
KEY NUMBERS

REGISTRATION

Final pre-conference registration: 11,514
2007 final pre-conference registration (Washington, DC): 14,196
2006 final pre-conference registration (New Orleans): 9,047
2005 final pre-conference registration (Chicago): 13,407
2004 final pre-conference registration (Orlando): 10,127

Notable Annual 2008 Numbers

• Join ALA’s 1st “Big Game” – California Dreaming. The California Myth Authority (CMA) needs your help! During your normal conference routine on Saturday and Sunday (June 28-29), you’ll notice clues to myths and mysteries surrounding California history and pop culture spread out around the Anaheim Convention Center – in sessions, on the exhibit floor, and in other unexpected places. Use your librarianly skills to solve the puzzles and then bring your answers to the CMA Game HQ in the new Gaming Pavilion on the Exhibit floor or text your answers to 917-476-5229 and build up your score.

Your first mission is to join one of the six teams playing, by going to http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/Big_game_teams or stopping by Game HQ. To learn more about this conference-wide game, go to Game HQ or check online at http://www.californiamythauthority.com. Winners will be announced Sunday evening, June 29.

• 100 Volunteers for Libraries Build Communities – On Friday, June 27, 100 volunteers from across the U.S. will participate in 13 projects, including aiding 12 understaffed and underfunded public and school libraries. Besides assisting these libraries in adding new books, volunteers will help a high school archive 115 years of its history, create a puppet show for grades K-4 (8-25 students) at a library serving a children’s shelter and update another library’s 20-year-old collection. Volunteers will also help sort and label food at the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County.

• In a positive sign for the future of library education, 174 people registered for Leaders Wanted: Is an LIS Doctoral Program Right for You? sponsored by the ALA Office for Diversity, Spectrum Scholar Interest Group and University of Washington Information School, Saturday, June 28. The Options Fair in the afternoon will provide attendees an opportunity to discussion opportunities and funding with doctoral students and faculty from LIS programs across the country.
• Reflecting growing bookmobile presence at ALA, **100 bookmobile staff** are participating in Bookmobile Sunday training, featuring Masha Hamilton, author of *The Camel Bookmobile*.

• **250 ALA Ambassadors** – These active ALA members, veterans of many ALA Annual Conferences, are eager to assist first-time attendees and facilitate networking among the membership. Ambassadors will be available at the Membership Pavilion (on the Exhibit Floor, Booth #1840) and at the Ambassadors Desk in the Registration Area for your conference and membership questions.

• **100 seats** are reserved on Friday, Sunday and Monday for the 1st Annual Conference Dine-Around. Sign up ahead of time on the wiki at [http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/Dine-Around_Program](http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/Dine-Around_Program) or stop by the Ambassadors Desk in Registration. Join colleagues from around the world at affordable, fun restaurants within walking distance of the Anaheim Convention Center (ACC).

• **56 half-hour “101” programs** showcasing ALA divisions, round tables, offices and presidential initiatives for anyone interested in learning a lot about ALA opportunities in a short time, at the Membership Pavilion in the Exhibits, Booth 1840.

• This was the first year that American Library Association opened a Call for Proposals to the annual conference attendees to present research papers. Proposals were received in the areas of Children & Young Adults, Collection Management & Technical Services, Digital Information & Technologies, Research, and User Services. **165 proposals** were received for peer review. The top **20** will be presented by the authors on Monday, June 30, and Tuesday, July 1. They will also be published in conference proceedings, *Issues in Librarianship: Presented Papers at the ALA 2008 Annual Conference*, which may be purchased onsite during the conference. ($65 for ALA members/$80 for non-members)

• **40 student-to-staff participants**, library school students chosen from among the student chapters, are assisting ALA staff in **27** units at the conference. To qualify, the student must be a current ALA member and a member of a student chapter, and cannot have previously participated in the program. In exchange for working **4** hours per day at the conference, the student will receive free conference registration, housing, and a per diem for meal expenses. Look for them and say “hi!” They’ll be wearing ALA staff badges with green ribbons saying “Student Volunteer.”

**ALA MEMBERSHIP**

- ALA Membership –
  - Personal Members: 64,190 (May 31, 2008) vs. 61,806 (May 31, 2007)
  - Organizational Members: 3,377 (May 31, 2008) vs. 3,537 (May 31, 2007)
  - Corporate Members: 260 (May 31, 2008) vs. 262 (May 31, 2007)
  - Total ALA Membership: 67,827 (May 31, 2008) vs. 65,605 (May 31, 2007)
Division Membership – Total May 31, 2008 May 31, 2007

- AASL 9,221 9,422
- ACRL 13,039 13,639
- ALCTS 4,849 5,174
- ALSC 4,238 4,183
- ALTA 1,006 1,024
- ASCLA 926 1,026
- LAMA 5,239 5,406
- LITA 4,044 4,281
- PLA 12,183 11,049
- RUSA 5,120 5,553
- YALSA 5,658 5,527

Round Table Membership – Total May 31, 2008 May 31, 2007

- CLENE 434 512
- EMIERT 682 666
- ERT 438 444
- FAFLRT 385 377
- GLBTRT 972 951
- GODORT 1,070 1,117
- IFRT 1,768 1,905
- IRRT 1,838 1,878
- LHRT 583 626
- LIRT 1,694 1,813
- LRRT 1,534 1,532
- LSSIRT 702 853
- MAGERT 389 428
- NMRT 2,133 2,349
- SRRT 2,347 2,364
- S[T]ORT 207 233
- VRT 282 339

HOT TOPICS

Appropriations

President Bush released his FY2009 budget request on February 4. The Senate and House passed an FY2009 budget conference agreement in June. While mark-ups on all of the appropriations bills will take place in June and July, the Washington Office believes the work on the FY2009 appropriations bills will not be completed until after the November election.

In the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, ALA is asking the Subcommittee to fund the Library Services and Construction Act (LSTA) at the President’s request of $214,432 million and fund the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program at $100 million.
Members of Congress circulated a letter addressed to both the Senate and House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittees, requesting that the Senate and House include President Bush’s request for LSTA and increased funding for the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program for FY2009.

In the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, ALA is asking the Subcommittee to fund the Government Printing Office at the President’s FY2009 request of $174,354 million and to adequately fund the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLSBPH) process of switching the talking books and associated playback equipment from four-track cassette tapes to digital (USB) flash memory cartridges. NLSBPH estimates the cost of transition is $76.4 million, over a four-year period, and the Library of Congress received only $12.5 million of the $19.1 million requested in FY2008.

