THE LOS ANGELES ARCHIVISTS COLLECTIVE

HANDBOOK FOR THE

ACTIVIST ARCHIVIST
This handbook is a call to action. As archivists and LIS professionals, we have an ethical imperative to get involved with the communities we document and serve, to commit to them, and stand with them. There are many ways to do this, some of which are found in this handbook. Whether you try an idea in this zine, or take a different approach, the important thing is to take action!

This handbook was created through a collaboration of the LAAC Subcommittee for Community Outreach & Advocacy, and a network of our peers. We hope you'll look up the resources inside, use the ideas, and share it with your friends!

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VOLUNTEER AT YOUR LOCAL ARCHIVE!

Los Angeles has many institutions documenting, working with, and working in support of marginalized communities. These institutions may need your volunteer time - here are a few to ask!

The Mayme A. Clayton Library & Museum
claytonmuseum.org

Center for the Study of Political Graphics
politicalgraphics.org

Southern California Library
socallib.org

ONE Archives
http://one.usc.edu/

Pacifica Radio Archives
pacificaradioarchives.org

June Mazer Lesbian Archives
mazerlesbianarchives.org

Tom of Finland Foundation Library
tomoffinlandfoundation.org/foundation/Library/Library.html

LOCAL/NATIONAL LIS SOCIAL JUSTICE ORIENTED GROUPS

LIS/Archives and the New Administration
facebook.com/groups/341282516236431/

Level Up Information Literacy
facebook.com/groups/1190447421049667/

SAA Archivists and Archives of Color Roundtable
http://www2.archivists.org/groups/archivists-and-archives-of-color-roundtable

SAA Lesbian and Gay Archives Roundtable
http://www2.archivists.org/groups/lesbian-and-gay-archives-roundtable-lagar

Critlib
critlib.org/
LOCAL NON-LIS ORGANIZATIONS

Women’s Center for Creative Work (WCCW)
womenscenterforcreativework.com/
Feminist Library on Wheels (F.L.O.W.)
feministlibraryonwheels.com/
California Calls
cacalls.org/
Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment
cceaction.org/
Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE)
scopela.org/
Black Lives Matter- Los Angeles
facebook.com/blmla/
Tia Chucha’s Centro Cultural & Bookstore
tiachucha.org/about
Community Coalition
cocosouthla.org/
InnerCity Struggle
innercitystruggle.org/

WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE ORIENTATIONS

The Watts Labor Community Action Center (WLCAC)
wlcac.org/home.htm
The William Grant Still Art Center
wgsac.wordpress.com/
Million Voters Project (MVP)
millionvotersproject.org/
The Garment Worker Center (GWC)
garmentworkercenter.org/
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
chira.org/
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN-LA)
carecen-la.org/
Self Help Graphics & Art
selfhelpgraphics.com/
Homeboy Industries
homeboyindustries.org/
Youth Justice Coalition
facebook.com/YouthJusticeLA/about/
Museum of Social Justice
museumofsocialjustice.org
DO SOME RESEARCH WITH COLLECTIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA ABOUT ACTIVISM AND/OR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES!

- Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles, Community Relations Committee Collection
- CSUN Urban Archives

- Gilbert G. Benjamin, Jr. Subversive Activities Collection
- CSUN Urban Archives

- Jack and Aiko Herzig Papers on Japanese Internment
- UCLA Asian American Studies Center

- Campus Unrest and Related Campus Activities Collection
- CSUN Urban Archives

- California March on Sacramento for Lesbian and Gay Rights Records
- ONE Archives

- ACT UP / Los Angeles records
- ONE Archives

- InnerCity Struggle Collection
- Cal State LA East LA Archives

- Ernesto Chavez Collection of Chicano Movement FBI Records
- UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center

- Women Against Violence Against Women (WAVAW) Collection
- UCLA Library Special Collections

- Frances R. Eisenberg Los Angeles City Schools Loyalty Oath Collection
- UCLA Library Special Collections

- The Church of the Epiphany Chicano Civil Rights Archive
- UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center

- American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California Records
- UCLA Library Special Collections

- Elena Popp Papers
- UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center

- Carlos Montes Papers
- Cal State LA East LA Archives
CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES!

Be specific!

Call state or district offices first, national offices if you can't get through!

Letters are great too, and postcards are just short letters!

Check out gumroad.com/callthehallsguide for more information on how to effectively contact your reps!

Find the "We're His Problem Now" Calling Sheet online for more tips and scripts!

Here's a starter script to try. It's not fancy, but if you're nervous it'll help you get the gist across!

“I'm [name], a constituent from [city], [state], [zipcode] calling to express my emphatic support for [issue] // to thank [Senator/Rep] for supporting [issue] // to demand that [Senator/Rep] [take specific action regarding issue] // to express my deep concern about [specific issue].”
MY US SENATOR IS ____________________
AND CAN BE REACHED AT
( ___ ) ________

MY US HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE IS ____________________
AND CAN BE REACHED AT
( ___ ) ________

MY STATE SENATOR IS ____________________
AND CAN BE REACHED AT
( ___ ) ________

MY STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE IS ____________________
AND CAN BE REACHED AT
( ___ ) ________
READ UP!


Drake, Jarrett, "Liberatory Archives: Towards Belonging and Believing (Part 1)"
On Archivy (blog), October 22, 2016.


Hensen, Steven L. "The President’s Papers are the People’s Business" editorial from the Washington Post, 2001.


MORE RESOURCES

Activists' Guide to Archiving Video (written in part by Yvonne Ng, Senior Archivist for Witness): archiveguide.witness.org/

Utilize eyewitness footage in investigations, reports and human rights documentation ethically: library.witness.org/product/video-as-evidence-ethical-guidelines/

Protect your communications online: ssd.eff.org/en/playlist/activist-or-protester

Work for intellectual freedom in libraries: libraryfreedomproject.org/

Call out fake news: factcheck.org/2016/11/how-to-spot-fake-news/

Receive weekly action suggestions: wall-of-us.org
A FEW TIPS

Schedule a reoccurring appointment with activism on your calendar!

Get active with friends!

Be sustainable - keep at it!