unconference participants hold round table discussions.

Librarian Melissa Pityk, Lexington, SC, picks up a pair of LLAMA llamas that promote the division at the ALA Lounge.

Kay Runge (from left), president, KKRunge Associates, ALA Past President Camila Alire, and Carolyn Anthony, director, Skokie (IL) Public Library, greet one another in the BCEC lobby Friday.
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Where Does the U.S. Stand on “Right to be Forgotten” Policy? 
Whether we follow the EU’s lead will be debated today

In the European Union, a user has the right to have links to certain personal information removed from the results of web searches involving his or her name. This “right to be forgotten” has stimulated robust debate about the appropriateness of such a regime in other countries. ALA’s Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) will delve into the pros and cons about its possible adoption here in the U.S. during a breakout session today from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center room 253C.

Expert speakers include Gail Slater, vice president, legal and regulatory policy; Internet Association, which represents the leading Internet companies, and James G. Neal, university librarian emeritus, Columbia University, member of the board of trustees, Freedom to Read Foundation, and a member of ALA’s executive board. The session will be moderated by Alan S. Inouye, director of ALA’s OITP.

The “right to be forgotten” (RTBF) refers to an individual’s right to compel a search engine service to have a process for removing links to certain personal information from search results involving his or her name. The originally published information generally remains available and could potentially be located by using a different search engine or by trying different search terms. However, in some applications of RTBF, the underlying published information may, in fact, be removed.

Dan Lee, chair of the OITP Advisory Committee and director of the Office of Copyright Management and Scholarly Communication at the University of Arizona, explains that, “Librarians and librarians preserve and provide access to information. Since RTBF obscures information or essentially hides it from those searching on the Internet, it effectively removes access to information. This poses a challenge to a librarian’s social responsibility to help users find the information they need, and is especially harmful when there is a clear public interest in having access to it.” On the other hand, he said, “People should have control over the visibility of their own information. Sometimes, there are compelling reasons for why access to certain information should be eliminated or minimized. Thus, there is a fundamental tension between the rights of individuals and society. This should be a very interesting panel.”

ALA Seeks Proposals for 2016-2017 Diversity Research Grants

The ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services seeks proposals for the Diversity Research Grant program. Applications may address any diversity-related topic which addresses critical gaps in the knowledge of diversity, equity, and outreach issues within library and information science.

The application deadline is March 1, 2016. Applicants must be ALA members. The Diversity Research Grant consists of a one-time $2,500 award for original research. A jury of ALA members will evaluate proposals and select up to three awards. Grant recipients will be announced ahead of the 2016 ALA Annual Conference and will be expected to compile the results of their research into a paper, and to present and publish in conjunction with the American Library Association within the year following the completion of their research. The duration of the grant is for one year.

A complete proposal must include the following: a cover letter, a one-page vita for each of the researchers involved (including their current ALA membership numbers); a concise abstract of the project; and a description of the project detailing the justification, research objectives, expected outcomes and benefits, budget plan, and timeline.

For a complete list of the criteria, please visit: www.ala.org/research/larks/diversity. Submissions should be submitted in a PDF or Word document attachment, and emailed to diversity@ala.org. For more information or to inquire about possible research topics, please email diversity@ala.org or call 800-545-2433, ext. 5295.
Jenkins

Your Best Life at Every Age is also the title of her forthcoming book, in which she sets out to change the current conversation about what it means to get older, touching on important issues facing people 50+ today, and tackling new myths about aging – including that aging is a problem to be solved rather than a part of the human experience.

Previously, as president of AARP’s affiliated charity AARP Foundation, Jenkins led far-reaching development and social impact initiatives, including Drive to End Hunger, a national effort to help the millions of older Americans who struggle with hunger every day. She went to AARP millions of older Americans who struggle with hunger every day. She went to AARP Foundation from the Library of Congress where, during her 15-year tenure as chief operating officer, she developed and directed high-profile projects including the National Book Festival and the Library of Congress Experience, in addition to overseeing a $1 billion budget and 4,000 staff.

Her many awards and special recognition include the 2010 Women in Technology Leadership Award for her innovative work on the Library of Congress Experience, and the Library of Congress Distinguished Service Award. She is also a Malcolm Baldrige fellow, recipient of the 2013 Black Women’s Agenda Economic Development Award for spearheading investments undergirding innovative social impact programs, and one of the NonProfit Times’ Power and Influence Top 50 for 2013 and 2014, and Washington Life Magazine’s Power 100 for 2015. She received SmartCEO’s 2015 BRAVA award honoring top female chief executives.

Jenkins’ appearance at Midwinter Meeting is sponsored by PublicAffairs/Perseus Books Group.

ALA Library Language Access for Limited English Proficient Patrons

How can public libraries provide meaningful access to more than 25 million people in the U.S. who are Limited English Proficient? Hear an update of language access laws, policies, and recommendations on Sunday 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. in BCEC 253B. This event will introduce key elements of language access plans that have transformed service delivery in hospitals, government, and libraries. Eva Raison will explore how we can leverage staff strengths, technology, and data analysis to engage immigrant patrons in all library services.

Get Involved with RUSA

RUSA Membership Social

Kick off the 2016 ALA Midwinter Meeting in style with the Reference and User Services Association’s (RUSA) Membership Social – an opportunity to eat, drink, network, win door prizes, and learn more about RUSA. RUSA serves a broad range of library professionals, including reference and business reference librarians, as well as those in the fields of collection development, readers advisory, genealogy, bibliograpy, historical reference, resource sharing, and computer-based reference, to name a few. All attendees will have the opportunity to win fantastic door prizes.

The RUSA Membership Social is an excellent opportunity for new members and non-members to connect, as well as get involved with the division as a committee volunteer.