In the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, ALA is asking the Subcommittee to restore the proposed $4 million cuts to the National Agriculture Library (NAL) and add $1 million to allow NAL to provide access to agricultural information and literature.

ALA, RadioShack and the DTV Transition
In June 2008, ALA and RadioShack announced a nationwide initiative to help educate the public about the DTV Transition set to begin in all 50 states and Puerto Rico on February 17, 2009. Through this collaboration, RadioShack’s 4,500 company stores and many of the 1,000-plus participating franchise stores will offer knowledgeable team members to 16,000 public libraries to host educational sessions for library patrons.

ALA members who wish to host a DTV transition presentation in their library may make a request directly through RadioShack’s corporate offices. A library would need only to fill out the template form (available at www.ala.org/dtv) and email it directly to RadioShack at radioshack.dtv@radioshack.com to get a speaker and sample converter box.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Library Closings
In the fall of 2006, the EPA closed several regional libraries, as well as public access to the EPA Headquarters Library in Washington, DC. The specialized pesticide library and database were closed to the public as well. The EPA blamed budget cuts for these closings and stated the closings would not affect access to the important environmental and scientific collections and data sets, since online functions will meet these needs. ALA and many other groups have argued that the EPA library online services are not fully in place and are not adequate to meet the current needs of EPA staff, researchers, and the public, as well as future demands of users.

EPA has reported no further closings since the end of 2006. In 2007, EPA focused on hearings and responding to inquiries by Congress and the Government Accountability Office (GAO), which has credited the library community and other public interest groups for raising awareness. In February 2007, ALA immediate past president Leslie Burger testified at a hearing of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on the EPA closings. After considerable pressure by
librarians, researchers and the public, Congress has ordered the EPA to restore its library network.

ALA president-elect Jim Rettig testified at a House hearing on a Government Accountability Office report, which concluded that the EPA libraries should not have been closed. ALA continues to be concerned that the EPA libraries be reopened properly, as they have been instructed.

The ALA Washington Office has been in close contact with EPA and its staff in charge of the library re-openings. As stated in EPA’s “Report to Congress,” EPA plans to re-open the Chemical Library along with the HQ and three Regional libraries. Most of the chemical library contents are already in DC, but those materials which had been dispersed to other EPA libraries will be returned and shelved with the rest of the Chemical collection. They are currently in the process of recruiting a full-time professional librarian with chemical information knowledge to staff the Chemical Library. The Chemical Library is expected to cover nearly 2,500 sq. ft. This is in addition to the planned 4,500 sq. ft. and 4.5 full-time professional librarians and library technicians for the adjacent HQ repository library.

The American Federation of Government Employees, in accordance with their collective bargaining agreement, has requested to bargain over the reopening of the libraries. Given that negotiations on these libraries began recently (June 17, 2008), exact sizes for the libraries will not be fixed until an agreement has been reached.

At the time of writing, EPA was holding an online dialogue on access to environmental information at http://blog.epa.gov/partners/ The weeklong discussion was held to identify and share best resources, tools, and ideas for improving access to EPA’s environmental information.

**FARM Bill and Telecommunications Support for Libraries Serving Rural Communities**

A modest but significant amendment was included in the Farm bill as it was originally passed several weeks ago. The word “libraries” was inserted into a key rural telecommunications program to allow for libraries to participate in a grant program along with the previously allowed distance learning and tele-medicine entities.

After President Bush vetoed the bill and Congress overrode the veto, it was determined that a major portion of the original bill had been omitted from the actual language passed by Congress. There appears to be yet more behind-the-scenes debate going on because Congress has been expected to have another “final” vote in a couple of weeks, yet, at this writing that has not happened. Updated information should be available at Annual Conference, although it is widely assumed that the language officially passed with the accidental omissions is operative and should still hold. The “libraries” amendment is in the portion of the bill appropriately passed already.

**Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP)**

In April 2008, the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) tasked the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) with conducting a study on the conditions of regional
depository libraries. As part of that study, GPO requested comments from the library community. On behalf of ALA and the Committee on Legislation (COL), the ALA Washington Office submitted a letter to GPO broadly framing the complex issues and highlighting the diversity of concerns, challenges, and ideas within ALA, with respect to the current and future role of the FDLP.

On June 2, GPO released its draft report titled, “Regional Depository Libraries in the 21st Century: A Time for Change?” (paste the following into your browser – login may be required: http://www.fdlp.gov/regionals/study.html). The JCP asked GPO to seek comments from the depository community in response to the report and its recommendations. To meet GPO’s June 15 deadline for comments, COL reviewed the report and sought input from ALA units to draft and submit a letter of response and support to GPO by their deadline. GPO’s report and recommendations, as well as the future of the FDLP, will be an important agenda item at various meetings during ALA’s 2008 Annual Conference.


Higher Education and Loan Forgiveness

On September 27, 2007, President George W. Bush signed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (P.L. 110-84) into law.

- The bill encourages public service by providing loan forgiveness for borrowers who spend 10 years in a public service occupation.
- Specially, the bill directs the Secretary of Education to cancel the balance of any interest and principal due on any Federal Direct Loan – including Direct Stafford, PLUS, or Consolidation Loan – which is not in default for borrowers who:
  o Have made 120 monthly payments on a Direct Loan after October 1, 2007; and
  o Are employed in a “public service job” and have been employed in a public service job during the 120 payment period.
- The bill defines a “public service job” as a:
  
  Full-time job in emergency management, government, military service, public safety, law enforcement, public health, public education (including early childhood education), social work in a public child or family service agency, public interest law services, public child care, public service for individuals with disabilities, public service for the elderly, public library sciences, school-based library sciences and other school-based services.

The Higher Education Act is currently up for reauthorization. Congress has passed six extensions while the Senate and House negotiate the differences in the competing versions of the bill.

