



# NJLA Executive Board ALA Councilor November 2023

**Virtual ALA Council Meeting** to be held 11/30 at 3 p.m. EST Committee for Accreditation of Master's Programs in LIS, CD #30.1 action item



Registration open for the **2024 LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience (LLX)**, January 19–22, 2024, in Baltimore.

LibLearnX is a four-day learning conference that invites American Library Association (ALA) members and non-members to participate in collaborative and engaging education, networking, and celebrations. Designed as an active-learning experience, LibLearnX offers a diverse selection of more than 100 education programs, created by library professionals for library professionals.

**State of the Chapter Report.** This report helps Chapters and ALA (1) assess the health and vitality of state and regional library associations, (2) highlight notable activities and achievements that can be modeled, and (3) identify challenges and needs that may be addressed collectively.

State of the Chapter Report 2023: <https://forms.office.com/r/j0LP5GaeC>  
by Friday, November 10th

RUSA is now seeking nominations for the **2024 Achievement Awards!**

- Is there anyone you know that could be worthy of consideration?
- What library in your area has been excelling in this work?

You can access the nomination form underneath each award description below. The deadline for nominations is February 23, 2024.

Catastrophic flooding back in July impacted the state of **Vermont**, including many libraries. **17 public libraries suffered damage to their buildings and loss of resources.** Thanks to support from ALA members and other library supporters around the country, the ALA Disaster Relief Fund is sending \$3,500 to the Vermont Library Association to disburse to those libraries hardest hit and in need of financial assistance.

To make a donation to Vermont libraries through the [ALA Disaster Relief Fund](#), please type "Vermont" in the Tribute line.

## POLICY & ADVOCACY UPDATES

Now: ALA PPA is recruiting for a deputy director, state & local advocacy  
<https://twitter.com/ALALibrary/status/1718041158000001314>

Nov 8: Webinar on Book Banning in the US and the Positive Impact of Diverse Books: What New Data Tells Us. With OIF staffers Joyce McIntosh & Eric Stroshane & ALA Policy Corps member Becky Calzada.

<https://twitter.com/UABookBans/status/1717696439885717867>

» OPENING MAIN STAGE «

**Michele Norris**

Register Today and SAVE with early rates!

**LIB LEARN X** THE LIBRARY LEARNING EXPERIENCE  
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Our Hidden Conversations

New publication: [Library Advocacy Action Plan Workbook](#)

The downloadable workbook continues to be an adaptable guide engaging individuals and groups in library advocacy on any issue. Users will take actionable steps in creating an advocacy plan.

ALA submitted comments on the FCC's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the E-rate program, to simplify and improve its operation.

<https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/1022014294193/1>

ALA endorses White House proposal to continue funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/10/25/fact-sheet-white-house-calls-on-congress-to-support-critical-domestic-needs/>

ALA welcomes FCC NPRM on net neutrality  
<https://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2023/09/ala-welcomes-fcc-chair-rosenworcel-s-proposal-reinstate-network-neutrality>

ALA endorsed the Adult Education WORKS Act.  
<https://twitter.com/LibraryPolicy/status/1715115887018037331>

ALA receives National Literacy Honors award from the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy  
<https://twitter.com/AlanSInouye/status/1712399985029812390>

Book banning briefing on Capitol Hill with the Interfaith Coalition  
<https://twitter.com/AlanSInouye/status/1714920712874430637>

ALA was a sponsor of the Everett C. Parker Ethics in Telecommunications Lecture and Awards Ceremony  
<https://twitter.com/AlanSInouye/status/1716838334113194450>  
[Congratulations to @SenDuckworth](#) [@JRosenworcelFCC](#) and [@AlisaValentin](#)

Anna Gomez confirmed as a FCC Commissioner and FCC Commissioners Geoffrey Starks and Brendan Carr were confirmed for new terms -- ALA endorsed all 3 of them.  
<https://www.fcc.gov/document/chair-statement-senate-confirmation-anna-gomez>  
<https://twitter.com/AlanSInouye/status/1708377558088061399>

Op-ed on artificial intelligence, published in The Hill  
<https://twitter.com/AlanSInouye/status/1707017662432190756>

