

Happy June, Oregon Library Community!

It is hard to believe that summer is almost here. I hope that amidst all the twists and turns many of us have been navigating recently, each of you has found an opportunity (or many!) to focus on rest, enjoyment and self-care. I have been listening to [Pride365 Radio](#) (also linked below) almost non-stop this past week, and it's been a mood-lifter for sure! I have also been prioritizing time in nature, which has filled my cup in more ways than one.

Like each month, I am sharing links to upcoming opportunities, resources, and ideas for self-guided learning and reflection. I want to do a special highlight of the **Oregon Library Association's EDI & Antiracism Committee Professional Development Scholarships**, since this is the last month to submit applications. If you are interested in a learning event that is scheduled to take place or begin before the end of July, please consider applying. In addition to the opportunities listed below, here are [additional organizations](#) that may have upcoming EDIA- related learning events.

As always, feel free to text, call, or email questions, support needs, and/or to schedule time to chat. Thank you for all that you continue to do for libraries, for your communities, and for each other. Remember to take a moment to seek out your joy.

Warm Regards,



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**State Library of Oregon**

**Library Support and Development Services**

**Work Schedule: Monday-Thursday**

## VIRTUAL MEETUPS

*All virtual meetup groups are for individuals employed, volunteering, or looking for work in Oregon libraries. Managers and supervisors are permitted to join. Upholding confidentiality of attendees, conversations and information shared in these meetups is required.*

### **DEI Virtual Meetup for Oregon Libraries** (Second Wednesday of every month)

*For anyone engaged in diversity, equity, inclusion & belonging work in Oregon libraries.*

Wednesday, **June 11<sup>th</sup>**, 3:30-4:30p | [Meetup Link](#)

### **2SLGBTQIA+ Virtual Affinity Meetup** (Third Tuesday of every month)

*For Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and/or not listed as it pertains to sexual orientation, romantic orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression.*

Tuesday, **June 17<sup>th</sup>**, noon-1pm | [Meeting details and link](#)

### **BIPOC Virtual Affinity Meetup** (Fourth Tuesday of every month)

*For Black, Indigenous, and other people of color.*

Tuesday, **June 24<sup>th</sup>**, noon-1p | [Meeting details and link](#)

### **Disability & Neurodivergence Affinity Meetup** (First Tuesday of every month)

*For people who identify as neurodivergent, have a disability, or hold intersecting identities falling into both these groups---to include those with diagnosed, self-diagnosed, or suspected conditions.*

Tuesday, **July 1<sup>st</sup>**, noon-1p | [Meeting details and link](#)

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### Free

Find additional free training events on the State Library of Oregon's [Continuing Education Calendar](#)

- [Sparkling Community Connections: Rural Public Library Partnerships](#) (*Nebraska Library Commission*)  
Webinar | Wednesday, **June 11**, 8-9a | [Register here](#)
- [Managing Your Hotspot Program: Tools to Identify Service for Underserved and Not-served Communities](#) (*Libraries 4 Digital Equity*)  
Webinar | Wednesday, **June 11**, 11:00a | [Register here](#)
- [Talking Teen Services: Kids and Teens are Patrons, Too – Restorative Justice and Trauma-Informed Approaches in Public Libraries](#) (*CSL In Session*)  
Webinar | Thursday, **June 12**, 10-11:30a | [Register here](#)

- **Recognizing Emotional Stress in Youth: Providing Empowerment Strategies for Educators** ([edWeb.net](#))  
Webinar | Wednesday, **June 18**, 9-10a | **Register [here](#)**
- **Outreach at Any Size** ( [Nebraska Library Commission](#))  
Webinar | Wednesday, **June 18**, 8-9a | **Register [here](#)**
- **Tools to Cut Through Equity Uncertainty & Lead Your Team with Clarity** ([Nonprofit Learning Lab](#))  
Webinar | Wednesday, **June 18**, 9-10a | **Register [here](#)**
- **Rethinking Attendance to Keep Every Student Connected to Learning and Belonging** ([edWeb.net](#))  
Webinar | Wednesday, **June 25**, 10-11a | **Register [here](#)**
- **Trauma Informed Care for Grieving Families** ([Indiana State Library Continuing Ed](#) w/presenter *Lindsay Diener-Locke*)  
Webinar | Wednesday, **June 25**, 7a | **Register [here](#)**
- **You're Not Being 'Nice' You're Being Invisible** (Consultant [Nisha Mody](#))  
Workshop | Wednesday, **July 9**, 4-5:30p | **Register [here](#)**

### On-Demand

- **How Wide is Your Window: A Thoughtful Approach to EDI Family Programming** ([CSL In Session](#)-Colorado State Library)  
On-Demand Webinar | 1hr 10min | November 2024
- **Building Community Connections by Hiring for Cultural Knowledge** ([WebJunction](#))  
On-Demand Webinar | 1hr | January 2025
- **Resources and Strategies to Protect Older Adults from Fraud and Scams** ([WebJunction](#))  
On-Demand Webinar | 1hr | June 2025

