

# Volunteer Opportunities Overview

**Make the most of your ALA membership!**

**Volunteer to connect with like-minded  
library workers & library friends!**

## ALA has 30+ **Standing Committees & Subcommittees**

**8 Divisions** to network and collaborate with a targeted focus on your library environment or professional role.

- American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
- Association of College & Research Librarians (ACRL)
- Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC)
  - Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures
    - Public Library Association (PLA)
  - Reference & User Services Association (RUSA)
    - United for Libraries
- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)

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**Office for Diversity, Literacy & Outreach Services** has numerous interest groups, assemblies, and leadership opportunities

**19 Round Tables** established to promote a field of librarianship not within the scope of any single ALA Division

- Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table (CSKBART)
- Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)
- Film and Media Round Table (FMRT)
- **Games & Gaming Round Table (GAMERT)**
- Government Documents Round Table (GODORT)
- **Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table (GNCRT)**
- Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT)
- **International Relations Round Table (IRRT)**
- Learning Round Table (LearnRT)
- Library History Round Table (LHRT)
- Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT)
- Library Research Round Table (LRRT)
- Library Support Staff Round Table (LSSRT)
- Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT)
- New Members Round Table (NMRT)
- Rainbow Round Table (RRT)
- Retired Members Round Table (RMRT)
- Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)
- Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT)

# ALA Standing Committees

Most ALA Standing committee have two-year membership terms (July-June). Interested members should volunteer by September 30, with appointments made the following Spring by ALA President-elect for a July 1 start date.

To learn more about committees and their charges, visit <https://www.ala.org/aboutala/committees/ala>

- Accreditation
- American Libraries Advisory
- Awards
- Chapter Relations
- Code of Conduct
- Conference
- Bylaws
- Diversity, Literacy & Outreach Services Advisory
- Election
- Human Resource Development & Recruitment Advisory
- Information Technology Advisory
- Information Technology Policy Advisory
- Leadership Development
- Literacy
- Membership
- Public & Cultural Programs Advisory
- Rural, Native & Tribal Libraries of All Kinds
- Scholarship & Study Grants

- Budget Analysis & Review Committee
- Diversity
- Education
- Legislation
- Library Advocacy
- Committee on Organization
- Professional Ethics
- Status of Women in Librarianship
- Council Training & Engagement
- Intellectual Freedom
- International Relations
- Policy Monitoring
- Public Awareness
- Publishing
- Resolutions
- Sustainability

Submit your [volunteer application](#)  
by **September 30, 2025**  
to be considered for the July 2026-June 2028 term

**ALA has 8 Divisions** where you can network and collaborate with a targeted focus on your library environment or professional role.

**Each division offers its own volunteer opportunities through committees, workgroups and more!**

**Check out the opportunities and learn more about volunteering with Divisions on the next few slides!**



# American Association of School Librarians

## Mission

The American Association of School Librarians empowers leaders to transform teaching and learning.

## Vision

Every school librarian is a leader;  
every learner has a school librarian.

The logo for the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) is displayed in white text on a red, trapezoidal background. The letters 'AASL' are in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

American Association  
of School Librarians  
TRANSFORMING LEARNING

# AASL Committees, Editorial Boards, & Task Forces

## Committees

Annual Conference Panel

Awards Committee

Bylaws & Organization

CAEP Coordinating

Joint Committee on  
School/Public Library  
Cooperation  
(AASL/ALSC/YALSA)

Leadership Development

Legacy

Member Engagement

National Conference

Practice

Professional Learning

School Library Event  
Promotion

Standards

## Advisory Groups

Publications

## Editorial Boards

*Knowledge Quest*

*(KQ blogger)*

*School Library Research*

## Task Forces

As Needed

# AASL Elected Positions

## **Board of Directors**

President

President-Elect

Immediate Past  
President

Secretary/Treasurer

Division Councilor

Director-At-Large,  
Chapters

Director-At-Large

Director-At-Large

Director-At-Large

## **Educators of School Librarians Section**

Chair

Chair-Elect

Past Chair

Secretary

## **Independent Schools Section**

Chair

Chair-Elect

Past Chair

Secretary

## **Supervisors Section**

Chair

Chair-Elect

Past Chair

Secretary

[www.ala.org/aasl/board](http://www.ala.org/aasl/board)

[www.ala.org/aasl/sections](http://www.ala.org/aasl/sections)

# AASL Volunteer Process & Timeline



Applications accepted year-round at:  
[www.ala.org/aasl/getinvolved](http://www.ala.org/aasl/getinvolved)

The AASL President-Elect considers appointments in the spring for the next governance year (July 1 – June 30).

## For More Information:

Jennifer Habley

AASL Manager, Members & Chapters

312-280-4383

[jhabley@ala.org](mailto:jhabley@ala.org)



**ACRL IS *THE* HIGHER EDUCATION  
ASSOCIATION FOR ACADEMIC LIBRARIES  
AND LIBRARY WORKERS.**



project

**OUTCOME**

MEASURING THE TRUE  
IMPACT OF LIBRARIES

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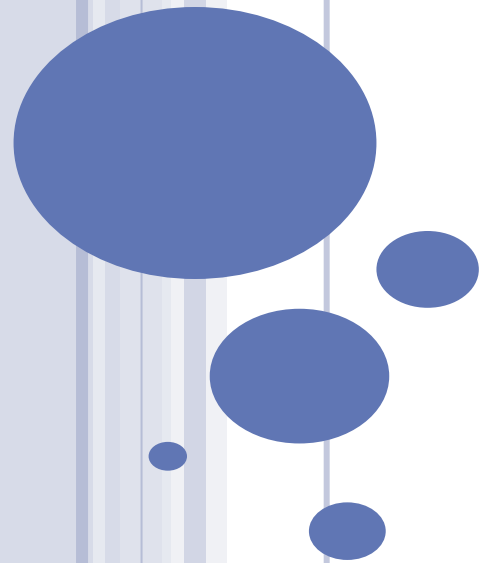
**ACRL** *Advancing learning  
Transforming scholarship*  
Association of College & Research Libraries  
A division of the American Library Association

