The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) empowers leaders to transform teaching and learning.

member resources
AWARDS & GRANTS

**AAAL Awards**
Each year AASL offers more than $50,000 in awards and grants. AASL’s electronic submission database can be accessed on the AASL website, [www.ala.org/aasl/awards](http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards). The deadline for most awards and grants is February 1.

**Beyond Words**
The Dollar General School Library Relief Fund provides grants to public schools in the states served by Dollar General whose school library program has been affected by a disaster. To apply, visit [www.ala.org/aasl/awards](http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards).

**National School Library Program of the Year Award**
The NSLPY Award, guided by AASL’s *Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Programs*, recognizes exemplary school library programs that are fully integrated into the school’s curriculum. The winning program receives a $10,000 prize donated by Follett. The deadline for the NSLPY Award is January 1. To apply, visit [www.ala.org/aasl/awards](http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards).

Calendar of Events
A calendar of events for AASL is available on the AASL website at [www.ala.org/aasl/calendar](http://www.ala.org/aasl/calendar).

STANDARDS & GUIDELINES

**Learning4Life (L4L)**
Learning4Life (L4L), [www.ala.org/aasl/learning4life](http://www.ala.org/aasl/learning4life), is AASL’s national implementation plan created to support states, school systems, and individual schools preparing to implement the *Standards for the 21st-Century Learner and Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Programs*.

- [Standards for the 21st-Century Learner](http://www.ala.org/aasl/standards)
- [Standards for the 21st-Century Learner in Action](http://www.ala.org/aasl/standardsinaction)
- [Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Programs](http://www.ala.org/aasl/guidelines)
- [A Planning Guide for Empowering Learners with School Library Program Assessment Rubric](http://www.ala.org/aasl/planningguide)

Best Apps and Websites for Teaching & Learning
The Best Apps for Teaching & Learning is a new recognition honoring mobile applications of exceptional value to inquiry-based teaching and learning as embodied in the *Standards for the 21st-Century Learner*. Sites recognized as Best Websites for Teaching & Learning foster the qualities of innovation, creativity, active participation, and collaboration. They are free, web-based sites that are user friendly and encourage a community of learners to explore and discover.

Updated annually, the “Best Lists” are based on feedback and nominations from AASL members. The new lists are released each June. School librarians can nominate their most used apps and websites at [www.ala.org/aasl/standards-guidelines/best](http://www.ala.org/aasl/standards-guidelines/best).

Common Core Crosswalk
The Common Core Crosswalk helps school librarians compare and align AASL’s *Standards for the 21st-Century Learner* with the Common Core State Standards. For more information, visit [www.ala.org/aasl/commoncorecrosswalk](http://www.ala.org/aasl/commoncorecrosswalk).

ISSUES & ADVOCACY

Visit [www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy](http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy) for more AASL advocacy information and resources for school libraries.

School Libraries Transform Learning
This new digital magazine produced by AASL in partnership with *American Libraries*, is designed to be shared with parents, colleagues, administration, and policymakers. Available electronically or as a PDF download, this tool can open the door to discussions on the multiple ways school libraries transform learning. The magazine includes an AASL infographic on digital literacy. Visit [www.ala.org/aasl/transforming](http://www.ala.org/aasl/transforming).

School Library Programs Improve Student Learning
School Library Programs Improve Student Learning is a series of advocacy brochures designed to help school librarians generate and guide discussion with stakeholder groups in the school library community, including administrators, policymakers, parents, and teachers. To download these brochures or purchase full-color packets, visit [www.ala.org/aasl/advocacybrochures](http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacybrochures).

COMMUNITY

To keep AASL members informed about urgent news, programs, and services in a timely manner, we must rely on electronic communication. We encourage all AASL members to regularly visit the AASL website at [www.aasl.org](http://www.aasl.org).

**AASLFORUM discussion list**
AASL offers the AASL Members Forum (AASLFORUM) to all its personal members. Members can post inquiries and participate in discussion via the AASLFORUM list. Visit [www.ala.org/aasl/aaslforum](http://www.ala.org/aasl/aaslforum).

**AASL For the Record**
Distributed bi-annually, AASL leadership shares with members recent happenings in the work of the association. This e-newsletter is sent to membership following ALA Midwinter Meeting and ALA Annual Conference.

