

NJLA Executive Board ALA Councilor November 2024



ALA vows to defend intellectual freedom and access to information against political threats
November 6, 2024

In response to results of the 2024 United States election, the American Library Association vowed to continue its defense of the core values of librarianship in the face of political threats. *"We know that many of our members are concerned that the election results portend attacks on libraries, library workers, and readers,"* said ALA President Cindy Hohl. *"Whatever happens, ALA will stand up for all Americans' freedom to read – and we will need everyone who loves libraries to stand with us."*

OPENING SESSION
**Raina Telgemeier
& Scott McCloud**

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Cronk, Jamison, McCauley seek ALA presidency for 2026-2027

Lindsay Cronk, Dean of Libraries, Tulane University, New Orleans; Andrea Jamison, Assistant Professor of School Librarianship, Illinois State University; and Maria McCauley, Director of Libraries, Cambridge Public Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts, are candidates for the 2026-27 presidency of the American Library Association.

ALA Nominating Committee announces councilors-at-large candidates

Neal, Thornton running for 2025-2028 ALA treasurer

We would like to invite you to consider participating in a short survey that focuses on recruitment of information professionals in academic libraries. It will examine how elements of an academic job description are perceived by participants

Anyone over the age of 18 who identifies as a librarian and/or archivist is eligible to participate. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to answer approximately 50 questions, which should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The informed consent and survey are available at https://towson.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5z1qFAZvYKqs0Vo



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Nominations are now open for two American Library Association (**ALA**) awards that recognize federal and military librarians.

The Federal Achievement Award:

<https://www.ala.org/rusa/rusa-federal-achievement-award>

The Federal Rising Stars Award: <https://www.ala.org/rusa/rusa-federal-rising-stars-award>

Nominations are due by February 21, 2025. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged.



eLearning Opportunities: <https://elearning.ala.org/>

Provider of courses, webinars, and customized eLearning content for library and information workers in all types of libraries and related organizations.

Alan Inouye will be retiring from ALA on February 28, 2025. After 18 accomplished years at ALA and an additional 10 years in broader public policy work, he is ready to move on to a new chapter.

Author James Patterson bonus recipients named

New Jersey recipients:

- Maureen Herman, Hasbrouck Heights, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey
- Martha Hickson, North Hunterdon High School, Annandale, New Jersey
- Erin Hughes, Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey
- Leyna Lillia, Liberty Corner School Library, Bernards Township, New Jersey
- Mary Martin, Wanaque Public Library, Wanaque, New Jersey
- Miranda Paris, Forked River Elementary School Library, Forked River, New Jersey
- Joy Robinson, Piscataway Public Library, Westergard Branch, Piscataway, New Jersey
- Melaina Squicciarini, Highland Park Public Library, Highland Park, New Jersey

American Library Association's Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table (GNCRT) announces establishment of the GNCRT Outstanding Comics Award

This award strives to highlight exceptional comics publishing, recognize comics for their contributions to literacy, and promote high-quality works in the comics and library communities.

Starting in 2025, the GNCRT Outstanding Comics Award will recognize exceptional titles in a total of nine categories across three age groups: Adult - Fiction, Nonfiction, Series; Young Adult - Fiction, Nonfiction, Series; Children - Fiction, Nonfiction, Series. In addition to the award winners, 1-2 additional honor titles may be named in each category.

