Member Resources
AWARDS & GRANTS

AASL Awards
Each year AASL offers more than $80,000 in awards and grants. AASL’s electronic submission database can be accessed on the AASL website, 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 has been affected by a disaster. To apply, visit www.ala.org/aasl/awards.

National School Library of the Year Award
The NSLY Award, aligned with AASL’s National School Library Standards, recognizes the school library as a unique and essential part of the learning community. The winning school library receives $10,000 sponsored by Follett. The deadline for the NSLY Award is January 1. To apply, visit www.ala.org/aasl/awards/nsly.

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.

AASLFORUM discussion list
AASL offers the AASL Members Forum (AASLFORUM) to all of its personal members. Members can post inquiries and participate in discussion via the AASLFORUM list. Visit 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.

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
Instagram - www.instagram.com/ala_aasl
LinkedIn - www.bit.ly/linkedin_aasl
Twitter - www.twitter.com/aasl
Pinterest - www.pinterest.com/aaslala

ALA Connect—AASL Division Community
ALA Connect is a centralized space where committees and task forces of ALA and its divisions coordinate and archive their work together online. AASL also has a growing division community on ALA Connect. Join the discussion and share your feedback with AASL leadership at connect.al.org/aasl.

AASL STANDARDS

National School Library Standards
The National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries reflects an evolution in teaching, learning, and library standards and defines the profession. This publication provides school librarians with the context needed to cultivate a growth-mindset in all learners and facilitate successful partnerships. A streamlined and integrated standards framework ensures that standards-related activities are mutually reinforcing for learners, school librarians, and school libraries.

ALA Online Store | www.alastore.ala.org
• National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries
• AASL Standards Framework for Learners
• AASL Standards Mobile App

AASL Standards Web Portal
A hub for accessing implementation and advocacy tools, and professional development resources, the AASL Standards web portal provides school librarians and stakeholders multiple entry points into the National School Library Standards. Access support and connect with a vibrant community of professionals at standards.aasl.org.

Standards Crosswalks
Meet your collaborators where they are. Download AASL’s series of crosswalks between the National School Library Standards and other sets of national teaching and learning standards. Visit standards.aasl.org/project/crosswalks.

Best Apps and Websites for Teaching & Learning
Updated annually, the “Best Lists” are based on feedback and nominations from AASL members and vetted by volunteer committees. 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.

ISSUES & ADVOCACY
Visit www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy for more AASL advocacy information and resources for school libraries.

Libraries Transform Campaign—AASL Standards
ALA’s Libraries Transform Campaign has partnered with AASL and sponsor Bound to Stay Bound Books to develop materials featuring school-library focused Because statements directed at administrators and other stakeholders. Download and share an infographic poster and a two-page advertorial highlighting district-wide applications of the National School Library Standards at standards.aasl.org/project/transform.

One-Pagers for Stakeholders
Use this series of one-page handouts to help the administrators, educators, and parents in your school community understand how school librarians amplify teaching and learning, support curriculum, and aid learning at home and at school. Visit standards.aasl.org/project/stakeholders.

Every Standard Tells A Story
Great stories are not just heard but experienced, and they have the potential to change conversation. This video campaign is a growing collection of examples of how school libraries are transforming teaching and learning for real people in real places. Join the campaign by recording your own story. Visit standards.aasl.org/project/every-standard.
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.

AASL National Conference & Exhibition
The AASL National Conference & Exhibition—the only national conference devoted solely to the needs of school librarians—from November 14–16, 2019, in Louisville, Kentucky, offers robust educational opportunities, high-profile speakers, numerous authors, stimulating events, and various opportunities for networking and sharing! All programming in Louisville will be rooted in the new AASL Standards. Whether you are a learner or a presenter (or both!), this will be an opportunity not to miss.

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 learning fresh and focused on topics facing the profession today. To view newly added resources or sign up for upcoming webinars visit ecollab.aasl.org. Sign in using your ALA-provided member login.

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 and product is available at www.ala.org/aasl/booksproducts.

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.

School Library SmartBrief
AASL’s School Library SmartBrief is a weekly e-newsletter that provides important and timely news stories affecting the school library and education community. To sign up, visit http://bit.ly/AASLSmartBrief.

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.

TOOLS & RESOURCES

Find AASL task force reports, action briefs, infographics, research and statistics, white papers, and more at www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/resources.

AASL Toolkits
Access toolkits on the AASL website at www.ala.org/aasl/toolkits.

AASL Advocacy Toolkit—resources for building relationships with stakeholders and gaining educated support for your program.

Common Core State Standards Action Toolkit for Public Librarians—prepared by a joint task force comprised of AASL, ALSC, and YALSA members.

Common Core State Standards Implementation Assistance Toolkit—a guide to understanding the CCSS and collaborating with classroom teachers using action plans.

NEW! Defending Intellectual Freedom: LGBTQ+ Materials in School Libraries—use the AASL Standards as scaffolding to explore LGBTQ+ materials and needs in your community. A companion webinar walks users through a variety of ways to put this guide to use.

Parent Advocate Toolkit—designed to help school librarians gain parent support in their programs.

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.

Public Library and School Library Collaboration Toolkit—includes context and suggestions for creating public library/school library partnerships of all sizes.

Resource Guide for Underserved Student Populations—resources to aid school librarians working with students in five underserved populations.

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.

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.

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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