

# SPECTRUM SCHOLARSHIP

## DISCUSSION PANEL, Q&A SESSION, AND RESOURCES FOR THE ALA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The [Spectrum Scholarship Program](#) actively recruits and provides scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern and North African, and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students to assist them with obtaining a graduate degree and leadership positions within the profession and ALA.

Each scholar receives \$5,000 from ALA to combat the rising cost of graduate education as well as \$1,500 to attend the Spectrum Leadership Institute held during the ALA Annual Conference. They also receive free ALA membership and related benefits.

## PANELISTS



**KJ Srader** (they/she) is a first generation graduate of the spring 2023 MLIS cohort and a Spectrum Scholar '21. Their exposure of library employment ranges from film archives to Indigenous special collections in academic libraries, tribal libraries, and a transportation library! Srader is passionate about ethical, consensual representation of BIPOC and queer communities, developing programming for sustainable engagement and relations. Srader is in the midst of securing employment related to DEIA librarianship. When not in the library, Srader is



**Conrrado Saldivar** (he/him) is Tech Services Manager at the Natrona County Library in his hometown of Casper, WY, Past President of the Wyoming Library Association, and a 2019 Spectrum Scholar. His library work began in his hometown in 2015, eventually becoming an Adult Services Librarian after graduating from the iSchool in 2021, and continued as Outreach and Development Librarian at the Wyoming State Library before returning to the Natrona County Library. He is passionate about library advocacy and ensuring that everyone in a community can see themselves within the shelves of a library collection.



**Hayley Park** (she/her) is an Adult Services Librarian in a public library setting. She was a M.L.I.S '23, 2021-2023 SoCLIS Officer, 2022-2023 ALA Spectrum Scholar, 2023 MLIS Capstone Project Research Award Recipient and is a current 2024 ALA Emerging Leader. Hayley believes in the potential of cultural change through the collective power and upliftment of one another.

## REQUIREMENTS

**All application components must be received by ALA by March 1, 2024.**

Applications will be submitted via [ALA's Scholarship Clearinghouse](#), and include a completed application with a personal statement, three professional references, and official academic transcripts from the institution where you received your bachelor's degree & from your current UW program. The personal statement must be different from those submitted for other ALA scholarships. You are not required to have an ALA membership to submit your application; in fact, recipients will receive a complimentary membership.

## RESOURCES

- Learn more by reading the Spectrum Scholarship's [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- The [Odegard Library](#) offers in-person or online writing tutor appointments.
- The [CLUE Writing Center](#) offers one-on-one writing support appointments in Mary Gates Hall.
- The [Instructional Center](#) offers drop-in writing support between 9am to 5pm.
- Contact the MLIS academic advisor, [Jennier Siembor](mailto:jsiemb@uw.edu) at [jsiemb@uw.edu](mailto:jsiemb@uw.edu).
- Keep an eye out for a [UW SALA](#) scholarship peer-review event in mid February.

## EVENT INFORMATION

Virtual Event

January 25, 2024 @ 7 PM PST

[washington.zoom.us/j/98255288577](https://washington.zoom.us/j/98255288577)

