

**ALA RESOLUTION HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHINESE
AMERICAN LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION (CALA)**

Whereas the Chinese American Librarians Association is committed to promoting better communication among Chinese American librarians and to the development of Chinese American librarianship;

Whereas the Chinese American Librarians Association provides a forum for professional concerns among Chinese American librarians and celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2013;

Whereas since its establishment in 1973, the Chinese American Librarians Association has expanded into seven chapters in the United States and has members in Canada, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Taiwan;

Whereas the Chinese American Librarians Association has accomplished the following major milestones:

- CALA initiated its Twenty-First Century Librarian Seminar Series to promote the international exchange and foster professional development opportunities for its members. The series sent around a hundred of CALA members to China and Taiwan areas. Over a thousand Chinese librarians have participated in the seminars in this series. The series has received very positive response from Chinese librarians and libraries oversea and the program is still active.
- The Think Globally, Act Locally Initiative - the first government cooperation project between the library community in China and the United States, was sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and IMLS, and organized by Library Society of China, the International and Area Studies Library and the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA). It is part of the 2008 "Think Globally, Act Globally" agreement that established a cooperative and cultural exchange between U.S. and Chinese librarians.

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- Providing CALA Scholarships to MS students and support to the ALA Spectrum Scholarship Initiative
- Family Literacy Focus Project – Dai Dai Xiang Chuan: *Bridging Generations, a Bag at a Time* brings generations together through literacy and cultural activities that emphasize verbal/written language skills and cultural and digital literacy.
- CALA is a proud member of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA).
- CALA is a proud co-sponsor and participant of the 2006 and 2012 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC).
- CALA and the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) started the first National Conference of Asian Pacific American Librarians (NCAPAL) which is a precursor to JCLC together 2001 San Francisco; and

Whereas the Chinese American Librarians Association is an affiliate member of the American Library Association: now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association congratulates and commends the Chinese American Librarians Association for its 40 years of excellence in the development of Sino-American librarianship.

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