

Putting the 2015 ALSC Competencies Into Action: A Resource List

Selected Resources

- ****Library Service to Special Population Children and their Caregivers** – Toolkit for Librarians and Library Workers with suggestions on how to help all children and families feel welcome at the library. Available: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/professional-tools/lsspcc-toolkit-2015.pdf>
- **Creating More Inclusive Libraries webstreams** – Produced by the Lincoln Trail Library System via an IMLS grant, these highly recommended training videos featuring diversity trainer Susan O’Halloran provide opportunities for librarians to think about their cultural biases and how that influences the library services they offer to diverse populations. Available: http://lincolntrail.typepad.com/ltls_quick_connections/2011/06/cmil-session-1a.html
- **Guide for Selecting Anti-Bias Children’s Books** - Created by Louise Derman-Sparks and accessible on the Teaching for Change website, this checklist provides quick suggestions for things to look for when evaluating children’s books for bias. The website also publishes a list of top children’s and YA books for promoting social justice. Available: <https://socialjusticebooks.org/guide-for-selecting-anti-bias-childrens-books/>
- **American Library Association Office of Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services** – One stop location for many of ALA’s diversity-related initiatives and programs. Available: <http://www.ala.org/offices/diversity>
- **American Indians in Children’s Literature** – Blog by librarian and researcher Debbie Reese that critically examines the representation of indigenous characters in youth literature. Available: <http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com>
- **The Brown Bookshelf** - thebrownbookshelf.com/
- **CBC Diversity by Children’s Book Council** – Group of book creators, librarians, and publishers dedicated to promoting diversity in youth literature. Available: <http://www.cbcdiversity.com>
- **Children’s Books By and About People of Color (Annual Statistics) by the Cooperative Children’s Book Center, University of Wisconsin – Madison** – Annual statistics of children’s and YA books published each year representing racial diversity. Available: <http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp>
- **CrazyQuiltEdi**-Blog dedicated to promoting Native American authors, Authors of Color and their work. Provides critical book reviews and author interviews, booklists and related resources. <http://campbele.wordpress.com>
- **Colorin Colorado** - a bilingual site for educators and families of bilingual learners. <http://www.colorincolorado.org/books-authors/multicultural-literature>

- **Disability in Kid Lit** - disabilityinkidlit.com/
- **The Danger of a Single Story. TEDtalk by Author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, 2009.** – Describes the important for books and other media to accurately depict our culturally pluralistic society. Available: http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story.html
- **Gay YA** - gayya.org/
- **The Windows and Mirrors of Your Child’s Bookself. TEDtalk by Author/ Illustrator Grace Lin, 2016.** - Describes why it is important for children’s books to reflect the diversity of our world, serving not only as mirrors but windows too. Available: <http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/The-Windows-and-Mirrors-of-Your>
- **Importance of Diversity in Library Programs and Material Collections for Children (2014)** – Whitepaper published by the Association for Library Service to Children about why libraries should provide diversity in the services, programs, and collections they offer. Contains several links at the end for multicultural books awards, professional books on multicultural library services, and program ideas for outreach to diverse populations. Available: http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/ALSCwhitepaper_importance%20of%20diversity_with%20graphics_FINAL.pdf
- **International Children’s Digital Library** – Free full text scans of children’s picture books and intermediate books from around the world. Books are available in many, many different languages. Available: <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>
- **Latinx in Kid Lit** - latinosinkidlit.com/
- **Libraries 4 Black Lives** – Resource for librarians dedicated to supporting the Movement for Black Lives and suggesting tangible ways librarians can affirm that the library supports racial equality. Available: <http://libraries4blacklives.org/>
- **Mirrors Windows Doors: Celebrating Diversity in a Whole World of Children’s and YA Literature** - UK-based resource blog that includes thoughtful articles about cultural diversity in children’s literature, interviews with authors and illustrators of multicultural books, and rich information about connecting children and teens with culturally diverse books around the world. Available: <http://mirrorswindowsdoors.org/wp/>
- **Multicultural Library Manifesto (2012)**- Developed by International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO), this resource provides helpful information for librarians interested in serving diverse populations. Available: http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/library-services-to-multicultural-populations/publications/multicultural_library_manifesto-en.pdf
- **National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)** – Free library program operated through the Library of Congress that offers resources for libraries serving differently able patrons. Available: <http://www.loc.gov/nls/>

- **Open Book** – Blog hosted by the children’s book publisher Lee & Low Books, which provides snapshots on diversity in children’s and adult media as well as critical commentary on diversity publishing. Available: <http://blog.leeandlow.com>
- **Reading While White** – Critical blog by four white children’s librarians that examines cultural diversity in children’s and YA literature and how white culture influences interactions with diverse books. Available: <http://readingwhilewhite.blogspot.com>
- **Rich in Color** - Blog dedicated to promoting young adult literature with diverse characters or written by authors of color. Available: <http://richincolor.com>
- **We Need Diverse Books Campaign** – Grassroots effort started in April 2014 to address the lack of diversity in children’s and YA publishing. Available: <http://weneeddiversebooks.org/>
- **The White Ravens: A Selection of International Children’s and Youth Literature.** Searchable database of international children’s literature from countries around the world. Sorted by year, language, and country of origin. Books selected by specialists at the International Youth Library. Available: Available: <http://www.ijb.de/en/reference-library/white-ravens-online.html>
- **We Stories** – Nonprofit organization in St. Louis dedicated to providing opportunities for young children to interact with books that spark conversations around diversity. Available: <http://www.westories.org/>
- **World of Words (WOW): International Collection of Children’s and Adolescent Literature** - Created by the University of Arizona, the resource contains a database of children’s and young adult books from around the world as well as articles related to multicultural or international children’s literature. Available: <http://wowlit.org/>
- **The World Through Picture Books: Librarians’ Favourite Books from Their Country** - Booklist produced by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Libraries for Children and Young Adults section, IFLA Literacy and Reading section, and IBBY. Includes recommended children’s books from 36 countries that can be used to promote intercultural understanding through children’s books. A traveling exhibition is also available to librarians. Available: <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/publications/professional-report/135.pdf>