- The Senate bill (S.1642) would extend current law for Perkins loan forgiveness (which is subject to appropriations and available for borrowers who work in specific public service jobs) to additional categories of borrowers who meet eligibility criteria and work as librarians, pre-
kindergarten or child care workers, full-time faculty at tribal colleges or universities, and speech and language therapists. Specifically, the language was expanded to include service as a librarian with a master’s degree working in:

- An elementary or secondary school eligible for assistance under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; or
- A public library serving an area containing an elementary or secondary school eligible for assistance under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

- The House bill (H.R. 4137) authorizes discretionary loan forgiveness (excluding consolidation and PLUS loans) of $2,000/year (up to $10,000) for service in “areas of national need.” Under this program, librarians are specifically listed as “an area of national need” as long as the individual is employed full-time in a high poverty area for five consecutive years. Specifically, the individual must work in:
  - A public library that serves a geographic area within which the public schools have a combined average of 30% or more of their total student enrollments composed of children eligible for assistance under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary School Act; or
  - An elementary or secondary school with greater than 30% of its students eligible for assistance under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

**FISA Reform**

In August 2007, Congress enacted the Protect America Act very quickly as summer recess began. The Protect Act expired on February 16, 2008. In March, the House passed a new bill incorporating parts of the Senate’s FISA Amendments Act of 2007 (S. 2248), and the House’s original Restore Act (H.R. 3773). In recent months, ALA has signed on to numerous letters with organizations such as the Center for National Security Studies (CNSS) and the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT) as the various iterations of these bills have proceeded through Congress.

The “H.R. 3773 substitute bill” is substantially better than the Protect Act passed in August or the bill passed by the Senate. The substitute includes reporting requirements that will ensure that Congress obtains access to the information needed for public and Congressional consideration of what permanent amendments should ultimately be made to FISA. While the bill would authorize the surveillance of Americans’ international communications without warrant (in some circumstances where the Fourth Amendment requires a warrant), it does contain important protections against such unconstitutional surveillance. Such appropriate protections include: (a) accountability for illegal surveillance by the Administration that also guarantees future oversight; (b) a December 2009 sunset so that these powers will be reviewed in the new Administration; (c) creation of a commission to investigate and report about warrantless surveillance; (d) stronger judicial oversight; and (e) requiring probable cause to target Americans who are overseas.
Open Access and Scholarly Communication

Harvard University’s Faculty of Arts and Sciences recently voted to enable open access to their scholarly articles in an institutional repository. The vote marks the first time the faculty of a U.S. university has approved an open access directive and the first time a faculty has granted permission to the university to make its articles available through open access. The Harvard vote grants the university the rights necessary to archive and make freely available on the Internet articles written by Arts and Sciences faculty members.

The 2008 SPARC-ACRL Forum, “Campus Open Access Policies: The Harvard Experience and How to Get There,” headlined by Stuart M. Shieber (Center for Research on Computation and Society, and Berkman Center for the Internet and Society), will explore the motivations behind the Harvard policy, the groundwork invested in its creation, reactions and outcomes to date, and the broader implications of this step. The Forum will be 4-5:30pm, Saturday, June 28, ACC 210A-C. The ACRL Scholarly Communications Discussion Group will host an open conversation about issues that surface at the forum, 4-5:30pm, Sunday, June 29, ACC 203B. For more information, go to: www.arl.org/sparc/forum

Library Funding

Library funding will be a major topic at the 2008 Annual Conference. Here are two opportunities to find out how to take action:

- The Advocacy Institute: School Libraries in Crisis – Why Everyone Should Care. How does the school library crisis affect public and academic libraries? Why should Friends, Trustees and librarians of all types care? Learn what’s happening in school libraries in California and around the country, and how to leverage this information into your own advocacy campaign. Hear “The Spokane Moms” discuss the successful Fund our Future Washington Campaign. Registration is $75 at the door, including lunch, Friday, June 27, 9:30am-3:30pm, Hyatt Regency Orange County, Ballrooms E & F. (Registration begins at 8:30am.) For more information, go to www.alala.org/advocacyinstitute

- In the library ecosystem, what happens to one library affects all types of libraries. How can we strengthen and sustain advocacy efforts on behalf of all types of libraries: Attend Advocating for All Libraries: Saving the Library Ecosystem – A Planning Session for ALA President-Elect Jim Rettig, on Saturday, June 28, 1:30-3:30pm, Hilton Anaheim, Huntington. For more information, see www.alala.org/rettigadvocacy

Privacy

Privacy in the digital age continues to be a major focus. A provocative panel discussion – Privacy: Is It Time for a Revolution? – will bring together Cory Doctorow (boingboing blogger and best-selling science fiction author), Dan Roth (senior writer for Wired magazine) and Beth Givens (Director of the Privacy Clearinghouse) to kick off Privacy for All: Rallying Americans to Defend Our Freedoms, a three-year public engagement campaign to call attention to the value of privacy as the foundation for civil liberties and intellectual freedom. ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom has received a $350,000 seed grant from
the Open Society Institute to launch the campaign, developed in response to ALA Council’s “Resolution on National Discussion on Privacy,” adopted at the 2006 ALA Annual Conference. The goal of the campaign is to inspire the public to stand with librarians as they fight for privacy standards in the digital age. The program is scheduled Sunday, June 29, 1:30-3:30pm, ACC Room 201D.

**RDA: Resource Description and Access**

For an update on new cataloging rules attend the latest of the ongoing informational sessions sponsored by ALCTS (Association for Library Collections and Technical Services), Saturday, June 28, 10:30am-noon, Marriott Anaheim, Salon E.

**Library Education TF**

The Library Education Task Force (special) is requesting comment on the statement: *ALA Core Competences of Librarianship*, by July 31, 2008.

The statement is available at: [http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/competencies](http://wikis.ala.org/professionaltips/index.php/competencies). Comment in the discussion section of the wiki – or send comments by email to mghikas@ala.org, by July 31. You can meet with the Task Force on Saturday, June 28, Hilton Anaheim, Executive Board Room. The draft will be presented to the ALA Council for initial discussion during the ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session, Sunday, June 29, 9:00-10:00am, ACC BR, B-C.

**Intellectual Freedom Policies – Changes and Interpretations**

The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee has proposed some changes to the intellectual freedom policies in the *Intellectual Freedom Manual* as well as some revisions to six interpretations:

- Access to Library Resources and Services Regardless of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation
- Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program
- Diversity in Collection Development
- Evaluating Library Collections
- Expurgation of Library Materials
- Free Access to Libraries for Minors

To see the changes and for additional information go to: [http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/relatedlinksa/ifpolicychanges.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/relatedlinksa/ifpolicychanges.cfm).

