



WORLD REFUGEE DAY 20 JUNE 2021

The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs
and the American Library Association (ALA) invite
libraries to commemorate World Refugee Day 2021



This international observance honors the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence.

Webinar: Library Services to Refugees during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Date/Time: 18 June 2021, 12:00-1:15pm CT

Abstract: The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges for communities worldwide and the libraries that serve them. Libraries have had to pivot to ensure the safety of their staff and users while continuing to provide accessible and safe services. How have libraries specifically responded to serve refugees and how are they planning to transition to offer welcoming spaces and services for refugees post-pandemic? The webinar will present the experiences of libraries in and outside the United States serving refugees, and policies implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic that have impacted the welfare of refugees and asylum seekers. The webinar addresses the 2021 World Refugee Day theme: Together we heal, learn and shine.

FREE Registration:

<https://go.illinois.edu/WorldRefugeeDay>

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SPEAKERS:



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Support/Celebrate

-Project Welcome:

<https://publish.illinois.edu/projectwelcome/world-refugee-day/world-refugee-day-2021/>

-ALA World Refugee Day:

<http://www.ala.org/aboutala/world-refugee-day>