



NJLA Executive Board

ALA Councilor

December 2024

ALA Societal Statement Task Force -

asked to be on this with Stephanie Chase, ALA Executive Board member.

According to the [resolution](#) that founded this working group, we have two responsibilities:

- review the [ASAE Societal Statement Framework](#), and
- develop criteria for the ALA to be brought to Council via resolution for discussion at Annual 2025.

Stand Up for Libraries Sign up to receive **timely advocacy alerts and updates** on policy issues that impact library services from ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy Office.



<https://confirmsubscription.com/h/i/463208600EB4D89A>

The Annual **Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) Virtual Forum** is scheduled for **March 4 & 6, 2025**. We're excited to be in our 4th successful year of offering an economical, virtual venue to learn about reference and user services. The forum is open to ALL Librarians and library workers. RUSA membership is not required. Register today [here](#) and Save \$20 with the early bird code RUSAVF25

The Forum Theme is: Meeting Users' Needs (EDIA)

ALA Announces the 2025 Class of Emerging Leaders

Castillo, Natalie New Jersey Public Public Library Association (PLA)

<https://www.ala.org/news/2024/12/ala-announces-2025-class-emerging-leaders>

2025 Core Fundamentals Web Course schedule. This series of related online courses covers basic topics that enhance skills in various areas of library work.

The Fundamentals Web Courses: fundamentals of acquisitions, cataloging, metadata, collection assessment, collection development and management, digital library projects, electronic resources acquisitions, preservation, management, universal design for learning, and institutional repositories. Courses are 4 to 6 weeks in length and are repeated throughout the year. Students have 24/7 access to the course material. Instructors moderate live weekly chat discussions and provide instruction. Seats are limited and sessions often sell out in advance. Reserve your spot now.

The American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom (ALA-OIF) and the Writers Guild Initiative (WGI) are seeking 25 librarians for a unique series of **online writer's workshops** that will pair the librarians with professional film and television writers. The workshops will provide participating librarians the opportunity to write, create, and make their voices heard under the tutelage of skilled writers. All librarians are invited to apply, and 25 librarians will be randomly selected to participate in the workshop series. Applications are open now through December 16, 2024





How the Work of Fred Rogers Supports the Evolution of Public Libraries

Fred Rogers worked tirelessly to create a welcoming neighborhood for all. In this webinar, attendees will learn how Rogers' philosophy aligns with the mission of public libraries and the three philosophical keys identified in a recent study; how to implement the Neighborhood of Make-Believe as an asset model approach when evaluating library services; and how to apply Rogers' philosophy to support the wellbeing of library staff.

December 18, 2024 1:00 - 2:00pm CST Zoom

\$47.40 for PLA personal members; \$71.10 for ALA personal members;

One Library's Mission to Provide Its Senior Community with Social Engagement and Emotional Connectedness

January 08, 2025 1:00 - 2:00pm CST

you'll learn how NCPL partnered with the city to reduce social isolation and increase connectedness for this vulnerable population. Almost three years later, the library's senior programs continue to thrive and make a real impact, with attendees noting that the programs "make them look forward to each day now."

ALA Disaster Relief Fund

ALA has reached out to library associations in states affected by recent hurricanes. Please support local relief efforts and consider a donation to the ALA Disaster Relief Fund for damaged or destroyed libraries.

ALA LibLearnX

Unlock a world of learning at LibLearnX. Dive into hands-on workshops, connect with peers, and grow your network. You'll be inspired by featured speakers and celebrate with colleagues at the award ceremonies. Register today!

<https://www.ala.org/news/2024/12/telgemeier-mccloud-chosen-national-library-week-honorary-chairs>

Award-winning author and illustrator Raina Telgemeier and cartoonist and comic theorist Scott McCloud have been selected Honorary Chairs of the American Library Association's National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025. The week celebrates the important role libraries and library professionals play in schools and communities.

The American Library Association Receives Transformational Gift to Fund Scholarships

James W. Lewis of Washington, D.C. recent involvement serving on the Board of Trustees of the District of Columbia Public Library,

Mr. Lewis has made the largest individual bequest to the American Library Association in the association's history. The approximately \$25 million bequest is truly transformational and will fund scholarships for aspiring librarians, ensuring future generations of highly educated and committed librarians prepared to meet the informational needs of their communities

<https://www.ala.org/news/2024/12/thornton-withdraws-candidacy-2025-2028-ala-treasurer>