The IFC will meet Friday, June 27, 8:30am-12:30pm, and Saturday, June 28, 8:30am-12:30pm, both times in the Marriott Anaheim, Newport Beach/Rancho Las Palmas Room. At Session 1, the IFC will receive comments and identify any possible further revisions. At Session 2, the IFC will report and discuss any additional revisions. The revisions will be presented to the ALA Council at Council III (Wednesday).

**ALTA-FOLUSA**

The ALA/Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA) and Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) are currently exploring formation of an expanded division -- to be called The Association for Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF) – within ALA. A joint planning committee was appointed at
the 2008 Midwinter Meeting. A key objective of both ALTA and FOLUSA is to strengthen outreach to and support for those involved in governing, advocating for and supporting libraries of all types. The proposal will be discussed at the ALTA Town Hall Meeting, Sunday, June 29, 4:00-5:30pm, ACC 213C. For additional information, see [http://www.ala.org/ala/alta/ALTAFF%20FAQs%20.doc](http://www.ala.org/ala/alta/ALTAFF%20FAQs%20.doc) and [http://www.ala.org/ala/alta/ALTAFF%20Bylaws.doc](http://www.ala.org/ala/alta/ALTAFF%20Bylaws.doc)

**ALA Website**

1. A preview of the graphic redesign and improved information architecture of the ALA website is available at [http://www.ala.org/preview](http://www.ala.org/preview). This preview reflects the information architecture developed as a result of the usability assessment. The redesigned site is the result of an extensive usability study undertaken during the past 18 months. Numerous member groups and individuals participated in the development of the site’s subject organization as well as the graphic look and feel. What is available now, is a work in progress; the fully-functioning website is expected to be live by August 31, 2008.

2. ITTS staff are working with Adhere Solutions, experts in fine-tuning enterprise Google Search Appliances, to improve the user search experience. Implementation of recommendations is anticipated by September 1.

3. ALA staff are working with UserWorks, Inc. and Urban Insight to develop **ALA Connect**, a social-networking application, using Drupal, that will replace and expand upon the online communities application. Features available in the first phase of development include announcements; blogs; calendar; chat; collaborative, wiki-like documents; discussion forums; one-to-one messaging; online status; polls; profiles with avatars/pictures; surveys; syndication; and Twitter integration (which automatically sends activity updates within the system to Twitter, not the other way around). Beta testing will begin in September.

**AASL Learning Standards and Indicators Task Force Open Hearing**

The Task Force will hold an open forum during the Annual Conference to receive feedback from AASL members on the Standards for the 21st Century Learner in Action, Saturday, June 28, 9:00-10:00am, Crowne Plaza Anaheim, Cabo San Lucas A.

**Cuba**

In the ongoing controversy over ALA’s position, Blanche Woolls, Chair, ALA International Relations Committee, has notified ALA Council that the ALA International Relations Office and ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom have submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to both US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. State Department, in March 2007, to obtain information on their activities in support of the “independent library” movement in Cuba. At this point, there has been no response. For more information see: [http://www.ala.org/ala/iro/iroactivities/ALA_Cuba_Update-Annual_2008.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/iro/iroactivities/ALA_Cuba_Update-Annual_2008.cfm)

**Library Services to the Homeless**

A 2007 survey of ALA staff and member perceptions of ALA Policy 61, Library Services to Homeless People, reflected little participation in planning and limited strategies, although the issue is a significant one for public libraries across the country. Join in the discussion with Michael Santangelo, Chair, OLOS Subcommittee on Library Services to Poor & Homeless People, and Lisa Gieskes,
Chair, SRRT Task Force on Hunger, Homelessness and Poverty, Sunday, June 29, 8:00-10:00am, Hilton Anaheim, Malibu Room. For more information, contact olos@ala.org

ALSO ON THE ALA BOARD OR COUNCIL DOCKET

EXECUTIVE BOARD I, II, III

- **Executive Board I**, Friday, June 27, 8:30am-12pm, Hilton Anaheim, Laguna A
  - ALA Website Redesign Demonstration
  - Affiliate Applications: Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services, Association for Rural & Small Libraries
  - Virtual Day on the Hill Update

- **Executive Board II**, Monday, June 30, 1:30-4:30*pm, Hilton Anaheim, Laguna A
  - Approval of FY2009 Budget
  - Proposed Changes to Annual Conference Schedule
  - Executive Board Liaison Reports
  - Endowment Trustees Report
  - EPA representative
    *The Board will be in closed session beginning at approximately 4:00pm for an update on pending issues from ALA legal counsel.*

- **ALA-APA Board of Directors**, Wednesday, 1:30-2:15pm, Hilton Anaheim, Laguna A*
  - Director’s Report
  - Finance & Audit Committee Report

- **Executive Board III**, Wednesday, July 2, 2:30-5:30pm, Hilton Anaheim, Laguna A*
  - Conference Services Report
  - Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC) Report
  - Finance & Audit Committee Report
  - Executive Board Liaison Reports

*The ALA-APA Board of Directors starting time may vary, based on the ending time for Council III. The ALA Executive Board III meeting will begin at the end of the ALA-APA Board meeting.*

COUNCIL I, II, III and ALA-APA MEETINGS

*Note: ALA Council agendas grow during the course of the conference, as individuals and groups develop resolutions for consideration. Items may also shift from one session to another.*

- **ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session** – Sunday, June 29, 9:00-10:00am, Anaheim Convention Center (ACC), Ballroom B/C.
  - The Library Education Task Force will present the ALA Core Competences of Librarianship for preliminary discussion.
• Other reports: ALA Budget Analysis & Review Committee, ALA Endowment Trustees, ALA President, ALA President-elect

• **ALA Council I** - Sunday, June 29, 10:45am-12:15pm, Anaheim Convention Center (ACC), Ballroom B/C
  - Nominations for 2008-2009 Council Committee on Committees election.
  - Nominations for 2008-2009 ALA Planning & Budget Assembly election
  - ALA Executive Director’s Report

• **ALA-APA Info Session** - Sunday, June 29, 10:00-10:30am, Anaheim Convention Center (ACC), Ballroom B/C

• **ALA-APA Council** - Monday, June 30, 10:15-11:15am, Anaheim Convention Center (ACC), Ballroom B/C

• **ALA Council II** - Tuesday, July 1, 9:15am-12:45pm, Anaheim Convention Center (ACC), Ballroom B/C
  - ALA/Council Committee Reports: Policy Monitoring Committee, Task Force on E-Member Participation, ALA Membership Committee
  - ALA Treasurer’s Report & Approval of Annual Estimates of Income for FY2009
  - Freedom to Read Foundation Report

