Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly newsletter from ALAN, where we immerse ourselves in the vibrant world of young adult literature and teaching. This month we have proposal calls for the ALAN 2024 Anti-racist session, Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Committee applications, workshop grant applications, information from The ALAN Review, and more.

**May 2024 At a Glance**

- **May 15:** Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Committee application due
- **May 17:** Anti-racist session proposals due
- **May 19:** #ALANReads Book Club

**Other Upcoming Dates**

- **July 1:** Submission deadline: The ALAN Review
- **September 1:** Smith-Carlsen Grant application due
- **September 1:** Cart-Campbell Grant application due
- **October 1:** ALAN Foundation Grant application due

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**Submit a Proposal for the ALAN 2024 Anti-Racist Session**

We are now accepting proposals for the 2024 ALAN Workshop annual session dedicated to implementing anti-racist work in schools, libraries, and/or universities. The intent of the session is to continue the conversation and provide actionable items and recommendations for attendees to implement in their different contexts. The speaker(s) will be awarded a $500 honorarium as a way to recognize their labor, care, and commitment.

The theme of the workshop is “Let Them Read.” We will feature authors and presenters who are...
keenly focused on pushing the field and reimagining spaces—classroom spaces; library spaces; and spaces, at large. We welcome session topics which feature characters and/or themes which celebrate the diversity of young people in our schools and libraries. In US public schools, more than half of students identify as people of color, over one-eighth are served under the Individuals with Disabilities Act, and over one-sixth are living in poverty (NCES, 2023). More than four-fifths of LGBTQ+ high school students report feeling unsafe in schools (GLSEN, 2021).

Important Details
- Session will be 30 minutes in length.
- All applicants must be members of ALAN (Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of the National Council of Teachers of English). You can join or renew your membership at http://www.alan-ya.org/join/.
- An electronic version of the application is available at https://bit.ly/4aAQ1ZE.

Electronic submissions are due no later than midnight (MST) on Friday, May 17th and should be sent to kellee.moye@gmail.com with the subject line “ALAN Anti-Racist Session Proposal.”

Tik Tok and We Don’t Stop: YAL and the Interpolation of New Media
Submit a manuscript for the Winter Issue of The ALAN Review, Tik Tok and We Don’t Stop: YAL and the Interpolation of New Media, on or before July 1, 2024.

For more information about the theme and/or submission, please click the link below and click on Calls for Manuscripts.
Submit to The ALAN Review

Vote for Your Favorite Cover
We are elated to announce that we are running a campaign to vote for the new cover of The ALAN Review. We will be premiering three new covers over the next three issues of The ALAN Review, upon the end of the third issue we will send out a poll via the newsletter and our social media sites for you the members to vote for your favorite cover. Once voting has ended we will announce the winning cover. We look forward to your votes and feedback.

Column Editors for the Upcoming Volumes
We were thrilled at the response we received to the call for column editors for “Adolescence in Academia” and “Let Them Read.” The application pool was so robust that, after careful review and deliberation, we were able to name columnists for Volumes 52 (Fall 2024 - Spring/Summer 2025) and 53 (Fall 2025 - Spring/Summer 2026). Please join us in congratulating the editors for these columns:

“Adolescence in Academia”
- Volume 52: Shelly Shaffer
- Volume 53: T. Hunter Strickland

“Let Them Read”
- Volume 52: Jason DeHart
- Volume 53: Delicia T. Greene

Additionally, we are excited to announce a third column that has been in the works. Crag Hill and Leilya Pitre have been doing the important work of preserving ALAN’s history by interviewing those who have been involved in the organization. They will be sharing some of their work through The ALAN Review in the column “ALAN’s Past, Present, and Future.” The columns will alternate between featuring a person involved in ALAN’s history and an author who was popular in previous years. We appreciate the hard work that Leilya and Crag have put into this already.

Thank You to Our Reviewers
As we work on preparing our first issue, we would be remiss if we didn’t thank everyone who has
signed up to review for the journal. Reviewers play a vital role in ensuring that The ALAN Review maintains high standards and publishes work that is high quality, thoughtful, and relevant.

If you are interested in being a reviewer, we encourage you to visit https://alan-ya.org/publications/the-alan-review-tar/ to find out more about the expectations and to apply.

Walden Committee Application

Interested in applying for the Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award (AEWA) Committee? ALAN members interested in being considered for the 2024-2025 AEWA Committee should click here to submit a self-nomination form.

More information about the award can be found here. Deadline for applications is May 15, 2024.

Workshop Grants for New Attendees

Smith-Carlsen Grant
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. Application due September 1, 2024

Cart-Campbell Grant
The Cart-Campbell Grant offers funding and complimentary registration for practicing librarians toward attendance at the annual two-day ALAN Workshop. Application due September 1, 2024

Research Grant

ALAN Foundation Grant
Members of ALAN may apply to the ALAN Foundation for funding (up to $1,500) for research in young adult literature. Application due October 1, 2024

For more information about all three grants, visit the Grants & Awards page on alan-ya.org.

The #ALANReads Book Club
Join us in discussing *Medusa: The Girl Behind the Myth* by Jessie Burton. The virtual discussion will be held on **May 19th @5PM EST**.

Please note that the book order has changed slightly.

### 2024 #ALANReads Book Club Books and Dates

- **July 14**: *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- **September 8**: *The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester* by Maya MacGregor
- **November 24 (LIVE!)**: *We Can Be Heroes* by Kyrie McCauley