**Knowledge Quest Website**
The Knowledge Quest website is the vehicle for school librarians to transform learning. *KQ* offers breaking news, inspired blogs, and passionate conversations, developing insightful professionals and stronger communities. It is the companion site for the *Knowledge Quest* magazine. Visit the Knowledge Quest website at [knowledgequest.aasl.org](http://knowledgequest.aasl.org).

**AASL Social Media**
Network with other school librarians and stay in touch with important things happening at AASL. Follow AASL on your preferred social media outlet.
- Facebook - [www.facebook.com/aaslala](http://www.facebook.com/aaslala)
- Twitter - [www.twitter.com/aasl](http://www.twitter.com/aasl)
- Pinterest - [www.pinterest.com/aaslala](http://www.pinterest.com/aaslala)

**ALA Connect – AASL Division Community**
Join the discussion, provide feedback to AASL leadership and keep up-to-date on AASL and school librarian events and interests in the AASL community on ALA Connect at [connect.ala.org/aasl](http://connect.ala.org/aasl). Additionally, connect with other new members in the new members discussion thread at [connect.ala.org/node/18/og/forum](http://connect.ala.org/node/18/og/forum). Find AAL-created tutorials to help you navigate the community at [www.ala.org/aasl/alaconnecttutorials](http://www.ala.org/aasl/alaconnecttutorials).
**Washington Office Information**
Lobbying efforts by ALA’s Washington Office ensure school librarians are included in educational initiatives, funding and legislation. Visit [www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/we](http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/we) to get up-to-date information on key legislation that affects school libraries.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**AASL @ ALA Conferences**
AASL maintains a presence at the ALA Midwinter Meeting and ALA Annual Conference. For AASL events, visit [www.ala.org/aasl/conferences](http://www.ala.org/aasl/conferences).

**AASL National Conference & Exhibition**
The AASL 18th National Conference & Exhibition will be held Nov. 9-12, 2017, in Phoenix, AZ.

**GAME | Gaming As Meaningful Education**
Co-sponsored by the ALA Games & Gaming Round Table, AASL’s fall event GAME | (Gaming As Meaningful Education will be held Sept. 23-24, 2016, in Rochester, NY. For more information, visit [www.ala.org/aasl/GAME](http://www.ala.org/aasl/GAME).

**AASL eAcademy**
AASL offers a variety of 4- and 6-week online courses designed to create leaders. All courses are asynchronous, Moodle-based courses developed with the busy professional in mind. To check course availability, visit [www.ala.org/aasl/eAcademy](http://www.ala.org/aasl/eAcademy).

**eCOLLAB | Your eLearning Laboratory**
eCOLLAB | Your eLearning Laboratory: Content, Collaboration, Community—provided as a feature of AASL membership—is a central repository of webinars, podcasts and resources from AASL professional development events. Manage your access to eCOLLAB resources, including the latest issue of Knowledge Quest, on your time and at your pace. New content will continue to migrate to the repository, keeping your elearning fresh and focused on topics facing the profession today. To begin connecting with others in the elearning community, view newly added resources, or sign up for upcoming webinars visit [ecollab.aasl.org](http://ecollab.aasl.org). Sign in using your ALA-provided member login.

**Licensed Institutes**
Looking for an educational workshop to offer school librarians in your district or state? AASL is pleased to offer a series of AASL Licensed Institutes—workshops available for nationwide use throughout the profession. For more information, visit [www.ala.org/aasl/licensedinstitutes](http://www.ala.org/aasl/licensedinstitutes).

**PUBLICATIONS & JOURNALS**

**AASL Publications**
AASL offers a rich variety of publications on professional development topics essential to school librarians everywhere. A catalog of AASL professional publications is available at [www.ala.org/aasl/booksproducts](http://www.ala.org/aasl/booksproducts). You can order AASL products in the ALA Store at [www.alastore.ala.org/aasl](http://www.alastore.ala.org/aasl), or call 800-545-2433, ext. 4382 to request a publications order form by mail.

**Knowledge Quest**
Published bimonthly, September through June, Knowledge Quest print magazine articles address the integration of theory and practice in school librarianship, and new developments in education, learning theory and relevant disciplines. For issue previews, highlights, and exclusive member features, visit the companion website at [knowledgequest.aasl.org](http://knowledgequest.aasl.org).