• **ALA Council III** - Wednesday, July 2, 8:00am-12:30pm, Anaheim Convention Center (ACC), Ballroom B/C
  - ALA/Council Committee Reports: Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Intellectual Freedom Committee, International Relations Committee, Committee on Organization

**COUNCIL FORUMS**

- Monday, June 30, 8-9:30pm, Hilton Anaheim, Malibu Room
- Tuesday, July 1, 4:30-6pm, Hilton Anaheim, Malibu Room

**ALA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

*Note: ALA Membership agendas grow during the course of the conference, as individuals and groups develop resolutions for consideration.*

- Saturday, 6/28, 3:30–5:00pm, Anaheim Convention Center (ACC), Ballroom B/C
- Monday, 6/30, 11:30am-1:00pm, Anaheim Convention Center (ACC), Ballroom B/C

**ALA E-Participation: Challenges and Opportunities** - At both meetings Janet Swan Hill, Chair of the Task Force on E-Member Participation, will give a short introduction to "ALA E-Participation: Challenges and Opportunities." Then she and other e-participation specialists will take your questions.
In the second half of each meeting member resolutions will be discussed, then a “talk to the leaders” session with ALA President Lorie Roy, President-Elect Jim Rettig, and Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels.

DIVISION BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

- Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian for Library Services at the Library of Congress, will meet with the ALCTS Board of Directors, Saturday, 3:15pm, ACC 206B, for a discussion of the future of bibliographic control. This will lead into a discussion of the ten actions ALCTS identified from the LC Working Group report.

- The ALCTS Board of Directors will continue its discussion of 7 Measures of Success: What Remarkable Associations Do That Others Don’t (American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) & The Center for Association Leadership), Monday, June 30, ACC 206B. The discussion will begin at approximately 4:00pm and concentrate on the organizational adaptability measure.

- On YALSA’s Board of Directors docket will be adoption of a new strategic plan as well as guidelines for YALSA’s new leadership endowment. New proposals being considered include a reverse mentoring program, a research-focused publication, and YALSA-TV. Several taskforces have submitted final recommendations for Board consideration, including: Second Life Taskforce, Post-MLS Certification Taskforce, and the Student Scholarship Taskforce.

- As part of the development of the 2005 AASL Strategic Plan, the AASL Board of Directors and Directors-elect developed a list of mega issues to be explored as part of its implementation. The last remaining “high priority” mega issue – How does AASL become the community for school library media specialists? – will be discussed during the first half of the AASL Board of Directors meeting, Friday, June 27, 1:00-5:00pm, ACC 212B.

- Each year, the ACRL Research Planning & Review Committee (RPRC) provides input to the ACRL Board of Directors on the “Assumptions About the Relevant Future for Research and Academic Librarians and Libraries” report and the annual ACRL Environmental Scan. You can voice your opinions at the RPRC Open Forum on Annual Assumptions, Sunday, June 29, 4:00-5:00pm, Disney’s Paradise Pier Hotel, Oceanside Room. The 2007 Environmental Scan is located at: www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlpubs/whitepapers/Environmental_Scan_2.pdf

ELSEWHERE AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

For more information see the ALA Program Guide (on-site) and the 2008 Annual Conference Wiki at: http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008

❖ Registration – Anaheim Convention Center, Level 1, in front of Halls B & C
  Thursday, June 26 – 7:30am – 6:00pm
  Friday, June 27 – 7:30am- 6:00pm
  Saturday, Sunday, Monday, June 28-30, 7:30am – 5:00pm
**Exhibits** – Anaheim Convention Center, Halls B & C
Saturday, June 28, 9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday, June 29, 9:00am-5:00pm
Monday, June 30, 9:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday, July 1, 8:00am-noon **(Note earlier time)**

- Reserve your time in the **LIBcast podcasting booth** and upload a short podcast live from the Exhibits. Information is at [http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/LIBcast](http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/LIBcast) or at the Membership Pavilion, Booth #1840.

- Relax in the **Member Lounge**, adjacent to the Membership Pavilion, booth #1840.

- **Pavilions**—The Exhibit Hall will include several new Pavilions. Take in the following:
  - DVD/Video Pavilion
  - Games Pavilion
  - Graphic Novel Pavilion
  - Green Pavilion
  - International Pavilion
  - Library and School Instruction Pavilion
  - Spanish Publishers Pavilion
  - Technology Pavilion
  - University Press Pavilion

**ALA Store** – located beside Registration outside the Exhibit Hall. Take time to see what’s new. Whether the latest must-have books or posters, bookmarks and promotions, the ALA Store has something for you. Look for READ posters featuring Rachel Ray, Eva Mendes, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, as well as new campaign materials for Banned Books Week and Teen Read Week. See new ALA Editions titles, such as Lesley Farmer’s *Teen Girls and Technology*. Browse the latest issues of ALA TechSource’s *Library Technology Report* and purchase single copies at a discount. You can also pick up your free ALA TechSource Blogger and Gamer ribbons!
  
  Friday, June 27, 10:00am-5:00pm
  Saturday, June 18 through Monday, June 30, 8:00am-5:00pm
  Tuesday, July 1, 8:00am-noon

To receive a coupon each day for items at the ALA Annual Conference Store directly on your cell phone, text the word “ALA Store” to 32075 (U.S. and Canada). Check your incoming text messages Friday-Monday at around 10:00am for valuable offers. Then, just show your phone/coupon at the register and save. Offers good at the ALA Annual Conference Store in Anaheim only.
Special Events in the Exhibit Hall

- Visit the ALA Membership Pavilion, booth #1840, to find out ways to get the most out of your membership, be more involved, and improve library services in your community. Meet member leaders and learn about ALA Divisions, Round Tables, and Offices throughout conference in 15-20 minute “Association 101” presentations every day. Check the wiki for a schedule at [http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/ALA_101_Programs](http://wikis.ala.org/annual2008/index.php/ALA_101_Programs), or pick up a daily schedule in Registration.

- **LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage**—Take a break from meetings and programs and stop by the LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage in the Exhibit Hall to enjoy readings from new and favorite authors and poets, learn how to develop author programs for your library, and find new recommendations for your patrons. For a complete list of authors and poets appearing, see [http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/calendar/ac2008/LIVEstage2008.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/calendar/ac2008/LIVEstage2008.cfm).

