



# Acknowledgments

WE FIND OURSELVES AT an apex of critical thought in librarianship, as well as discussion and action surrounding social justice in society. These two components are at a rise as people continue to seek justice from unchecked and seemingly unstoppable hegemonic forces including racism and “warrior cop” police, sexism, transphobia, and a one-directional funneling of money toward the super-rich amongst many other concerns. Although the oppressed have always worked toward social justice, we are reaching a critical mass in librarianship where there is more interest in using information literacy pedagogy to contribute to righting some of the pain in the world: some of which our students, our colleagues, and we ourselves experience.

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