## What is Project Outcome?

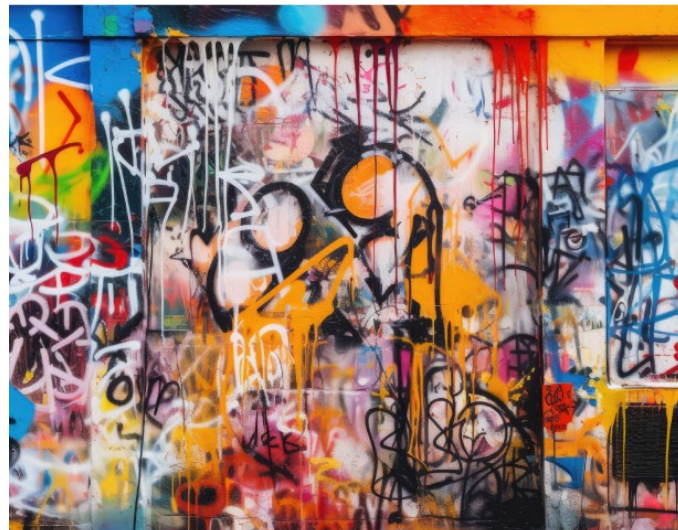
We help libraries understand and share the true impact of their services and programs with simple surveys and an easy-to-use process to measure and analyze outcomes. Project Outcome is a free toolkit offering libraries access to training, data analytics, and standardized surveys that measure outcomes in key library service areas.

