

Diversity In Action

Learn more about diversity-focused reading programs, like the Read Woke Challenge, as well as diversity audits for programs and performers.

Focus: General

This session will focus on highlighting reading programs and initiatives libraries can take to place a greater emphasis on diversity and representation. Capital Area District Libraries (CADL) and the Dearborn Public Library have both recently ran Read Woke Challenges, which was originally started by Cecily Lewis, SLJ's 2020 Librarian of the Year. The presenters will explain the logistics, book selection, potential funding, and other considerations when running similar programs. Additionally, CADL has undertaken a diversity audit for programs, book group selection, and performers. CADL staff will explain their approach to diversity audits.

At the end of this session, attendees will...

- understand considerations to make when planning inclusive, diversity-focused reading challenges.
- understand how diversity audits can positively impact representation in programs and performer selection.

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