Apply for an ALAN Grant!

Are you a graduate student? The Smith/Carlsen Grant supports the attendance of a graduate student working in English Education, Literacy Education and/or Young Adult Literature to attend the ALAN Workshop. The application can be found here.

Deadline: September 1, 2022

Are you a practicing librarian? The Cart/Campbell Grant offers funding and complimentary registration for practicing librarians toward attendance at the annual two-day ALAN Workshop. The application can be found here.

Deadline: September 1, 2022

Are you doing or would you like to do research in young adult literature? The ALAN Foundation Grant offers members of ALAN the opportunity to apply to the ALAN Foundation for funding (up to $1,500) for research in young adult literature. The application can be found here.

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Diverse BookFinder (DBF) Metadata Community

Are you invested in questions about who (which racial/cultural groups) is being represented in children’s books featuring Black and Indigenous people and People of Color (BIPOC) and how (what messages are being sent) they are represented? Are you a conscientious reader of picture books, early readers, middle grade and young adult literature?

If so, the Diverse BookFinder (DBF) Metadata Community of Practice may be for you!

The Diverse BookFinder seeks applications for the 2022-2023 Metadata Community of Practice to code books for children and youth featuring BIPOC characters. The DBF is an online, searchable database and associated physical collection designed to facilitate the discoverability and exploration of multicultural picture books. Our goal is to diversify and
balance bookshelves everywhere, so that all children can find themselves reflected and celebrated in libraries, schools, and homes across the nation.

With a recently awarded National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) titled “Middle Grade and Young Adult Books with Black, Indigenous People, and People of Color: Where Are They?” the Diverse BookFinder will build upon its existing infrastructure to integrate early readers, chapter books, middle grade books, young adult books, graphic novels, and comics into the database and Collection Analysis Tool (CAT).

We specifically seek candidates with a critical understanding of race, culture, and power and a strong interest in the application of this knowledge to analyses of BIPOC representation in children’s and young adult books. We envision a world overflowing with books by and about BIPOC, a world of children’s literature that reflects the diverse voices and experiences of BIPOC-identified people and communities. We believe these communities must be centered in the work we do, and we encourage applications from those who identify with these communities.

**A Metadata Community of Practice of 130 members will:**

Commit to participating for 14 months: October 2022 to December 2023, with two months of training sessions in October and November 2022;

Read, code, and discuss with team members the content of assigned books (35 books/year, 3-5 hours/week), using systems and processes established by the Diverse BookFinder; and

Participate in regular discussions via Zoom to share and discuss findings.

To learn more about the Metadata Community of Practice please visit our Community Webpage and register for our 60-minute virtual information session:
https://sites.google.com/ufl.edu/dbf-metadatacop/

The information session will be held via Zoom at 5:00 PM EST / 4:00 PM CST / 3:00PM MST / 2:00PM PST on Wednesday, July 27.

You can register for the session right now and submit your preliminary questions here:
https://bates.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hJr7C5crSkKNv9_aqd2bqQ

The information session will be recorded, but you must register for the session in order to receive the link to watch it later. All registrants will also receive a link to the application.

For questions or more information, please email Lisely Laboy at llaboy@diversebookfinder.org.

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Submit to the New ALAN Picks
ALAN Picks: Book Reviews by Teachers for Teachers
Looking for a new book to add to your curriculum, student book club and/or classroom library? The new ALAN Picks features book reviews by teachers for teachers of newly published and soon-to-be released young adult and middle grades books. The reviews have culturally responsive teaching strategies and suggestions for how to use the books in your classroom!

Want to Write a Book Review for ALAN Picks?
If there is a young adult or middle grades book coming out or recently published within the past 12 months that you are interested in reviewing, contact ALAN Picks Editor, Richetta Tooley, at richetta.tooley@gmail.com and let her know! You can also reach out to her with any questions. Submissions are due the 15th of each month and published on the 1st.

Call for ALAN Picks Reviewers

Have you thought about becoming a reviewer for ALAN Picks? Now is the time to take that step! If your summer reading TBR list has a new or soon-to-be released middle grades or young adult book on it that you think would work in the classroom, contact ALAN Picks to submit your review!

We are always looking for book reviews to feature in the monthly ALAN Picks column. If there is a title you are interested in reviewing, just send an email to richetta.tooley@gmail.com. You can submit reviews once a year or once a month. You can even partner with another educator and write a review together! It’s up to you!

Check out ALAN Picks for submission guidelines. There is a rolling deadline that occurs on the 15th of each month for inclusion in the next month’s issue. Contact ALAN Picks Editor Richetta Tooley with any questions.

Membership Charge Identifier

*Important announcement regarding your ALAN membership charge: After paying for your...
ALAN membership, the charge will show up on your credit card as AOLFA (Assembly on Literature for Adolescents).

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**Supporting ALAN**

There are so many ways to support ALAN...coming to the workshop, voting, running for the Board, volunteering...and donating. Please support ALAN's Grant Projects by donating. Just click the button!

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Get three issues of *The ALAN Review* and bimonthly emailed newsletters that provide resources, insights, and information about young adult literature in the classroom and beyond.

**Membership Rates**
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- Institutional ($60/year*)
- Student ($10/year*)

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