Meet the RUSA board members, committee chairs, and volunteer leaders, and have a little bit of fun today from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Boston. Grand Ballroom B. Appetizers and drinks will be available.

RUSA Speed Mentoring Session

Join a group of experienced Reference and User Services Association division leaders to engage in a fun, interactive “speed mentoring” session. Similar in format to “speed dating,” MLS students, new librarians, and mid-career librarians are invited and will have the opportunity to gain leadership advice from a number of senior librarians and RUSA leaders. This event is today from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Boston, Adrienne Salon. Learn more about the division at www.ala.org/rusa.

RUSA Book & Media Awards Ceremony and Reception

Join us as we unveil the year’s best in fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and reference for adult readers. This year, in addition to the Listen List, Reading List, Notable Books list, and more, we will also be announcing the winners of ALA’s Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction, cosponsored by RUSA and Booklist. All Midwinter attendees are invited to this event on Sunday from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Boston Park Plaza, Imperial Ballroom. Light refreshments provided.

The event is sponsored in part by NoveList.

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Money affects all Americans, but many of us lack the knowledge we need to make smart financial choices that will prepare us for whatever the future brings.

Smart investing@your library, a partnership between ALA and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation, strives to bring information and resources about financial literacy to the American public through an institution perfectly situated to reach them: the public library.

How can your library get involved?

Apply now for the Thinking Money traveling exhibition.

Looking for a new way to teach patrons about money? Thinking Money, a museum-quality traveling exhibition, will teach tweens, teens and their parents, caregivers, and educators about financial literacy topics – like saving, spending, and avoiding fraud – in a way that is not only understandable, but fun.

The exhibition will travel to 50 U.S. public libraries between 2016 and 2018. Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content, and other fun, hands-on activities, the exhibition explores themes like wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy/sunny day, and imagining your future self.

Each selected site will receive:
• 1,000-square-foot traveling exhibition, including two iPads preloaded with fun educational content and four low-tech activity stations, for a six-week loan;
• travel and accommodations to attend an orientation workshop at the 2016 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando;
• online training modules for library staff;
• tips and tools for related programs; and
• a $1,000 programming allowance.

For guidelines and to apply online, visit www.ala.org/thinkingmoney. Applications are due January 29, 2016.

Learn From and Share New Online Courses

Smart investing@your library has recently released 15 online, self-paced staff development courses for libraries. They are all newly updated, and they are all free. Designed specifically for public service librarians (but available to everyone), these elearning modules teach you how best to talk to your patrons about financial literacy topics, including basic money management, teaching kids about money, investing, and estate planning.

To learn more, visit smartinvesting.ala.org, click “Staff Training” and “Online Courses.”

Check out new collection management tools

Looking for tips to improve your library’s financial literacy collections? The Smart investing@your library Staff Development Toolkit can help you update and manage your library’s personal finance and investing collection; identify the best publishers of print and database resources; promote your personal finance collection; and more. Get these tools at smartinvesting.ala.org under “Reliable Content.”

For more information, visit the Reference & User Services Association (RUSA) Guidelines for Financial Literacy Education in Libraries.

Now in its eighth year, Smart investing@your library has awarded over $10 million to public libraries, community college libraries and library networks nationwide. ALA and the FINRA Foundation are also working together on a research study of financial literacy resources and services available in U.S. public libraries.
The greatest breakthroughs happen when knowledge is shared, giving thinkers and dreamers a clear view of each other’s ideas. When OCLC member libraries share their collective resources, ground-breaking ideas aren’t merely possible—they’re inevitable.

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Ignite Sessions Offer Insights

2016 ALA Midwinter Meeting attendees will have the chance to be inspired and entertained by the popular five-minute Ignite sessions, coming to ALA Midwinter Meeting for the second time. Each five-minute session is accompanied by 20 slides that advance automatically every 15 seconds. Six Ignite sessions will take place from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. today, Sunday, and Monday. See the full schedule and descriptions on the Midwinter website.

Topics include: ideas from Burning Man; learners as leaders; lessons from website A/B testing; digital preservation; fine-tuning the LibGuides user experiences; after school gaming; wearable tech; challenges facing new directors; privacy and security; digital humanities unconcerned; and more.

"Ignite sessions offer the unique opportunity to quickly get exciting ideas for new programs and services in a fast-paced and entertaining setting. No other program offers such a wide array of new ideas in such a short time," said Patrick Sweeney, administrative librarian, Sunnyvale Public Library.

The proposals went through a public voting process that counted for 30 percent of the selection process (staff votes accounted for another 30 percent, while the remaining 40 percent was decided by an advisory group of ALA members).

Join us at Booth #1011 for a tea party!

To celebrate the spirit of Boston, we’re hosting a tea party on Sunday, January 10th at 2:00 PM. Stop by the Taylor & Francis booth #1011 for a cup of tea and to chat with Taylor & Francis staff about new products and services for 2016. You can also enter to win a Boston Tea Set and other prizes. We hope to see you there!
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USBBY Announces the 2016 Outstanding International Books List

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ALSC Releases Competencies

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) has released a revised edition of its Competencies for Librarians Serving Children in Public Libraries. ALSC recommends these core competencies to all children’s librarians and other library staff whose primary duties include delivering library service to and advocating library service for children ages birth to 14.

“Effective library service to children entails a broad range of experience and professional skills. The ALSC competencies seek to define the role of the librarian serving children and touch upon seven knowledge and skill sets: commitment to client group; reference and user services; programming skills; knowledge, curation, and management of materials; outreach and advocacy; administrative and management skills; and professionalism and professional development. "The ALSC Education Committee thanks everyone who participated in the feedback process," said ALSC Education Committee Co-Chair Nina Lindsay. "Children deserve the highest-quality service and we feel that these competencies create a very high standard for library service to children."

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