

2024

NJLA Executive Board
ALA Councilor
January 2024

ALA Virtual Membership Information Session 1/17 at 3 pm

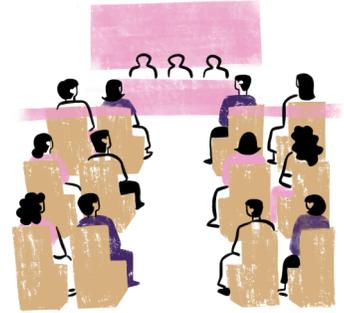
ALA Meetings I will attend at LibLearnX:

ALA Governance Friday 1/19 1 pm - 5:30 pm

ALA- APA meeting 1/20 3 pm

ALA Council 1 1/20 3:45 pm

ALA Council 2 1/21 3 pm



2024 LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience (LLX),

January 19–22, 2024, in Baltimore, MD.

Adult fiction and children’s book author Kate DiCamillo to present at 2024 LibLearnX

The American Library Association (ALA) today announced that adult fiction and children’s book author Kate DiCamillo will present at the 2024 LibLearnX.

Lori Donovan and Amanda Kordeliski will **seek the 2025-2026 AASL presidential term** during the 2024 American Library Association (ALA) election. The full slate of AASL candidates can be found at www.ala.org/aasl/elections

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Policy and Advocacy Office and the National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA) today announced a **new Digital Inclusion Working Group for library workers** to exchange knowledge around digital equity work taking place in all library contexts.

To join the working group, click here. Library workers are not required to be ALA members to participate in the working group but must create an ALA Connect account.

Registration open for **Public Library Association Conference 2024**

PLA Conference is where public libraries shine—where public library issues, ideas, and innovators take center stage. We invite you to join thousands of public library workers, supporters, and vendors from across the country and around the world to celebrate all things public libraries April 3–5 in Columbus, Ohio!

Nominate yourself, colleagues, or your library for the 2024 American Library Association (ALA) Recognition Awards and Grants deadlines are February 1, 2024.



POLICY & ADVOCACY UPDATES 12/22/24

Support bipartisan legislation from Sens. Bernie Sanders & Bill Cassidy to enhance federal US Dept of Education statistics on school & academic libraries.

<https://twitter.com/LibraryPolicy/status/1737518740588179767>

ALA submitted comments to the FCC on its net neutrality proceeding

<https://twitter.com/LibraryPolicy/status/1735750385736814790>

ALA filed an amicus brief on the Hachette Book Group, et al. v. Internet Archive lawsuit.

This submission is in support of neither party and filed with the Association of Research Libraries.

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/sites/ala.org.advocacy/files/content/copyright/copyrightcases/23-1260%20Amici%20Brief.pdf>

ALA has been working closely with Congress on the newly-introduced bipartisan workforce bill that adds public libraries as eligible one-stop operators

<https://twitter.com/LibraryPolicy/status/1733575605348643035>

New ALA Report Maps Increasingly Complex Digital Public Library Ecosystem, ALA Public Policy & Advocacy Office

<https://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2023/12/new-ala-report-maps-increasingly-complex-digital-public-library-ecosystem>

Op-ed "Censorship and the case for institutional literacy"
published in The Hill by ALA PPA Senior Fellow Chris Harris

ALA endorses the Fight Book Bans Act from Representatives Maxwell Frost, Frederica Wilson, and Jamie Raskin to provide funding to help school districts in their defense of book banning and censorship efforts.

<https://twitter.com/LibraryPolicy/status/1732416142042701906>

"Using Libraries to Enhance Entrepreneurship" by PPA staffer Jim Takeshita, America's SBDC blog

<https://americassbdc.org/how-libraries-unleash-entrepreneurial-potential/>