Why the American Library Association?

The American Library Association is the national voice for libraries.

Since 1876, ALA has supported and nurtured library leaders throughout their careers while advocating for libraries’ core values: literacy, access to information, intellectual freedom, diversity, inclusion, and privacy. The work we do is pivotal, both now and looking forward.

Leave a legacy of your values and vision to ALA through naming ALA or one of its divisions, offices, or round tables as a beneficiary of your will, retirement plan, life insurance policy, or other planned giving vehicle.

Ready to Make a Planned Gift?

Contact ALA’s Development Office at development@ala.org or 312-280-3259 for more information about your options.

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PROFESSIONAL & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Your planned gift supports professional and leadership development opportunities for all levels of experience and expertise. ALA is committed to professional development for all who work in libraries, and to providing leadership development opportunities both within ALA and for the field. As libraries move into the future, engaged, thoughtful, and diverse leaders are essential. You can make that happen.
You know how crucial librarians are to our world. Even a modest-sized gift can make an enormous difference in keeping libraries’ doors open and ensuring that librarians continue to be an integral part of our educational system.

Personal property, retirement funds, insurance policies, and more are the tools of charitable gift planning. These tools allow you to express your beliefs and values. Planned gifts can also provide you with valuable tax benefits, and an additional source of income for life.

It’s easy to designate the American Library Association or any of its divisions, offices, round tables, or programs as a recipient of your planned gift. Simply call us at 312-280-3259 and speak confidentially with a development officer, or email us at development@ala.org.
EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Help ALA create a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive library culture through your planned gift. As we work towards building a diverse and inclusive profession, we must educate the association, ourselves, and the people we serve through advocacy, leadership, and our own example. You can help create a better future with a planned gift today.
ADVOCACY

From library funding to net neutrality, ALA has been at the heart of our nation’s greatest advances for libraries. When you leave a gift to ALA, you ensure that libraries will continue to have a national voice, and that your values continue to be heard.
With a Planned Gift You Can:

• Grow the library leaders of tomorrow
• Amplify the values of libraries
• Strengthen libraries for the next generation

Legacy Society

BENEFITS & RECOGNITION

ALA thanks you for making it a part of your legacy. Members of the Legacy Society will receive the following benefits and recognition:

• Personalized welcome package
• Commemorative pin
• Gifts at a certain level are eligible for complimentary conference registration
• VIP access to special conference events
• Ribbon to wear at Annual Conference and Midwinter
• Invitations to Legacy Society luncheon and other social events
• Listing of your name on the official ALA Legacy Society Honor Roll (optional)
1876 Club

Are you 50 or under? Join the 1876 Club to leave a legacy of your values and vision to ALA through naming ALA a beneficiary of your will, retirement plan, life insurance policy, or other planned giving vehicle. ALA has supported and nurtured library leaders since its founding in 1876.

BENEFITS & RECOGNITION

ALA thanks you! Members of the 1876 Club will receive the following benefits and recognition:

- Planned giving circle for donors under 50 when they join
- Recognition as a Legacy Society member and associated benefits
- VIP access to special conference events
- Ribbon to wear at Annual Conference and Midwinter
- Invitations to 1876 Club cocktail parties and other social events
- A chance to network with the brightest emerging professionals at ALA

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“I believe in investing in the future, and of the best ways to do that was joining other young professionals in the American Library Association’s 1876 Club. As a group we are committed to powerful advocacy for libraries, librarians, and the public. The most effective way to ensure that vibrant and diverse libraries remain a relevant and integral part of our communities for generations to come is through ALA.”

COURTNEY L. YOUNG
ALA PAST PRESIDENT
How to Make a Planned Gift

1. Contact the American Library Association’s Development Office at 312-280-3259 or development@ala.org, for more information about your options. We can provide you with sample language for bequests or show you how to structure specific gifts.

2. Contact your attorney and your financial advisor. Let them know you are considering a planned gift to the American Library Association. They can assist you in determining what type of gift best suits your personal and financial circumstances.
Sample Bequest Language

PERCENTAGE OF ESTATE FOR UNRESTRICTED PURPOSES

I give, devise, and bequeath to the American Library Association, a nonprofit organization located in Chicago, Illinois, or its successor in interest, ____% 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 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 nonprofit organization located in Chicago, Illinois, or its successor in interest, $____ as an unrestricted gift to be used for the general purposes of the American Library Association.

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This is not professional legal or tax advice. Consult your legal and tax advisors regarding your specific situation.

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