For Ohio Library Staff

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Introduction

The past month has been wrought with pain, protest, anger, and a call for change. These are not new issues, new pain, or new problems. What are we doing as a mostly-white profession to address systemic racism brought to light by Black Lives Matter and other social justice movements, both inside and outside the library walls? What can we do to promote anti-racism work in professional development, public programming, policies, and our spaces? There are so many questions out there and it’s up to us to use our amazing research, leadership, and reading skills to do the work. There are so many resources and trainings circulating—see just a few in the list to the right.

Check out issues #1-#3 of the Continuing Education Roundup [https://library.ohio.gov/services-for-libraries/training-and-professional-development/continuing-education-roundup-ohio-library-staff/]. Thanks for reading! Email me at ekelsey@library.ohio.gov if you have ideas, articles, or topics for future Continuing Education Roundup issues.

Stay safe and stay well,
Erin Kelsey

As libraries are in different phases of reopening around the state, I hope you are all staying safe and healthy during this time. Here are a few links to remember:

- **The State Library of Ohio’s COVID Information and Resources**—This includes links to government resources, library webinars and articles from a variety of professional organizations, and resources helpful to all Ohioans.

- **Ryan Dowd’s Homelessness Training**—Academic libraries can now access the homelessness core training and recorded webinars. There is a webinar coming up July 23 about dealing with library patrons who are not kind to patrons experiencing homelessness. Visit the information page to learn more and click the link to create an account to access the training.

- **Prioritize Staff Mental Health when Reopening**—from Patrick Lloyd, MSW in Public Libraries Online.


- **Doing the Work Externally and Internally: Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**—a Webjunction webinar from December 2019. Helpful webinar with lots of resources shared.

Webinars and Articles With New Information & Ideas About Promoting Anti-Racism

**Letter from CEO of OhioNET—**Nancy Kirkpatrick of the Ohio Library community. Not only does this statement contain heartfelt words from a leader in our field, but also links to awesome resources and a call to action.

**Recorded Webinar—**Working for Justice, Equity, and Civic Agency in Our Schools: a Conversation with Clint Smith. You will have to set up a free account to access the on-demand recording.

**Library Journal article: Antiracism in Librarianship | ALA Virtual 2020**—This article highlights some of the ideas and themes from important antiracism sessions at ALA Virtual 2020.

**The Ohio Digital Library**—has a collection of books and audiobooks on anti-racism. Some titles have no wait!


**NPR article on How Libraries are Supporting Black Lives Matter Anti-Racism Resource Guide**—one of the MANY out there.

**D URING WHITENESS IN LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANSHIP**—Created in 2019 and updated in June of 2020.

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