# ACRL BENCHMARK; LIBRARY METRICS AND TRENDS

<https://librarybenchmark.org/>

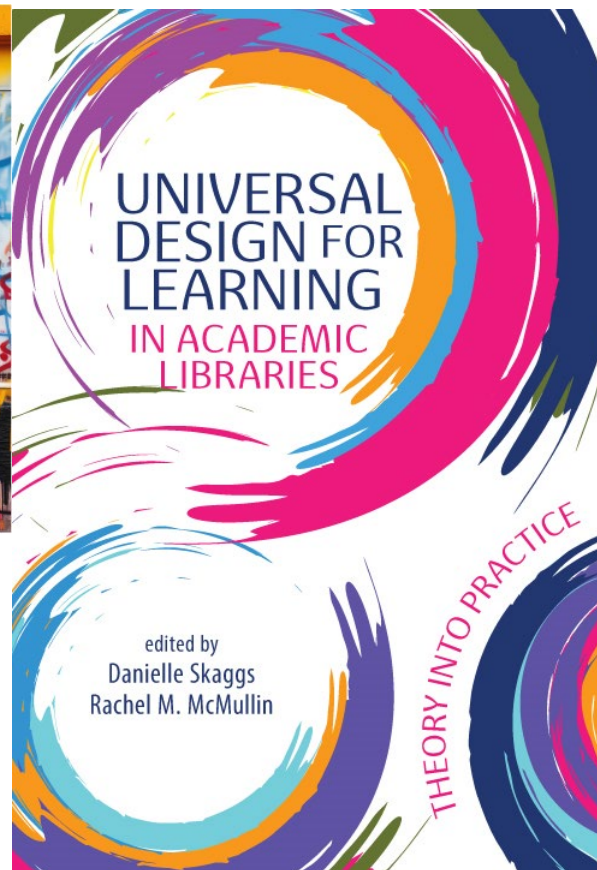


# PUBLISH YOUR BOOK WITH ACRL!



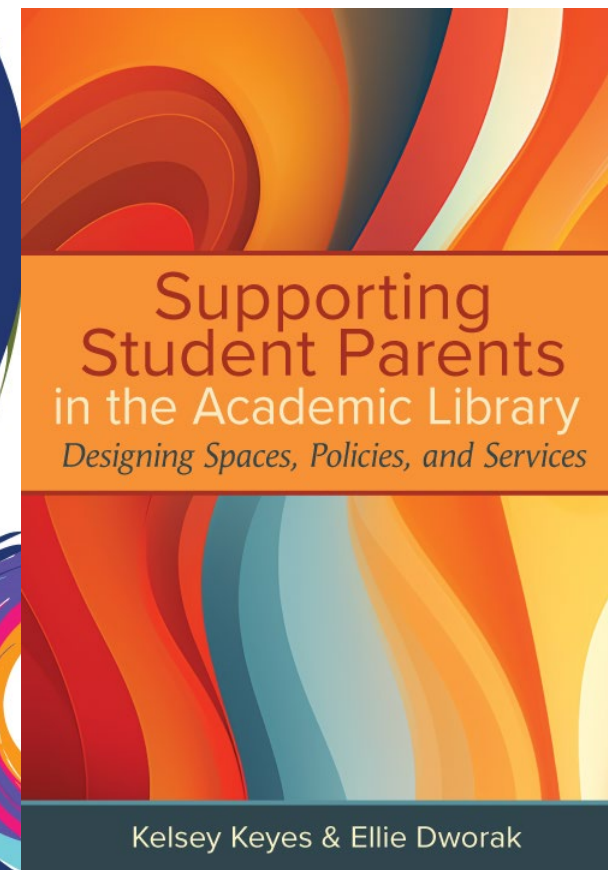
**SCHOLARLY  
COMMUNICATION  
LIBRARIANSHIP**  
AND OPEN KNOWLEDGE

MARIA BONN, JOSH BOLICK, AND WILL CROSS, EDITORS



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Rachel M. McMullin

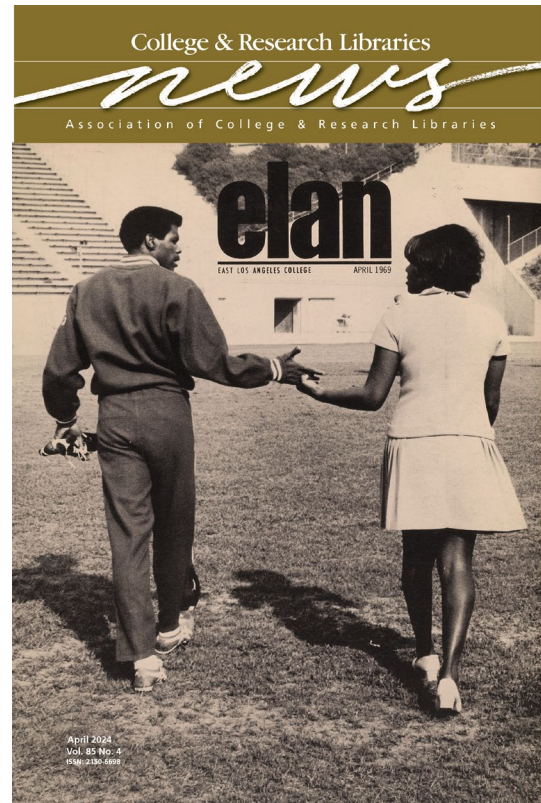
THEORY INTO PRACTICE



Supporting  
Student Parents  
in the Academic Library  
*Designing Spaces, Policies, and Services*

Kelsey Keyes & Ellie Dworak

# ACRL SERIALS AND STANDARDS



Association of  
College and  
Research  
Libraries

COLLEGE &  
RESEARCH  
LIBRARIES

ACRL

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Librarians for the Study of the African-American Experience:  
A Content Analysis of Position Announcements, 1970-2019  
*Ryan Ellis Tickle*

Apportioning the Cost of a Full-Text Database Among the  
Journals in the Database: A Comparison of Six Methods  
*William H. Walters*

Coping During Covid: Yoga and Meditation Accessibility in  
Academic Libraries During the Pandemic  
*Erin Burns, Brian Quinn, and Megan Benson*

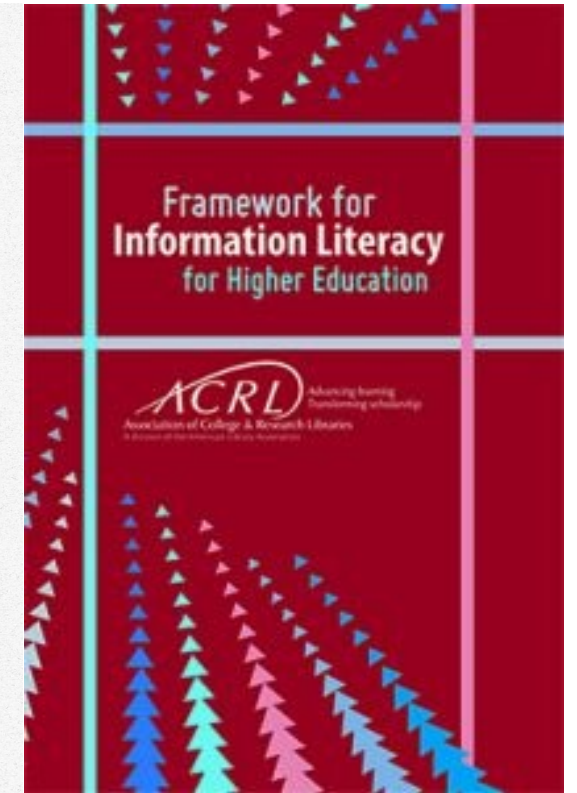
From "Outside the Box" to "Out the Window": Teaching with  
Primary Sources through the Pandemic  
*Paula S. Kiser, Christina Larson, Kevin M. O'Sullivan, and Anne Peale*

Academic Librarians as Teachers and Faculty Developers:  
Exploring the Potential of the "Teach the Teachers" Model of  
Information Literacy  
*Jane Hammons*

Rethinking How We Build Communities: The Future of  
Flexible Work  
*Amy L. Allen and Lori Birrell*

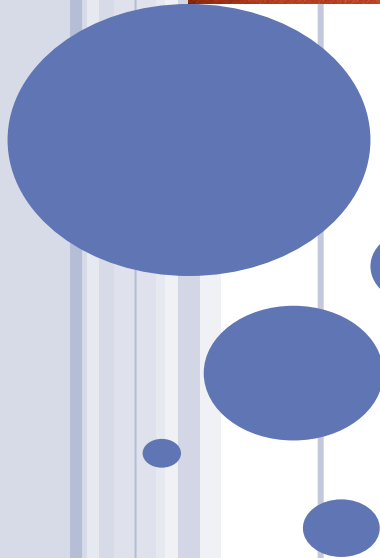
Academic Librarians' Contribution to Information Literacy  
Instruction and Learning  
*Kimberly Mullins and Mary-Kate Boyd-Bynes*

Faculty Publication Patterns over 25 Years at a Large Public  
University: Correlations with Literature Use  
*Sandra L. De Groot, Jung Mi Scoules, Paula R. Dempsey, and Felicia Barrett*





**ACRL = COMMUNITY,  
CONNECTIONS, COLLABORATION**



ACRL IS DEDICATED TO ADVANCING LEARNING  
AND TRANSFORMING SCHOLARSHIP.



