

NMRT BULLETIN

A monthly digest from ALA New Members Round Table



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STUDENT VOICES WELCOMED!

The NMRT Communication Committee is looking, and our committee sincerely hopes to get more student voices involved and hear about all the things you are working on! Is a student member presenting? Any fun chapter activities going on, or would you like to highlight any member accomplishments? What are your research interests? Any cool outreach activities you have recently planned or implemented in your practicum or on-site at your job? The Communications Committee would love to hear from you! If your student chapter has anything to share or would like to write a piece to be featured on the NMRT blog. Please reach out to the Communications Committee member, Josh Rimmer (J. Rimmer84 @ gmail), for more information. The Communications Committee appreciates your consideration, and we hope to be in touch with your student chapter soon! Be well, and stay safe!

OUTREACH SUPPORT!

On behalf of the Communications Committee, we wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season! See you later 2020, and welcome 2021! In the light of this optimistic spirit, the Communications Committee is willing to help publicize committee projects, inner workings and help promote and highlight all the wonderful things you do! However, our committee can aid and assist in what you do. Let us know what we can do for you! Contact J.Rimmer84 @ gmail.com to collaborate on your outreach needs!

NMRT ORIENTATION SESSION @ MIDWINTER

Greetings from the NMRT Orientation Committee! Is this your first virtual conference? Are you looking to meet more librarians? Do you have questions about ALA, your professional journey, or librarianship? This is the place for you!

Join us this year at ALA Midwinter Virtual Meeting & Exhibits on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 9 to 10 AM. To access the meeting, you'll need to login to the conference and then look for links to programs. Note that ALA student members and employees with reduced hours can register for Midwinter for FREE. We have put together a fun and interactive orientation session that will help you get your bearings: to the New Members Round Table (NMRT), to ALA, and to a virtual conference setting. Our panel guests include Dani Cook, Vice-President of NMRT; Tina Coleman, ALA's Membership Specialist and brings 20 years of experience with ALA membership and services; and Kim Redd, program manager at ALA, who has all of the answers and is more than willing to share them! The sooner you know what the NMRT has to offer, the sooner it can be a resource for navigating the first years of your career as an information professional. We hope to see you at Midwinter!

ALA Midwinter Virtual Meeting

New Member's Roundtable Presents:

Orientation & Info Session

Learn about ALA, NMRT, navigating virtual conferences, & much more!

January 23 2021

Register for Midwinter at:

<https://2021.alamidwinter.org/registration/register-now>

Student Members & Employees with reduced hours can register for FREE

For more information click [here](#).

NEW PERSPECTIVES INTERVIEW ON NOTES

Check out the Communication Committees' latest Perspective interview, featuring law librarian Elizabeth Ashley Crowder.

Many thanks to

Communication Committee member Jessica Regitano for arranging this interview

<https://www.nmrt.ala.org/notes/crowder-serota-perspectives/>

LIBRARY HISTORY ROUNDTABLE

Do you love history? Ever wonder how you could incorporate your love of history into libraries? Say no more, and there is a home for history lovers within ALA!

The Library History Roundtable! (<http://www.ala.org/rt/lhrt>) Check out NMRT's blog, Notes, we have a special feature from LHRT's chair, Bernadette A. Lear highlighting all the workings of LHRT!

NMRT MIDWINTER SOCIAL

Join us on Sunday, January 24 from 6-8 pm CST for the always exciting NMRT Midwinter Social as we move virtual! What better way to meet and network with your peers than by defeating them in a friendly competition - or joining them in our discussion rooms?

All conference attendees - not just NMRT members - are welcome to join as we play fun games and network with peers. Space is limited, so register soon!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VB98NCN>

STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT UPDATE!

Payments on Federal Student Loans, which have been suspended from March 13, 2020, will resume after January 31st, 2021. The CARES Act originally provided for payments to be suspended through September 30th, 2020. All provisions of the act were later extended through December 31st, 2020 by Executive Action, and were extended through January 31st, 2021 by the Secretary of Education.

If you are in Income Driven Repayment and your family has grown, or your income has gone down since you last made a payment, you can recertify your new income at studentaid.gov and lower your payment before it is due in February. If your family has not grown and your income has not changed significantly, you need not recertify your income until your IDR plan anniversary in 2021.

If you are not in an IDR plan yet, you may find that applying for one lowers your monthly payment, and can make you eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness on eligible loans for eligible employees of eligible employers.

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<https://tinyurl.com/y36bayyo>

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