- NBA All-Star and author, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar will be signing his celebrity READ posters and his book in the Membership Pavilion Lounge on June 28 and 29 at 1:00-3:00pm. He is also participating in Virtual Day on the Hill on Tuesday July 1 at 11:00am.

- ALA Public Programs Office will present the 2008 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming to the Woodsdale Elementary School Library Media Center, Wheeling, WV, at 9:30am, Sunday, June 29, on the LIVE! @ your library Reading Stage, in the 2500 aisle of the exhibit hall.

- Enjoy ALA-APA President Loriene Roy’s Wellness Fair, Sunday, June 29, 10:30am–2 pm, Exhibit Hall Special Events Area. How much physical and mental strength does it take to stock the stacks? The mission of the ALA Workplace Wellness Task Force is to produce tangible expressions that promote healthy workplaces and lifestyles among library workers. From Yoga to Pilates, attendees will share ideas and receive tips from health experts on how to stay healthy and fit in the workplace. For more information, go to: [http://www.ala-apa.org/wellness/annual.html](http://www.ala-apa.org/wellness/annual.html).

- Don’t miss the YALSA Authors Meet & Greet on Sunday, 12:30-1:00pm, immediately following the YALSA 101 presentation at the Membership Pavilion. Meet authors of YALSA’s books and editors of its serial publications and learn more about publishing with YALSA – and enjoy light refreshments, too.

- And, while you’re in the Exhibit Hall, stop by the Membership Pavilion and wish the Library Support Staff Interest Round Table (LSSIRT) “happy 15th birthday!” There will be cake – about 1:15pm, Sunday, June 29 – just before the LSSIRT 101 in the Pavilion.

- American Libraries Direct editor George Eberhart will moderate “Speaking Technically: Databases and the Future of Reference,” a panel discussion
with leading technologists from seven major library vendors, at the Library Product Spotlight Stage of the Orange County Theater in the Exhibit Hall, Sunday, June 29, 3:00-4:00pm

• Students, connect with other student members at the ALSC Student Mix and Mingle, Sunday, 3:30-4:30pm, in the ALA Member Pavilion on the Exhibits floor.

• YALSA is sponsoring the Passport to Teen Read Week contest. Pick up your Passport at YALSA’s booth in the ALA Pavilion (#1840). Exhibits visitors can collect stamps from Teen Read Week™ Corporate Sponsor Mirrorstone Books and TRW Promotional Partners in their passports. All who complete a passport will be entered into a drawing for one of two Flip Video cameras or a prize pack from ALA Graphics. Everyone who shows a completed passport at the booth will receive a free Teen Read Week™ Manual.

• Your voice counts. Don’t miss the Virtual Day on the Hill, Tuesday, July 1, 8:00am – noon. Join basketball great and library supporter Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (at 11:00am) and mail or fax your Members of Congress on important library issues. The Internet Room, on the Exhibit Floor across from booth #285, will be used exclusively for this event during these hours. In addition, the following Exhibits have made computers in their booths available for the Virtual Day on the Hill:

  ALA will again be offering free Wifi at annual conference. Wifi “hot zones” will be in all public areas of the Anaheim Convention Center (lobbies, meeting rooms and ballrooms) but not in the Exhibit halls. Persons with Wifi-enabled devices will be able to access the internet simply by connecting to the “ALA2008” wireless network.

  Blogging Annual Conference? LITA has reserved a room for bloggers – a place to put your laptop on a table and do your blogging. Friday through Tuesday, 8:00am-6:00pm, Hilton Anaheim, Carmel Room.

  Placement Center – Anaheim Convention Center, Hall D, provided by the ALA Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment (HRDR).
  - Friday, June 27, 12:00pm – 5:00pm
  - Saturday, June 28, 9:00am – 5:00pm
  - Sunday, June 29, 9:00am – 5:00pm
  - Monday, June 30, 9:00am – 1:00pm

  A Career Coach is available for free one-on-one counseling sessions on Saturday and Sunday in the Placement Center.

  Sponsored by Elsevier, the Internet Cafe, will be open Thursday, June 26, 2008 through Tuesday, July 1, 2008, from 7:00am - 10:00pm daily in the Anaheim Convention Center.
Free shuttle buses, sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning, will operate between all participating hotels and the Anaheim Convention Center during the conference. Service will also be provided for attendees with disabilities. Shuttle bus service schedules (including daily pickup times, locations and destinations) will be published in Cognotes (the daily show newspaper available during the conference) and will be available onsite. Complimentary bus service is provided by Gale Cengage Learning. Don’t forget to stop by their booth and say thanks for the lift!

The Campaign for America’s Libraries Exhibit Space, to the left of the entrance to Exhibit Hall A, will offer conference participants an opportunity to write or record a message to Julie Andrews, honorary chair of National Library Week, for donating her image to print public service announcements (PSAs) seen by more than 30 million readers. The exhibit space will be open from 8:00am – 4:00pm, June 27-July 1. Andrews kicked off the 50th anniversary of National Library Week on Sunday, April 13, at an event for the Los Angeles-based Wonder of Reading. She also donated her voice talents to radio and television spot picked up by stations across the country. PSAs can be viewed on YouTube.

SOME SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

This is not complete. It is not an evaluative list. It is meant to tempt you to explore the wide variety of programming available at the Annual Conference – and perhaps to find something off your usual path. For much, much more, see the ALA Program Guide.

☼ = 1st time award presentation, 1st meeting of a new group

Friday, June 27

- Learn about Careers in Federal Libraries at a free pre-conference co-sponsored by FLICC, LSU School of Library and Information Science, Library Associates, ALA NMRT and ALA Placement Office, 8:30am-2:30pm, ACC 204A. Registration required.
- Job hunting? Catch Interviewing Strategies, 1:00-2:30pm, ACC Room 204A.
- Attend the 5th ALA Forum on Education, 1:30-3:30pm, Hilton Anaheim, California Pavilion B. Sponsored by the ALA Committee on Education, the Forum continues a dialog on issues in LIS education, this time focusing on Service Learning experiences. The forum will also feature a researchapalooza, in which MLS students get 90 seconds and one PowerPoint slide to summarize a service learning project in which they are involved.
- Don’t miss the Emerging Leaders Poster Session, 3:00-5:00pm, Hilton Anaheim, California Pavilion C. This is your chance to talk with the 2008 class of Emerging Leaders about their projects.
- New to the ALA Annual Conference? Start at ALSC 101: Making Connections, 4:00-6:00pm, ACC 201A/B.
- IF101, offered by the Office for Intellectual Freedom, Intellectual Freedom Committee, Intellectual Freedom Round Table and Freedom to Read Foundation, will provide a crash course on the history of intellectual freedom, current threats and current ALA initiatives, 5:00-6:00pm, ACC 304A.
- Start off the conference by seeing old friends – or new ones – at the YALSA Happy Hour, at Morton’s, 1895 S. Harbor Blvd., a short walk from the Anaheim
Convention Center. Stroll on out to the back patio and enjoy specially priced appetizers from 5:00-6:30pm.

