JOIN US!
"We are looking for a few good DC Library Workers! Nominate yourself or your coworker by May 21st.

DCLA 2021/2022 Executive Board and Award Nominations

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY
The 2021 application for the Ruth Fine Memorial Student Loan of $6,000 is open. DCLA will accept applications until Friday, June 11, 2021.

For complete information and application forms, please visit our website.

SUPPORT SCHOOL LIBRARIANS
Sign the Petition in support for DC School Librarians! Don’t let them fire DC School Librarians! Contact the Chancellor and Administration to firmly say that no DCPS school librarian is “Excess” to their students.

LOOKING FOR A JOB?
Looking for a job? Check out the DCLA Career Portal for all the latest DC, as well as the surrounding area, library jobs! Share this link freely with your organization and colleagues interested in finding a job in DC and beyond.

Reach more library professional in the DC Metropolitan Area with the new DCLA Career Portal. Visit the DCLA Career Portal to begin posting today.
STATEMENT ON EVENTS THAT OCCURRED JANUARY 6TH 2021

DCLA condemns the events that took place in our city on January 6th to undermine the democratic electoral process of our country. The violence we witnessed on Capitol Hill reminds us about the important role libraries, librarians, and information professionals play in a democratic society by providing unbiased access to information resources for an informed citizenry.

Furthermore, we condemn the attack on Asbury United Methodist Church, one of the oldest Black churches in the District. The District of Columbia is so much more than the seat of our government. It is our home and a community with neighborhoods, people from all walks of life, and is a historic cultural center that is the home of more than 220 sites that document the important role of African Americans in the history of the District and the United States. These sites include the homes of Fredrick Douglass and Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Black History. Our National Mall honors Black people at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and the National Museum of African American History. We want to emphasize that people living and working in Washington, D.C. are strong and come together in unity during these difficult times as we reconcile with the emotional strain caused by recent events.

DCLA will continue to advocate for the work libraries perform to empower democratic communities. We also want to express our gratitude to the American Library Association and state chapters for reaching out to DC libraries and librarians.

Please read ALA’s full statement by following this link and consider registering as an advocate for the District of Columbia.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

- Tracy Sumler
- DC Public Library
- Outreach & Inclusion Department Head
- 4 years in that position, 24 years in Public Services
- Member of DCLA since 2017
- Best part about being a DCLA member is meeting library workers from all fields of library services
- What would you do if you weren’t a librarian? I’d be a baker!
- What is your favorite inspirational quote? Well behaved women rarely make history! - Eleanor Roosevelt

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021/2022 DCLA Board Elections June 4, 2021

Annual Event & Award Ceremony late June 2021

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