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**Subject:** American Library Association Midwinter Conference 2020 recap - Evelyn Keolian

Hi Steve,

Please find my recap for the American Library Association Midwinter Conference that I attended in January.

Thanks much,

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### American Library Association Midwinter 2020 Conference Recap - Evelyn Keolian

This is my recap on my attendance to the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter conference in Philadelphia, PA from January 24 – 27, 2020 as a 2020 Association of Library Services to Children (ALSC) Equity Fellow. Every day I attended and participated in various professional development activities. I traveled to Philadelphia on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from Chicago and flew home to Chicago on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Friday, January 24, I attended the Joint Youth Executive Meeting (AALC/ALSC/YALSA), Opening Session with Wes Moore, When Stars Are Scattered: Refugees and Outstanding International Books-AASL/ALSC/YALSA, and the opening of the exhibits hall where all the publishers and vendors are. I met up with the 2020 ALSC fellows to work on an ALSC project to be presented at ALA Annual Conference 2020 in Chicago.

Saturday, January 25, I attended publisher events with the ALSC fellows and mentors in addition to meeting up with my ALSC mentor one-on-one. I attended the Asian Pacific American Library Association (APALA) board and membership and the Association of Specialized Government Cooperative Library Agencies (ASGCLA) leadership meetings. Attending these meetings I was able to see what other librarians and library systems are doing to get ideas of what we can do here at Chicago Public Library. I spent time in the exhibit hall perusing new upcoming titles to use for collection development and readers' advisory.

Sunday, January 26, I attended the required All Committee Meeting – ALSC for the Building Partnerships committee I'm on. I spent time in the exhibit hall perusing new upcoming titles I can use towards collection development and readers' advisory. I attended the Books and Media Awards from RUSA (Reference and User Services Association) which focuses on adult readers' advisory (fiction and non-fiction) as well as the ALA President's Program: Jeff Henderson.

Monday, January 27, I attended the ALA Youth Media Awards with the ALSC fellows and mentors, Closing Session with Chanel Miller, and a panel discussion on Disability Inclusion in Graphic Novels. I went to the exhibits hall one last time since the publishers give away and/or sell at a huge discount all of the books from the conference that are not advance reader copies (ARCs).