- Old and new LITA friends will meet for the **LITA Happy Hour**, Friday, June 27, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm, at the Mist Pool Bar at Hotel Menage, 1221 S. Harbor Blvd., phone: 888-462-7275. Expect lively conversation and excellent drinks—and Hotel Menage is on the ALA Conference Shuttle Bus route.

- This year **Many Voices, Many Nations** will showcase Native voices including award-winning author, poet and filmmaker Sherman Alexie (Spokane/Coeur d’Alene); trilingual poet Francisco Alarcón (Mestizo Chicano American); poet and bi-lingual children’s writer Jorge Argueta (Pipil Nahua); poet Janice Gould (Maidu/Konkow); writer Gordon Johnson (Cahuilla/Cupeño); children’s writer and poet Kristy Orona-Ramirez (Taos Pueblo/Tarahumara); performer Arigon Starr (Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma); storyteller Tim Tingle (Oklahoma Choctaw); and poet Erika Wurth (Apache, Chickasaw, Cherokee). Tickets will be available at the door, Marriott Anaheim, Marquis Northeast, 5:30-9:00pm.

- **ALCTS 101** will feature an introduction to ALCTS publishing. Editors will be on hand to talk with new attendees and prospective authors about opportunities to publish their work and research in the various ALCTS publications, 7:00pm, ACC 201C. Light refreshments will be provided.

- The ALA-APA is celebrating its 5th anniversary by honoring the people and organizations that have helped it grow and flourish over the last five years. ALA-APA was established by ALA to certify individuals in specializations beyond the initial professional degree and to support pay equity initiatives to improve the salaries and status of librarians and other library workers. Join in celebrating its achievements and future. Tickets ($25) for the **ALA-APA Angels Reception: Celebrating Five Years of Progress**, Friday, June 27, 7:30-9:00pm, Hilton Anaheim, Palos Verdes Room, may be purchased on site.

- Don’t miss the **Open Gaming Night and Presentation of the Presidential Gaming Citations**, sponsored by Verizon Foundation, Hilton Anaheim, Pacific Ballroom C, 7:30-10:30pm, with presentation of the citations by ALA President Loriene Roy, 8:30-9:00pm. Play board games, test your strategy skills with table top games, show off your talents with Guitar Hero and Dance, Dance Revolution. Snacks, too!

- Presentation of the first **Odyssey Award for Excellence in Audiobook Production**, a collaboration by ALSC, YALSA, *Booklist* Magazine will take place Friday, June 27, 2008, 8:00 - 10:00 pm, in the Hilton Anaheim, California Pavilion A, at the *Booklist Books for Youth Program* in Anaheim.

**Saturday, June 28**

- The **ALA Washington Office seeks public comment on LSTA**. The WO Update, 8:00-10:00am, ACC 201D, will feature numerous topics, including the important reauthorization of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSTA). If there are changes you’d like to see in LSTA, here is your chance to be heard.

- Hear the results of qualitative and quantitative research that evaluated the impact of a national marketing program on library funding, from **OCLC’s advocacy research program**, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 8:00-10:00am, ACC 204A.

- Job Search? You might want to start with **Advanced Resumes & Cover Letters**, 8:00-11:00am, Hilton Anaheim, Ventura. Take a copy of your current resume with you.
• The AASL Presidents’ Program – Intellectual Freedom: Core Value – will feature Susan Patron and a panel of school library media specialists – and begin with presentation of the Crystal Apple to “the Spokane Moms,” 10:30am-noon, ACC Ballroom E.


• What might libraries look like in 10, 20, or 30 years? That and other questions will be examined by Joan Frye Williams, Stephen Abram and José-Marie Griffiths in What is the Future of Libraries?, sponsored by ALA’s Office for Information Technology Policy, 10:30am-noon, ACC 207D.

• What do librarians need to know about how children acquire and use a second language? What does current research on bilingualism tell us? How do public policies affect libraries? These and other questions will be addressed at The Bilingual Mind: How Children Acquire and Use Language, 10:30am-noon, Disney Paradise Pier, Pacific B.

• Listen to Orson Scott Card (Ender’s Game, Ender’s Shadow), winner of the 2008 Margaret A. Edwards Award for his contribution to writing for teens, at the annual Margaret A. Edwards lunch, noon-2:00pm, Hilton Anaheim, Pacific BR C. – But get your ticket in advance, they’re not available on site.

• Learn how special and academic librarians are providing information outreach services that address community needs such as healthcare, literacy and education at Community Building Through Libraries, arranged by the Hunger, Homelessness, and Poverty Task Force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SSRT), 1:30-3:30pm, Disneyland Hotel, Dreams D.

• Join the Intellectual Freedom Round Table for a screening of “Freedom of Expression®,” a documentary of Kembrew McLeod’s Oboler-Award-winning book on copyrighting the term “freedom of expression,” 1:30-3:30pm, ACC, 304A/B.

• Want to be part of Conference 2.0? Catch the LITA BIGWIG Social Software Showcase, 1:30-3:30, Marriott Anaheim, Gold Key I/II. You can check out the showcase at litablog.org before the conference, then join the conversation.

• There’s no catalog like no catalog: The Ultimate Debate on the future of the library catalog is scheduled from 1:30-3:30, Hyatt Regency, Orange County Grand A. Moderator Roy Tennant with thought leaders Stephen Abram, Karen Coyle, Joe Janes and Karen Schneider will debate the future of the catalog in world of the web.

• Drop in on discussions of the Notable Children’s Books Committee, 1:30-4:30pm, Hilton Anaheim, San Simeon Room. Copies of the books will be on display. Discussions will continue on Sunday (1:30-4:30pm) and Monday (1:30-4:00pm).