**+Need access to Oregon's Library Staff Academy? Just fill out [this form](#) (available to Oregon library staff, volunteers, and board members). Then you can get started here: <https://my.nicheacademy.com/oregonstaff>**

**Fee-based \$** \*(see information below about scholarship opportunities)

- [Neurodiversity in the Academic Library](#) (*Core*)  
Live Webinar | Wed. **June 11**, 11a | **Cost: Core member:** \$57.67; **ALA member:** \$71.10; **Non-member-** \$79
- [Turning the Page on Trauma: Libraries as Safe Havens for Children and Caregivers](#) (*ALA eLearning/ ALSC*)  
Live Webinar | Wed. **June 12**, 10:30a | **Cost: ALSC member:** \$39.50; **ALA member:** \$71.10; **Non-member-** \$79
- [Understanding, Supporting, and Empowering Neurodiverse Library Professionals](#) (*Library Juice Academy*)  
4-Week Course | **July 7- August 3** | **Cost:** \$250

**In-Person Learning** \*(see information below about scholarship opportunities)

- [People of Color in Library & Information Science \(POCinLIS\) Summit](#)  
Online Summit | Friday, **July 25, 2025** | Free; Space is limited
- [2025 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Education Summit](#)  
**August 6, 2025** | Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde, OR | Free
- [Pacific Northwest Library Association \(PNLA\) Virtual Conference](#)  
**August 7-9, 2025** | Virtual | Various Pricing (\*\$100-\$225)  
\*Early Bird Pricing through July 3, 2025
- [REFORMA National Conference VIII](#)  
**September 18-21, 2025** | Long Beach, CA | Various Pricing  
*Early bird rates have been extended to **June 14***
- [Association for Rural and Small Libraries \(ARSL\) 2025 Conference](#)  
**September 17-20, 2025** | Albuquerque | Various Pricing
- [AASL \(American Association of School Librarians\) National Conference](#)  
**October 16-18, 2025** | St. Louis, MO | Various Pricing

**\* OLA EDI & Antiracism Committee's Professional Development Scholarships**

*Scholarships to support EDI & Antiracism professional development for library staff, volunteers, and library-job seekers in Oregon. For more information and link to application, visit [here](#)*

## INDEPENDENT EXPLORATION



### Read:

**Article-** [Hundreds of ‘DEI’ books are back at the Naval Academy. An alum and a bookshop fought their removal](#) (by Nadra Nittle, Mariel Padilla; Yahoo News, May 2025; 7 min read)

**Peer-reviewed Article:** [Puzzlement and Praxis in the Academic Library: Critically Reimagining Collection Practices with Students](#) (by Cee Carter & Sarah Keener; *In the Library With The Lead Pipe* Journal, May 2025; 25+ min read)

**Bonus reads:** [Pentagon orders military leaders to pull library materials on diversity-related issues](#) (by Caitlin Yilek; CBS News, May 2025; 5 min read)

[From the Files of Harvard, Here’s How Real Slaves Looked 175 Years Ago: Harvard University just settled a 15-year legal battle with a woman over portraits of her enslaved ancestors](#) (by Phenix S Halley; *The Root*, June 2025; 5 min read)



### Watch:

[Stonewall Forever - A Documentary about the Past, Present and Future of Pride](#) (**TW**, **strong language warning**, 22 min; NYC LGBT Community Center, directed by Ro Haber, June 2019)

[Activist Opal Lee recalls the history of Juneteenth](#) (**TW**, 6 min; NBC News, June 2024)



### Listen:

[All Things Considered: Scholars say administration is trying to erase America’s non-white history](#) (4min; NPR)

“From painting over a Black Lives Matter mural to temporarily scrubbing web stories of Navajo Code Talkers, scholars and activists say the Trump administration is trying to erase non-white history.”

**PRIDE365 Radio** – *WorldPride DC*’s brand-new live radio station where The Pride Party Never Stops! “Our playlist is as diverse as our culture and community focusing on upbeat tracks from the biggest and brightest LGBTQ+ stars and allies”. Stream now on the FREE Live365 web site!



### **Reflect:**

- June is (2S) **LGBTQ+ Pride Month**
  - **International LGBTQ+ Pride Day** is observed on June 28, commemorating the Stonewall Riots happening on this day in 1969.
- June is **National Caribbean American Heritage Month**, a time to recognize, honor and celebrate the history, diverse culture and significant contributions of the Caribbean American population.
- June is **National Immigrant Heritage Month**, aiming to recognize and celebrate the contributions and diverse cultures of immigrants.
- **Juneteenth**, also known as *Freedom Day*, is observed on June 19. This day observes the day, nearly two years after President Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation, when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, delivering the news that slavery was abolished.