# ACRL BY THE NUMB3RS

- **5,198** academic librarians use Project Outcome to assess library services
- **42** ACRL Chapters in US and Canada
- **21** ACRL Diversity Alliance Members
- **1,200** ACRL members served on committees, interest and discussion groups, task forces, ed boards
- **23,086** Twitter followers and **9,052** Facebook likes



Learn more:

<https://www.ala.org/acrl/membership/volunteer/volunteer>



# Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)

# Vision & Core Values

## **Vision**

Members of the Association for Library Service to Children engage communities to build healthy, successful futures for all children.

## **Core Values**

Collaboration, Excellence, Inclusiveness, Innovation, Integrity and Respect, Leadership, Responsiveness



# Ways to Engage with ALSC

Volunteer for a Committee or Leadership Position

Write for an ALSC Publication

Attend Virtual Community Engagement Sessions

Advocate for Children's Services

Share Your Knowledge through Continuing Education

Apply for a Grant or Scholarship

# ALSC Board of Directors

ALSC is governed by a 13-member Board elected by the membership, which includes the following positions:

- **President**
- **Vice President/President-Elect**
- **Immediate Past President**
- **Fiscal Officer**
- **Councilor**
- **Directors (eight)**

The five officers serve as the division's Executive Committee.

ALSC's elections occur at the same time as ALA's.

# ALSC Priority Groups and Committees

ALSC has nearly 60 committees, task forces and discussion groups designated under six Priority Group Areas.

These groups allow ALSC's member leaders to carry out the work of the Association, developing valuable programs, publications, and resources for youth librarians.

See a full list of committees at <https://www.ala.org/alsc/aboutalsc/coms>

## ALSC's Six Priority Groups:

- Advocacy
- Youth Media Lists
- Professional Awards and Scholarships
- Organizational Support
- Awards
- Professional Development

# Appointments Timeline

Process committees (or non-award committees) appointed in the early spring (Jan-May)

Award and evaluation committees are appointed in early fall (July-Oct)

Replacement positions that develop throughout the year (ongoing)

Special calls for volunteering to work on task forces throughout the year (they do not appear on the list of committees in the online volunteer form)

Let us know of your volunteer interests by filling out the online volunteer form at <https://www.ala.org/cfapps/Volunteer> (member login required).



# How to Reach Us

**For more information,  
email us at  
[alsccommittees@ala.org](mailto:alsccommittees@ala.org)**



**Core**

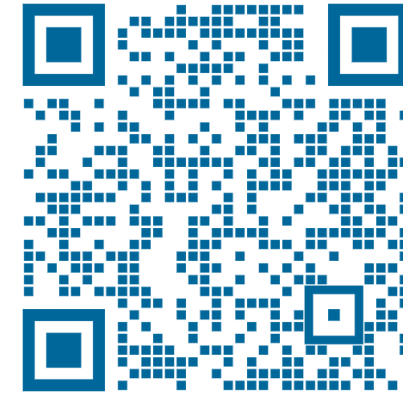
LEADERSHIP  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
FUTURES

We're glad you're  
here

Contact us anytime at [core@ala.org](mailto:core@ala.org)

# Where to Start

- [Find Your Core](#) - Helps you find groups and opportunities that match your interests
  
- [Office Hours](#) - Members can book an appointment with Core staff to get personalized help.



# Start Small

- [Attend Interest Group Week!](#)
- [Submit an idea for an e-Forum email discussion](#)
- [Become a Core blogger](#)
- Join a project team
- [Volunteer to be on an award jury](#)



Contact us anytime at [core@ala.org](mailto:core@ala.org)

# Level Up

- Join the Core Reading Club Team to facilitate discussion of an article or book
- Lead an interest group
- Volunteer for a committee

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# Publish an Article



**Core journals are open access, refereed, and published quarterly**

- [Information Technology and Libraries](#) (ITAL) publishes original material related to all aspects of information technology in all types of libraries.
- [Library Leadership & Management](#) (LL&M) focuses on assisting library administrators and managers at all levels as they deal with day-to-day challenges.
- [Library Resources & Technical Services](#) (LRTS) takes a critical approach to the questions and challenges facing librarians and libraries with regard to collections, scholarly communication, preservation (including digitization), acquisitions (including licensing and economic aspects of acquisitions), continuing resources, cataloging (including descriptive metadata, authority control, subject analysis, and classification).

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# Publish a Book

- Core publishes practical guides covering best practices, case studies, and emerging trends in the areas of access and equity, assessment, buildings and operations, leadership and management, metadata and collections, and technology
- [Submit book ideas](#) for review by Core's Publications Coordination Committee

Contact us anytime at [core@ala.org](mailto:core@ala.org)

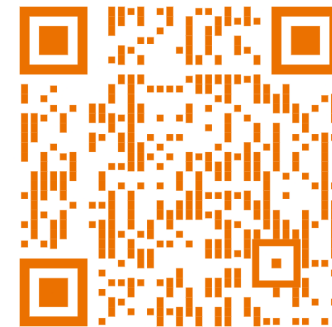
# Join Our Mentoring Program

- Be a mentor or request mentoring
- Runs January - June each year
- Applications open in September each year

Contact us anytime at [core@ala.org](mailto:core@ala.org)

# Leadership Roles

- Volunteer for a Section Leadership Team
- Volunteer to chair a committee
- Contact the Nominating Committee about running for the Core Board



Contact us anytime at [core@ala.org](mailto:core@ala.org)



# Core

LEADERSHIP  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
FUTURES

## Explore Our Sections

- Access & Equity
- Buildings & Operations
- Leadership & Management
- Metadata & Collections
- Preservation
- Technology

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**PublicLibrary**  
ASSOCIATION

# Get Involved with PLA

and shape possibility for public libraries everywhere

Learn more at [pla.org](https://pla.org).

