The end of the semester is upon us. In the last newsletter of 2023, we have post-workshop information, 2023 grants and awards, and #ALANReads Book Club info for 2024. Happy reading!

Workshop Post-Event Survey & Resources

Thank you to those who could participate in the ALAN workshop and our other events held during NCTE! (To those who couldn’t, we missed you and hope to see you soon!) Below are links and resources from the workshop. Please be sure to fill out the feedback and interest survey to let us know your thoughts about our events and to express interest in getting involved.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming virtual events and in Boston next year!

ALAN Links and Resources

- ALAN 2023 Workshop folder
- ALAN 2023 feedback and ALAN interest survey
- ALAN mentorship presentation
- ALAN mentorship interest form
- The ALAN Review reviewers interest form
- 2024 ALAN Poster Session proposal
- ALAN 2023 Playlist on Spotify
- ALAN 2023 Reception Fun Facts video

Grants & Awards

Awards

It’s the season of ALAN Awards, and we are excited to announce our 2023 recipients!
The inaugural winner of the Teri Lesesne Award for Mentorship and Leadership in Young Adult Literature is Donalyn Miller.

A. S. King is our 2023 ALAN Award winner! She will be providing remarks at the ALAN Breakfast.

S.R. Toliver and Lamar Timmons-Long have won the Nilsen-Donelson Award for their journal article “Who’s Afraid of the Dark: Myth, Joy, Trauma, and Healing in Tracy Deon’s Legendborn”. You will find their article in the Summer 2023 issue of The ALAN Review.

ALAN's 2023 Bill Konigsberg Award for Acts and Activism for Equity and Inclusion through Young Adult Literature recipient is Nicole Lintemuth!

Daria Bliss is our Ted Hipple Service Award winner! This award is given each year to an individual who has contributed to the ALAN organization.

Grants

Congratulations also to our grant recipients!
Nichole Folkman, of Hartsburg-Emden High School in Hartsburg, IL, was the recipient of the Cart-Campbell Grant which offers funding and ALAN registration for participating librarians towards attendance at the ALAN Workshop.

Claire Monarch, of Fontbonne University in St. Louis, MO, was the recipient of the Smith-Carlsen Grant which supports the attendance of a graduate student working in English Education, Literacy Education, and/or Young Adult Literature to attend the ALAN Workshop.

Learn more about all ALAN's Grants & Awards

Elections

Our newest ALAN officers were announced at the ALAN Breakfast in Columbus, and we're happy to now share them publicly!

Congratulations to (left to right) President Elect KaaVonia Hinton and our new Board Members Tracey Flores, Ryan Schey, and Karimah Tennyson-Marsh!

ALAN Picks

ALAN Picks Celebrates Its First Teen Reviewer

In November, we featured our first teen reviewer in the new ALAN Picks! We also have several reviews of young adult and middle grade books that will peak your interest, including some recommendations for Native American Heritage Month. If you have students that would like to submit reviews, they are more than welcome to do so!
Also, if you attended the ALAN Workshop this year, remember all of the books in your box are fair game for a review you could submit to ALAN Picks!

Write a Review for ALAN Picks

Interested in writing a book review for ALAN Picks? Email ALAN Picks Editor, Richetta Tooley at richetta.tooley@gmail.com with the book title you are interested in reviewing. You can find submission guidelines on the ALAN Picks page and check out examples of previous titles featured.

Read more ALAN Picks

The #ALANReads Book Club

A graphic novel to start the new year! The next #ALANReads Book Club pick is The Magic Fish by Trung Le Nguyen.

Mark your calendars, the virtual discussion will be on January 14th @5PM EST.

2024 #ALANReads Book Club Books and Dates

- January 14: The Magic Fish by Trung Le Nguyen
- March 10: All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir
- May 19: The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester by Maya MacGregor
- July 14: Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
- September 8: Medusa: The Girl Behind the Myth by Jessie Burton
- November 24 (LIVE!): We Can Be Heroes by Kyrie McCauley

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