

As this issue of *Progressive Librarian* heads to press, the outrages of the first year of the Trump administration are powerfully countered by an abundance of resistance. From women's marches and airport shutdowns to the #MeToo and Break the Internet campaigns, heartening signs abound that social movements toward justice inside the United States are gaining momentum on many fronts. Unfortunately, successes over the past year at times seem overshadowed by the tremendous challenges facing us all. The pressure and enormity of the past year have not occurred in a vacuum. Within PLG we have struggled to find the energy to maintain consistent, solid communication and put new ideas into practice. Several of our stalwart editors and coordinating committee members have resigned, retired, gone on to other projects, or simply needed to put time and energy elsewhere. Their departures leave some voids that can never be filled, but also create openings for new people to make their place within PLG.

Our members have always been the driving force of this organization. If you are looking for ways you can make a difference in these troubling times, please consider joining the PLG's Coordinating Committee and help us meet the challenge. Details on getting involved can be found on our website.

With that said, and in the midst of this churning political scene, you might ask: Where is PLG? What, as an organization, have we accomplished over the past year? What more can we do?

Much of our work this past year has been internally focused, but always with an eye to where we want the organization to stand in relation to the shifting landscape of librarianship in our society. Organizationally, PLG's accomplishments for 2017 include a revised Statement of Purpose – with a survey of the membership to ascertain members' thoughts and solicit feedback. We issued a statement in support of librarian Leslie Williams, the sole African-American librarian of the Evanston (IL) Public Library, who was targeted by library management for disciplinary measures in response to her advocacy on behalf of excluded and underserved library constituents. We also submitted for public comment and record our opposition to policy changes by the Department of Homeland Security that threatened privacy rights of immigrants and naturalized U.S. citizens. Additionally, we launched a beautiful new website and blog; increased our social media presence; we published issue #45 of *Progressive Librarian*, and sponsored a program on neoliberalism and librarianship at the annual conference of the American Library Association, the papers presented are in this issue of *PL*.

The articles and documents contained in this issue stand as testament to the attention library and archive workers are giving to demands for social change. A major focus of this issue is neo-liberalism and the insidious spread of policies that continue to de-professionalize library workers, utilize business models to determine the value of resources (human and otherwise) and erode public space for political education, community building and dissent. Authors Harrissis, McDonald, Buschman, Seale, Hudson, Kreneck, Wilkinson, Budd and Harloe all write about neoliberalism's nefarious impact throughout our profession and within our institutions, and Kuecker's article reveals the manner in which neoliberal ideology has driven how LIS researchers approach practical issues such as the use of students as library workers.

There is also attention to other relevant topics within librarianship as Brattland analyzes the information source preferences in social media communities with focus on the Brock Turner rape case as an example; Patino and Latham describe a project designed to support the day-to-day information needs of a community group, in this case Planned Parenthood; and our Braverman essayist looks at personal health data tracking technologies. While Ramirez-Ordoñez and Simón paint a picture of the repression faced by the most visible faces in the struggles of the rights of access to information for all people in the world, lest we become discouraged, the articles by Kagan and ALA resolutions give ground for hope — the former an overview of how librarianship responded to the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, and the later examples of progressives' influence within mainstream librarianship. The task, as always, is to transform resolution into reality.

As 2018 dawns, we now find ourselves with the momentum of a newly revised statement of purpose, a newly redesigned website, a new blog, and a respected journal with a long history. But without filling our open leadership roles, we'll fail to capitalize on our collective strength and risk the organization's sustainability. As we continue to resist the forces that undermine our values and progressive librarianship, PLG remains committed to (re)conceptualizing our work, calling out inequality and injustice in librarianship and cultivating a robust organization capable of responding to an expansive set of social challenges.

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