# Purpose & Goals

**Purpose:** to strengthen public libraries and their contribution to communities.

**Goals:** equity, diversity, inclusion, and social justice; transformation; professional growth; advocacy and awareness; and organizational excellence



# The membership for public library people.

Founded in 1944, PLA is a division of the American Library Association (ALA) that serves 8,000 members.

## PLA Dues

- Regular: \$85
- Trustee/Associate: \$85
- International/Non-salaried/Retired: \$62
- Student: \$36

*Dues rates as of Sept. 1, 2024*



# PLA Board of Directors

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**Elections occur each spring.**

- President
- President-Elect
- Past-President
- PLA Executive Director
- ALA Division Councilor
- Fiscal Officer
- Directors-at-Large (6)

[www.ala.org/pla/about/people/board](http://www.ala.org/pla/about/people/board)

# PLA Committees & Advisory Groups

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## Selections made by PLA President-Elect each spring.

- Advocacy and Strategic Partnerships Committee
- Annual Conference 2024 Program Subcommittee
- Board of Directors
- Budget and Finance Committee
- Digital Literacy Advisory Group
- Committee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice
- Family Engagement Advisory Group
- Leadership Development Committee
- Measurement, Evaluation and Assessment Committee
- Nominating Committee
- PLA Conference Committee
- PLA Conference Program Subcommittee
- *Public Libraries* Advisory Group
- Technology Advisory Group
- Continuing Education Advisory Group
- Membership Advisory Group

[www.ala.org/pla/about/people/committees](http://www.ala.org/pla/about/people/committees)

# CHART YOUR PLA MEMBER JOURNEY

## Interest

Hears about PLA from a colleague  
Visits pla.org to learn more about PLA resources

1

## Interest

Follows PLA on social media  
Learns about a free webinar and registers

2

## Onboarding

Signs up for a PLA membership  
Completes the new member survey

3

## Onboarding

Logs into ALA Connect to complete member profile and post in the Member Community  
Reads *PLA Insider*, the members-only e-newsletter  
Catches up on news and trends at publiclibrariesonline.org

4

## Engagement

Reads an issue of *Public Libraries* magazine and shares it with colleagues  
Listens to the latest episode of FYI: The Public Libraries Podcast  
Learns about volunteering by reaching out to a committee member

5

## Engagement

Downloads the PLA annual survey report to view peer library data  
Votes in the PLA Election

6

## Investment

Uses the 40% member discount when registering for a PLA webinar  
Attends PLA Conference, saving up to 50% with the members-only Early Bird rate

7

## Investment

Applies for a PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive, supported by AT&T  
Completes the PLA annual survey and saves 10% on a Benchmark subscription  
Submits a PLA webinar proposal

8

## Impact

Volunteers for a PLA Committee  
Surveys and evaluates library programs using Project Outcome  
Writes a feature article for *Public Libraries* magazine

9

## Impact

Presents a program at PLA Conference  
Serves on the PLA Board

10

# On the journey

The Public Library Association is here for you throughout your career, offering endless opportunities to...

## **Make valuable connections**

by meeting and networking with like-minded professionals

## **Discover new ideas & resources**

through webinars, conferences, articles, and research that highlight the impact of public libraries across the country

## **Make an impact in the field**

by learning to center equity, diversity, inclusion, and social justice in your work, and sharing your expertise with others

## **Develop professional skills**

by presenting your ideas as a PLA speaker, attending conferences, and collaborating with peers

## **Transform your library**

with PLA resources, like DigitalLearn and Project Outcome, and grant opportunities that advance library services

## **Advance your career**

by serving on a committee, participating in leadership training, and mentoring early-career librarians or students



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ASSOCIATION

# Get started today at [pla.org](https://pla.org)

Questions?

Please contact [pla@ala.org](mailto:pla@ala.org)

# Mission

The logo for the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) is a red parallelogram with the letters "RUSA" in white, bold, sans-serif font. The background of the slide features a blurred image of a library or office with bookshelves and computer monitors.

**RUSA**

The **Reference and User Services Association** is a network to educate, empower, and inspire its members to advance the evolution of the profession and better serve users in a continuously changing information society.

# About RUSA

## Core Purpose:

RUSA is a member community engaged in advancing the practices of connecting people to resources, information services, and collections.

## Core Organizational Values:

- Building relationships among members from all types of libraries
- Encouraging openness, innovation, and idea sharing
- Promoting excellence in library services and resources

## Vision:

RUSA is an influential and authoritative organization, essential to the work of anyone engaged in the practices of connecting people to resources, information services, and collections.

# RUSA: Ways to Engage



# RUSA Committees

| Governance and Operations  | Awards   | Advocacy and Other   |
|--|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awards Coordinating</li><li>• Conference Program Coordinating</li><li>• Membership Engagement</li><li>• Nominating</li><li>• Professional Development</li><li>• Professional Resources</li><li>• Volunteer Development</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carnegie Medals</li><li>• Excellence in Reference and Adult Services</li><li>• Gail Schlachter memorial Research Grant</li><li>• Isadore Gilbert Mudge</li><li>• John Sessions Memorial</li><li>• Margaret E Monroe Library Adult Services</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access to Information</li><li>• AFL-CIO/ALA Labor Committee</li><li>• President's Program Planning committee</li></ul> |

# Section committees

Six sections, lots of opportunities!

<http://www.ala.org/rusa/contact/rosters>

*Also ... what does it mean to be a "Section Representative" on a Division-level Committee?*

- You serve as a liaison for the section, facilitating communication between the section and the committee
- You're there to bring the perspective of the section as a whole to the work of the committee, but should feel empowered to bring your own opinions and expertise
- Important to know:
  - Please do go ahead and indicate your interest through the volunteer form.
  - Section reps have the same responsibilities as a non-section representative and are expected to participate fully in the committee.

