

ALA has left an indelible mark on society and our world. Since its founding in 1876, ALA has supported and nurtured library leaders from the beginning of their careers, while advocating for libraries' core values— literacy, access to information, intellectual freedom, diversity, inclusion and privacy. The values embodied by ALA have evolved with the times and our core work remains critical today and into the future.



That's why it's important to support ALA today – and help it grow for tomorrow! Join the 1876 Club to leave a legacy of your values and vision to ALA, through naming ALA or one of its divisions, offices or roundtables as a beneficiary of your will, retirement plan, life insurance policy, or other planned giving vehicle.

WHY JOIN?

Everyone can give, and gifts of all size are welcome! Consider joining the 1876 Club if you:

- Care deeply about the impact ALA has on your own career, your colleagues and friends, libraries, and the world as a whole;
- Want to help libraries of all types grow and thrive;
- Value the incredible work ALA has accomplished to help libraries protect privacy, advocate broadly for intellectual freedom and promote literacy;
- Want to grow the work ALA does to enhance equity, diversity, inclusion and access.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Members of the 1876 Club:

- Are age 50 or under when joining the Club – but once you're in, you're in, no matter what your age;
- Name the American Library Association or one of its divisions, offices, or roundtables as a beneficiary of your will, retirement plan, life insurance policy, or other planned giving vehicle.

BENEFITS & RECOGNITION

ALA Thanks YOU! Members of the 1876 Club will receive the following benefits and recognition:

- Certificate and special ribbon to wear at conference;
- Invitations to 1876 Club cocktail parties and other social events;
- A chance to network with the brightest emerging professionals at ALA;
- Recognition as Legacy Society members.

The future of ALA is in your hands! As a member of the 1876 Club, you can help fund the growth of ALA into the next generation – and beyond. Contact the Development Office to learn more about ways you can make a planned gift to ALA.

Development Office, American Library Association

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READY TO JOIN THE 1876 CLUB? HERE'S HOW!

Designate ALA as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy.

It's easy! Just contact the company that holds your retirement plan or life insurance policy. Let them know that you would like to update your beneficiaries, and they will send you a form. Fill out what percentage you would like to go to ALA.

Remember ALA in your will.

Including ALA as a recipient of a percentage or specific dollar amount is easy to do. Each individual situation is unique and, therefore, the following examples include only some of the possible gift opportunities. We encourage you to share your final will provision with the American Library Association to ensure that your wishes will be properly followed and recognized. Here's some language that you can give to your attorney, or insert in a will that you are preparing yourself:

Percentage of estate for unrestricted purposes

I give, devise, and bequeath to the American Library Association, a not-for-profit organization located in Chicago, Illinois, _____ percent (%) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate as an unrestricted gift to be used for the general purposes of the American Library Association.

I instruct that all of my charitable gifts shall be made, to the extent possible, from property that constitutes "income in respect of a decedent" as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

Specific amount for unrestricted purposes

I give, devise, and bequeath to the American Library Association, a not-for-profit organization located in Chicago, Illinois, the sum of \$_____ in cash (or _____ shares of _____ stock) to be used for the general purposes of the American Library Association.

I instruct that all of my charitable gifts shall be made, to the extent possible, from property that constitutes "income in respect of a decedent" as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

Thinking about a more complicated bequest or just need more help?

Reach out to the ALA Development Office and we can talk with you about your interest in leaving ALA a gift of appreciated stock, annuity, Charitable Remainder Trust, and more.

Let us know!

After you've completed all of these steps, please contact the ALA Development Office so that we can say thank you!

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*ALA is not a financial or legal advisor. You should always consult your own financial advisor or attorney when making estate plans.

Handy information about ALA to include in your will or beneficiary forms:

- **Legal Name:** American Library Association
- **Address:** 50 East Huron, Chicago, IL 60611
- **Tax ID#:** 36-2166947