**KQ Express**
All members with a valid email address in our member database will receive KQ Express, a monthly e-mail newsletter that features brief summaries of the latest school library news, along with links to more in-depth content. Archived issues are available for AASL members at [www.ala.org/aasl/pubs/KQExpress](http://www.ala.org/aasl/pubs/KQExpress).

**School Library Research**
SLR is an online journal that promotes and publishes high quality original research concerning the management, implementation and evaluation of school library programs. The only open-access research journal dedicated solely to school library research, SLR also emphasizes research on instructional theory, teaching methods and critical issues relevant to school library media. For more information visit [www.ala.org/aasl/slr](http://www.ala.org/aasl/slr).

**TOOLS & RESOURCES**

**Find AASL task force reports, action briefs, infographics, research and statistics, white papers, and more at [www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/resources](http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/resources).**

**AASL Toolkits**
Access toolkits on the AASL website at [www.ala.org/aasl/toolkits](http://www.ala.org/aasl/toolkits).

- **Common Core State Standards Implementation Assistance Toolkit**—a guide to understanding the CCSS and collaborating with classroom teachers using action plans
- **Crisis Toolkit**—designed to assist you as you build meaningful and effective support for saving your program
- **Instructional Classification Toolkit**—a collection of resources to support the classification of SLs as educators
- **Learning Standards & Program Guidelines Implementation Toolkit**—designed to help building-level school librarians implement the new AASL learning standards and program guidelines in their school library by focusing on small segments
- **Parent Outreach Toolkit**—designed to help school librarians gain parent support in their programs
- **NEW! Resource Guide for Underserved Student Populations**—resources to aid school librarians working with students in five underserved populations.
- **NEW! Pre-Service Toolkit for Principals and Teachers**—designed to help to educate new and future principals and teachers about the significant role that quality library programs can play in student learning.
- **School Librarian’s Role in Reading Toolkit**—offers resources to help school librarians partner with other educators to elevate student reading development and ensure the SL role in reading
- **School Library Program Health and Wellness Toolkit**—provides resources to help you build stakeholder support and true advocacy
- **NEW! Toolkit for Promoting School Library Programs**—contains strategies, practical tips and key messages school librarians can use to create purposeful and varied communications

**Position Statements**
Position Statements are adopted by the AASL Board of Directors to state the association’s position on issues related to the school library profession, practice, policy, and professional development. Visit [www.ala.org/aasl/positionstatements](http://www.ala.org/aasl/positionstatements).
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Committees & Task Forces
AASL personal members are eligible to serve on AASL committees. Visit www.ala.org/aasl/committees to view a list of currently active committees and task forces. To volunteer, visit www.ala.org/aasl/getinvolved and fill out the online volunteer form to help us match you up with the right opportunity.

Sections
AASL maintains three member sections that represent a special field of activity within the school library profession and provide a means for discussion of and action on issues relating to each section.

- Educators of School Librarians Section (ESLS) | www.ala.org/aasl/esls
- Independent Schools Section (ISS) | www.ala.org/aasl/iss
- Supervisors Section (SPVS) | www.ala.org/aasl/spvs

Special Interest Groups
Membership in a SIG is open to all AASL members who are interested in the common concerns of that group.

- Retirees Special Interest Group | connect.ala.org/node/157745
- Students Special Interest Group | connect.ala.org/node/184925

Author & Editor Guidelines
Would you like to write for AASL? Knowledge Quest, School Library Research (SLR), and AASL Publications (print and e-book) seek authors and editors of manuscripts, articles or research papers for publication. Contact AASL staff for publishing calendars and more information on current and upcoming topics. Author guidelines and proposal forms are available at www.ala.org/aasl/getinvolved.

Presenter Guidelines
AASL is seeking presenters for online learning courses, webinars, podcasts, chat sessions and various other learning formats. Requests for proposals are available at www.ala.org/ala/aasl/rfp. Or develop and submit your own proposal at www.ala.org/aasl/getinvolved.

Short-Term Projects
AASL has many opportunities for members to participate in the work of the association and give back to the community through short-term projects. To submit your specialties and interest, visit www.ala.org/aasl/getinvolved.

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