# More Ways to Engage

Participate in an Interest Group

Write and Share – RUSA Update and *RUSQ*

Propose a Webinar or Course

Run for office

[your idea here]

# United for Libraries

Association of Library Trustees,  
Advocates, Friends and Foundations



**The mission of United for Libraries  
is to support those who govern,  
promote, advocate, and fundraise  
for all types of libraries.**

<https://www.ala.org/united>

# Get Involved with United for Libraries

- Volunteer for a committee.
- Volunteer for a task force.
- Participate in quarterly virtual roundtables.
- Join a conversation in ALA Connect.
- Present a webinar or Learning Live session.
- Present at United for Libraries Virtual (2024 proposal deadline April 26)
- Write a Tip Sheet or Toolkit.





# United for Libraries Committees

- Awards & Honors Committee
- Finance Committee
- Governance Committee
- Intellectual Freedom, Public Policy, and Advocacy Committee
- Leadership Development Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Partnerships & Fundraising Committee
- Program Committee

Learn more: <https://www.ala.org/united/about/committees>



## **Mission:**

**Through networking, advocacy, and professional development, the Young Adult Library Services Association empowers all those involved in the profession to provide equitable, diverse and inclusive teen services.**

# INTERESTED IN *getting involved?*



Key: I'M INTERESTED, BUT ONLY HAVE 5 MINUTES

## I'M interested IN

VIRTUAL

FACE TO FACE

TEACH AN ONLINE WEBINAR  
[ala.org/yalsa/webinars](http://ala.org/yalsa/webinars)



PRESENTING,  
TRAINING

HOST AN INSTITUTE  
[ala.org/yalsa/institutes](http://ala.org/yalsa/institutes)

PRESENT AT A CONFERENCE OR SYMPOSIUM  
[ala.org/yalsa/events](http://ala.org/yalsa/events)

CONNECT ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK, TWITTER, BLOG, AND WIKI  
[ow.ly/pJ8jZ](http://ow.ly/pJ8jZ)



NETWORKING

REPRESENT YALSA AT A STATE OR REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
[tinyurl.com/YALSAstate](http://tinyurl.com/YALSAstate)

HOST A LOCAL MEET-UP  
[tinyurl.com/YALSAmeeetup](http://tinyurl.com/YALSAmeeetup)

REPRESENT YALSA ON JOINT COMMITTEES WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS  
[ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/yalsacommittee](http://ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/yalsacommittee)

SERVE AS YALSA'S ALA LIAISON BY REPRESENTING YALSA ON ALA COMMITTEES  
[ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/yalsacommittee](http://ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/yalsacommittee)

PARTICIPATE IN LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY OR DISTRICT DAYS  
[ala.org/yalsa/advocacy](http://ala.org/yalsa/advocacy)

VOTE  
[ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/election](http://ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/election)

JOIN A YALSA STRATEGIC COMMITTEE  
[ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved](http://ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved)



ADVOCATING,  
SUPPORTING

PARTICIPATE IN LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY OR DISTRICT DAYS  
[ala.org/yalsa/advocacy](http://ala.org/yalsa/advocacy)

BE IN OUR MEMBER SPOTLIGHT  
[ala.org/yalsa/member-spotlight](http://ala.org/yalsa/member-spotlight)

APPLY FOR A MEMBER AWARD  
[ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsaawardsgrants](http://ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsaawardsgrants)

NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE FOR A MEMBER AWARD  
[ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsaawardsgrants](http://ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsaawardsgrants)



GETTING  
NOTICED

VOLUNTEER AT THE YALSA BOOTH AT THE ALA MIDWINTER OR ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
Email [lsmith@ala.org](mailto:lsmith@ala.org) to learn more

NOMINATE A TITLE FOR A YALSA SELECTED LIST OR AWARD  
[ala.org/yalsa/bookawards/booklists/members](http://ala.org/yalsa/bookawards/booklists/members)

WRITE A PRODUCT OR APP REVIEW FOR THE HUB  
[yalsahub@gmail.com](mailto:yalsahub@gmail.com)

WRITE A PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATION REVIEW FOR YALS  
[yalseditor@gmail.com](mailto:yalseditor@gmail.com)

SERVE ON A SELECTED LIST BLOGGING TEAM  
[ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/participate](http://ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/participate)



EVALUATING  
YA MATERIALS

SERVE ON AN AWARD COMMITTEE  
[ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/participate](http://ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/participate)

BE A TEAM LEAD FOR A SELECTED LIST BLOGGING TEAM  
[ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/participate](http://ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/participate)

CHAIR A STRATEGIC COMMITTEE, JURY, OR ADVISORY BOARD  
[ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/participate](http://ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/participate)



LEADING

GET ELECTED  
[ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/election](http://ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/election)

APPLY FOR THE EMERGING LEADER PROGRAM  
[ala.org/yalsa/spectrum-scholars-emerging-leaders](http://ala.org/yalsa/spectrum-scholars-emerging-leaders)

APPLY FOR A BOARD FELLOWSHIP  
[ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsa\\_fellows\\_program](http://ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsa_fellows_program)

CHAIR AN AWARD COMMITTEE  
[ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/participate](http://ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/participate)

BLOG FOR YALSABLOG OR THE HUB  
Contact [yalsablogmanager@gmail.com](mailto:yalsablogmanager@gmail.com), [yalsahub@gmail.com](mailto:yalsahub@gmail.com)

WRITE A COLUMN OR ARTICLE FOR YOUNG ADULT LIBRARY SERVICES OR JOURNAL OF RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND YOUNG ADULTS  
Contact [yalseditor@gmail.com](mailto:yalseditor@gmail.com), [yalsaresearch@gmail.com](mailto:yalsaresearch@gmail.com)