Grant & Scholarship Resources

- **Light the Way Grant: Outreach to the Underserved Grant** - Awarded by the Association for Library Service to Children and sponsored by Candlewick Press, this grant supports an exemplary library outreach program to underserved children. Available: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/candlewicklighttheway>
- **Ezra Jack Keats Minigrant Program for Public Libraries & Public Schools** - Awarded by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, these grants fund activities that “foster creative expression, working together and interaction with a diverse community.” Available:

<http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/section/ezra-jack-keats-mini-grant-program-for-public-libraries-public-schools/>

- **Coretta Scott King Book Awards Donation Grant** - Administered by the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) of ALA, this grant provides children's books featuring African American characters to underfunded libraries, schools, churches, homeless shelters, and other such places that will allow these books to get into the hands of underserved children. Available: <http://www.ala.org/emiert/ckbookawards/bookgrant>
- **Spectrum Scholarship Program** – Established in 1997, this program is designed to increase the number of culturally diverse librarians in the field. Available: <http://www.ala.org/offices/diversity/spectrum>
- **ALA Diversity Research Grant** – Supported by ALA, this grant encourages research in diversity--related topics (broadly defined) of concern to the field of librarianship. Available: <http://www.ala.org/research/larks/diversity>

Selected Cultural Programming Resources

- **Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys** by National Endowment for the Humanities in collaboration with the American Library Association's Public Program Office <http://bridgingcultures.neh.gov/muslimjourneys/>
- **¡Colorín Colorado!** by Reading Rockets - <http://www.colorincolorado.org/>
- **Dai Dai Xiang Chuan: Bridging Generations, a Bag at a Time** by the Chinese American Librarians Association - <http://daidai.cala-web.org/resources/>
- **El Día de los niños/El Día de los Libros (Day of the Child Day of the Book)** by the Association for Library Service to Children, Pat Mora, and REFORMA - <http://dia.ala.org/>
- **Embracing Diversity: Sharing Our Songs and Rhymes** by Burnaby Public Library (Canada). Suggests many songs and storytime ideas for promoting cultural understanding in multiple languages. Available: <http://bpl.bc.ca/kids/embracing-diversity/program-ideas>
- **International Children's Book Day.** Celebrated on or around April 2nd. Each year a national section of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) is selected to develop a theme and create a poster with artwork and a message to children around the world promoting literacy. Available: <http://www.ibby.org/1494.0.html>
- **Libraries and Autism: Were Connected** by Library Connections - <http://librariesandautism.org/index.htm>
- **Noche de Cuentos** by REFORMA (The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking) - <http://nochedecuentos.org/>
- **Perspectives for a Diverse America** by Teaching Tolerance is a free literacy-based curriculum focusing on social justice and anti-bias themes. - <http://perspectives.tolerance.org>

- **Programming Librarian** by the American Library Association,- <http://www.programminglibrarian.org>
- **Reading Is Grand! Celebrating Grand-Families @ Your Library** by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association - <http://bcalareadingisgrand.weebly.com>
- **Sister Libraries Program** by Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) - <http://sisterlibraries.wordpress.com/>
- **Talk Story: Sharing Stories, Sharing Culture** by American Indian Library Association and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association - <http://talkstorytogether.org/>
- **Welcoming Schools** by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation - <http://www.welcomingschools.org/resources/lesson-plans/>
- **Public Libraries A Vital Space for Family Engagement** http://www.ala.org/pla/sites/ala.org.pla/files/content/initiatives/familyengagement/Public-Libraries-A-Vital-Space-for-Family-Engagement_HFRP-PLA_August-2-2016.pdf

Articles & Books

- **“Rethinking Tikki Tikki Tembo”** by Grace Lin. Available: <http://www.gracelinblog.com/2012/04/rethinking-tikki-tikki-tembo.html>
- **“Children’s Books: Still an All-White World”** by K.T. Horning. Available: <http://www.slj.com/2014/05/diversity/childrens-books-still-an-all-white-world>
- **“Perceptions of Diversity in Book Reviews”** by Malinda Lo. Available: <http://www.malindalo.com/2015/02/perceptions-of-diversity-in-book-reviews/>
- ***Diversity in Youth Literature: Opening Doors Through Reading*** edited by Jamie Naidoo and Sarah Park Dahlen
- ***Information Services to Diverse Populations: Developing Culturally Competent Library Professionals*** by Nicole Cooke

Scholars

- Nicole Cooke
- Susan O’Halloran
- Renee Franklin Hill
- Kafi Kumasi
- Patricia Montiel Overall

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- Grace Lin @pacylin
- Diversity in YA @diversityinya
- BookDragon @SIBookDragon
- The Valkyries @LCSValkyries
- Read Diverse Books @_diversebooks
- We Need Diverse Books @diversebooks
- Gay YA @thegayYA
- Latinx Geeks @LatinxGeeks
- Disability in Kidlit @DisabilityInLit
- Rich in Color @Rich_in_Color
- Debbie Reese @debreese
- Edith Campbell @CrazyQuilts
- Minorities in Publishing @MinoritiesinPub
- Laura Jimenez @booktoss
- Reading While White @ReadWhileWhite

Note: This list is meant to be a starting place; there are many more resources that we could not include here. We hope you will continue seeking out the resources and learning opportunities you need to be an effective youth advocate.