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**ALA** OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY, LITERACY  
& OUTREACH SERVICES

Volunteer and Member Engagement

# Subcommittees of ODLLOS Advisory

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- EDI Assembly
- Diversity Research Grants (DRG)
- Services to Refugees, Immigrants and Displaced Persons (SRIDP)
- Spectrum Advisory Committee (SAC)

*\*Apply through the ALA Volunteer Form\**

# Interest Groups

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- Library Services for Dementia/Alzheimer's
- Bridging Deaf Cultures at Your Library
- Consumer Health Librarians
- Library Services to the Justice-Involved
- Library Services to Persons with Print Disabilities
- Tribal Librarians
- Universal Access

<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/diversity/interest-groups>

ALA has **19 Round Tables** established to promote a field of librarianship not within the scope of any single ALA Division.

Round Tables are an excellent way to get involved at ALA, explore your personal interests, and ignite your passion. Each Round Table offers its own volunteer opportunities through committees, workgroups and more!

Check out opportunities and learn more about volunteering with Round Tables on the next few slides!





## New Members Round Table

The NMRT is a place for members who are new to the library profession, new to ALA, or new to both. It provides career development programs, professional development grants, and networking opportunities with more experienced librarians.



## Rainbow Roundtable

The RRT promotes the development, advancement, and improvement of library services and resources for LGBTQ+ individuals and their communities. It is the oldest LGBTQ+ professional organization in the United States.



## Retired Members Round Table

The RMRT provides an avenue for retired or late-career members to maintain relationships, continue meaningful organizational involvement, and share skills and knowledge through mentorship.



## Social Responsibilities Round Table

The SRRT works to make ALA more democratic and to establish progressive priorities not only for the Association, but also for the entire profession. It empowers libraries and library workers to recognize and help solve social problems and inequities.



## Sustainability Round Table

The SustainRT encourages members to exchange ideas and opportunities regarding sustainability in order to move toward a more equitable, healthy, and economically viable society.

Not sure which Round Table to dive into? Take our quiz to find out and get ready to super-charge your collaboration.



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# Customize your ALA journey with ALA Round Tables



Explore your personal interests and ignite your passion around issues and ideas that are impacting your library and your career. Work with other members to build the tools the profession needs, share your expertise, and learn from your colleagues.

For more information about ALA Round Tables, visit [ala.org/aboutala/rt](http://ala.org/aboutala/rt)

To join an ALA Round Table, visit [ala.org/join](http://ala.org/join)

*You must be an ALA Member to join ALA Round Tables. Pro-rated dues apply when adding a Round Table to an existing membership.*

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Regular Members: \$15 / Student Members: \$5

CORETTA SCOTT KING BOOK AWARDS

# CSKBART

ROUND TABLE

## Coretta Scott King Book Award Round Table

The CSKBART honors the legacy of Mrs. Coretta Scott King by promoting distinguished award-winning children and young adults' literature, by African American authors and illustrators that depicts the Black experience.



## Games & Gaming Round Table

GameRT is built around our shared passion for games and the use of gaming within libraries.



## International Relations Round Table

The IRRT promotes interest in library issues and librarianship worldwide, helps coordinate international activities, and develops programs and activities to further the international objectives of ALA.



## Library Research Round Table

The LRRT aims to extend and improve library research, provide public program opportunities for describing and evaluating library research projects and for disseminating their findings, help ALA members use research techniques to make administrative decisions and solve problems, and expand the theoretical base of the field.



## Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table

The EMIERT provides a forum for the exchange of information on library materials and resources in English and other languages, and promotes service for all ethnolinguistic and multicultural communities in general.



## Government Documents Round Table

The GODORT is a dynamic forum where information professionals learn, discuss, advocate, and create scholarship around government information.



## Learning Round Table

The LearnRT helps veteran trainers and newcomers stay on top of trends in the field by providing valuable resources and support.



## Library Support Staff Round Table

The LSSRT focuses on library support staff—who support staff are and what we do, as well as developing skills and support programming for library support staff on the frontlines, in the back rooms, and everywhere in between.



## Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table

The GNCRT supports library staff in all aspects of engaging with comics, including collection development, programming, and advocacy.



## Library History Round Table

The LHRT facilitates communication among scholars and students of library history and supports research in library history.



## Film and Media Round Table

The FMRT offers a unique forum for learning about new developments in video librarianship, as well as resources for finding answers to some of the more elusive questions facing video librarians in their daily work.



## Intellectual Freedom Round Table

The IFRT provides a forum for the discussion of intellectual freedom and promotes a greater opportunity for involvement among the members of ALA in defense of intellectual freedom.



Library Instruction Round Table

## Library Instruction Round Table

The LIRT empowers librarians to become better teachers through sharing best practices, leadership and professional development, and networking.



## Map and Geospatial Information Round Table

Through community, education, and advocacy, the MAGIRT leads and inspires information professionals in their work with map and geospatial information resources.



# GAMES & GAMING

ROUND TABLE

The mission of the GameRT is to provide the following:

- A forum for the exchange of ideas and concerns surrounding games in libraries;
- Resources to the library community to support the building and maintaining of library game collections;
- A force for initiating and supporting game programming in libraries;
- Create an awareness of, and need for, the support of the value of gaming and play in libraries, schools, and related learning communities;
- Create an awareness of the value of games and gaming in library outreach and community engagement plans;
- A professional and social forum for networking among librarians and non-librarians interested in games and gaming.

[ala.org/rt/gamert](http://ala.org/rt/gamert)



# GAMES & GAMING

ROUND TABLE

The Games & Gaming Round Table elected offices are:

- President
- President-Elect
- Past President
- Treasurer - 2 year term
- Secretary- 2 year term
- 6 Members-at-Large - 2 year term (2 elected each year)
- GameRT Councilor - 3 year term

You can find a list of our current Board members on the GameRT website: [ala.org/rt/gamert/executive-board](http://ala.org/rt/gamert/executive-board)

[ala.org/rt/gamert](http://ala.org/rt/gamert)



GameRT volunteer appointments are made by the President elect for volunteers serving in their presidential year. Recruitment is open all year long and new appointments are made throughout the year.

GameRT Committees Include:

- Game On! Grant Committee (roster changes in January)
- International Games Month Committee (roster changes in January)
- Lists & Awards Committee
- Outreach Committee
- Program Planning Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee

You can find more information on our committees and fill out our volunteer form on our GameRT Committee page:  
[games.ala.org/get-involved/](http://games.ala.org/get-involved/)

[ala.org/rt/gamert](http://ala.org/rt/gamert)



# GRAPHIC NOVELS & COMICS ROUND TABLE

The Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table of the American Library Association is dedicated to supporting library staff in all aspects of engaging with graphic novels and comics, including collection development, programming, and advocacy. With more than 1000+ members from all over North America - and colleagues in Australia, Europe, Latin America and more - we are committed to comics advocacy and library and educational work in all aspects and in all areas. We believe #comicsareforeveryone.

For more information connect with GNCRT on Twitter: [@libcomix](https://twitter.com/libcomix); Instagram: [@libcomix](https://www.instagram.com/libcomix); Facebook: [ALA Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table group](https://www.facebook.com/ALA-Graphic-Novels-&-Comics-Round-Table-group) or the GNCRT ALA Connect page.

Have a suggestion? Have a question? You can email us at [gncrt@ala.org](mailto:gncrt@ala.org)



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[ala.org/rt/gncrt](https://ala.org/rt/gncrt)



# About Us!

The Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table elected offices are:

- President
- President-Elect
- Past-President
- Treasurer - 2 year term
- Secretary - 2 year term
- 4 Members-At Large - 2 year term (2 elected each year)
- GNCRT Councilor - 3 year term

You can find more information on our current Board members, Annual Reports, and Presidential Priorities in the "About GNCRT" section of our website: [ala.org/rt/gncrt/about-gncrt](http://ala.org/rt/gncrt/about-gncrt)



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# Get Involved!

The Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table committees include:

- Addressing Comics Censorship Committee
- ALA Conference Committee
- Awards Implementation Task Force
- Communications Committee
- Creators Get Carded
- Metadata & Cataloging Committee
- Programming Committee
- Selection Lists - Best Graphic Novels for Adults Selection Committee
- Selection Lists - Best Graphic Novels for Children Selection Committee
- Selection Lists - Collaboration Core List Committee
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Find out more about the  
GNCRT Committees on our  
Get Involved Page!

[ala.org/rt/gncrt/get-involved](https://ala.org/rt/gncrt/get-involved)



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# Get Involved!

GNCRT Committee Appointments are made by the President-Elect for volunteers serving during their year. Volunteer recruitment for most of the standing committees opens in April and closes in May or June with the goal of all appointment being made by July.

NOVEL GRANT JURIES WHICH RECRUIT IN OCTOBER THROUGH NOVEMBER, APPOINT IN DECEMBER, AND THEIR TERMS START IN JANUARY.

Find more information about GNCRT Committees on our GNCRT Volunteer FAQ:

[ala.org/rt/gncrt/get-involved/gncrt-volunteer-faq](http://ala.org/rt/gncrt/get-involved/gncrt-volunteer-faq)

You can find updates about volunteering with GNCRT on our Get Involved Page: [ala.org/rt/gncrt/get-involved](http://ala.org/rt/gncrt/get-involved)



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# International Relations Round Table (IRRT)

[www.ala.org/irrt](http://www.ala.org/irrt)



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# About IRRT (established 1949)

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**Mission:** To promote interest in library issues and librarianship worldwide; to help coordinate international activities within the American Library Association, serving as a liaison between the International Relations Committee and those members of the Association interested in international relations; to develop programs and activities which further the international objectives of ALA.

**Website:** <http://www.ala.org/irrt>

**Membership:** today IRRT is the third largest ALA round table with approximately 1,200 members

**Not an IRRT Member?** Join us! \$15 US librarians, \$5 students, free for ALA international members.



# Initiatives and programs

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IRRT Chair's theme: *The Impact of IRRT: Celebrating our past and looking to our future*

- International Librarians Networking Program: <http://www.ala.org/rt/irrt/irrtnetworkingprogram>
- ALA Emerging Leaders Program: <http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/leadership/emergingleaders>
- Annual Conference Programming: *International Librarians Orientation, IRRT Preconference, Learning International, International Visitors' Center.*
- *International Leads* - official publication of IRRT.
- International Librarians Networking Program - *Librarians from around the world participate in professional information exchange and network development.*
- IRRT Webinar Committee

# Connect with IRRT

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Web: <http://www.ala.org/irrt>

Blog: <http://www.alairrt.blogspot.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/alairrt/>

*International Leads* email: [ala.intl.leads@gmail.com](mailto:ala.intl.leads@gmail.com)

ALA Connect: <https://connect.ala.org/home>

Mark Mattson, IRRT Chair: [ssafiullah@slcpl.org](mailto:ssafiullah@slcpl.org)

Delin Guerra, IRRT Staff Liaison: [dguerra@ala.org](mailto:dguerra@ala.org)

# Didn't see the group you want or want to chat more?

You can reach out to [governance@ala.org](mailto:governance@ala.org) anytime and we'll help connect you to the appropriate ALA staff member, Division, or Round Table.