• The ALA Office for Research and Statistics, with its project partners from the Information Institute at Florida State University, will share preliminary findings of the second year of the Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study, 4-5:30pm, ACC 207D. The study assesses public access to computers, the Internet and Internet-related services in U.S. public libraries and the impact of library funding changes. The full study will be freely available online as a PDF and as a low-cost bound book through the ALA Store right after Labor Day. For more information go to www.ala.org/plinternetfunding.
• Long day and tired feet? Don’t forget ALSC’s “Stories for a Saturday Evening,” 8:00-10:00pm, Marriott Anaheim, Salon E.

Sunday, June 29

• Exploring career options? Catch the ALCTS Council of Regional Groups forum on Technical Services Careers in Public Libraries: Getting Started, Building Your Career, or Making the Switch, 8:00-9:30am, Disney Paradise Pier, Pacific C/D Room. Carolyn Goolsby (Tacoma PL) and Marlene Harris (Chicago PL) will offer advice and take questions.

• The annual PR Forum, 8:00-10:00am, Hilton Anaheim, Pacific Ballroom B, will focus on Diversity@your library: Broadening Your Audience and Engaging Communities. Join Eric Friedenwald-Fishman and Maria Elena Campisteguy of the Metropolitan Group to discuss cultural context, multi-cultural communication and more.

• Get insights from a career expert who has studied how the most – and least – effective job hunters implement the search project at The Highly Effective Job Search, 8:30-10:00am, ACC 203A.

• Enjoy a cup of coffee and mingle with authors who appeared on YALSA’s Best Books for Young Adults at the YA Coffee Klatch, 9:00-10:00am, Hilton Anaheim, California Pavilion B. Tickets are going fast!

• Career transitions are times of anxiety. Get a roadmap for these transitional phases at Career Transitions: Surviving the In-Between Times, 10:30am-noon, ACC 211A.

• Need inspiration? Take a few minutes to check out a long-running Annual Conference program now back for its 35th year: “Swap & Shop: Hot Ideas for Cool PR,” sponsored by LAMA’s Public Relations & Marketing Section, Special Events Area in Hall D of the exhibit floor. Pick up samples of promotional materials, consult with award winners and marketing experts, and check out the PR makeovers.

• Interested in Library Services and Programs Developed for Non-English Speakers? Learn about data collected from a study of public library programs and services, 1:30-3:30pm, Anaheim Convention Center, Room 209A. Funded by the 2006 World Book Goal Award, the study identified barriers and opportunities.

• Global Outreach: A U.S. - China Experience, co-sponsored by the International Relations Committee’s East Asia/Pacific Subcommittee and the ALA International Relations Round Table, June 29, 2008, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Disney's Paradise Pier, Room C/D. With fast approaching dates of the 2008 Olympic Games to be held in Beijing and a continuously rising economy, China has become a buzzword in the media nowadays. But how much do we know about library services to users in China? This program presents first-hand experience from U.S. librarians in working with the library community in China.

• Join ALSC and REFORMA in honoring the winning authors and illustrators at the Pura Belpré Celebración, 1:30-3:30pm, Hilton Anaheim, California Pavilion C. Music will be provided by Rhythmo Mariachi Kids and Suni Paz.

• The ALA Video Round Table and ACRL’s Media Resources Discussion Group are sponsoring “Ding Dong the V(HS)itch is Dead … or is it?” on preservation, reformatting and transition to digital formats, 1:30-3:30pm, Marriott Anaheim Salon A-D.
• LITA’s ever-popular **Top Technology Trends** will examine changes and advances in technology that will have an impact on libraries, 1:30-3:00pm, Hilton Anaheim, California Pavilion D. Top Tech Trends will be followed by the LITA Awards Ceremony and Reception (3:00-4:00pm). From 4:00-5:00pm, the LITA President’s Program will feature a lively exploration of the library beyond web 2.0, featuring Joe Janes and the *It’s All Good* blogging group in *Isn’t it great to be in the library … wherever that is?*

• **Adult Learners: Helping Libraries Make MAGIC!**, sponsored by OLOS, PLA, and the California State Library, will highlight California libraries with adult literacy programs, 1:30-5:30pm, Disneyland Hotel, Magic Kingdom 3.

• See the 2008 **Parade of Bookmobiles**, 2:30-4:30pm. Step outside to see an impressive gathering of mobile library vehicles parading down the streets of Anaheim! The parade will depart from Car Park 5. Follow the signs to the back doors of Exhibit Halls B and C (badges required). Following the parade, the bookmobiles will be on display in Car Park 6. Climb aboard to talk to staff and learn more about bookmobile outreach.

• The **IFC/FTRF Issues Briefing Session** will update members on the status of Intellectual Freedom Committee and Freedom to Read Foundation activities, including updates on litigation in which the FTRF is involved. Get up-to-date details on the intellectual freedom work of the library community, 3:00-4:00pm, ACC 201D.

• Children’s librarians from across the country will offer their proven strategies in **Programming for English Language Learners: Outreach, Programming, and Best Practices for Serving Preschoolers and Their Families**, 4:00-5:30pm, Marriott Anaheim, Salon E.

• Show your support for the **Freedom to Read Foundation** at its annual member reception, beginning at 4:30pm, ACC 201C. Light appetizers and a cash bar will be available. You can join FTRF at the door. RSVP to Jonathan Kelley at jokelley@ala.org

• ☼ The **ALCTS Awards Ceremony** will feature two new awards, the 2nd Ross Atkinson Award for Lifetime Achievement and Presidential citations, beginning at 5:00pm, Sheraton Park Hotel, Park Ballroom A-C.

• ¡**Pachanga! REFORMA fundraiser!** June 29, 7:00-11:00pm, JC Fandango, 12361 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Support REFORMA scholarships, connect with the library Latino community and have a great time after a long day of meetings and programs. Click the link to see the flyer: [http://www.reforma.org/FundraiserAnaheim08.htm](http://www.reforma.org/FundraiserAnaheim08.htm)

**Monday, June 30**

• **The American Dream Starts @ your library**, focuses on literacy services to English language learners, as provided by 34 public libraries in 18 states. Meet representatives of four of those libraries in a program sponsored by the ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, 10:30am-noon, ACC, 206A. Find out about the American Dream Toolkit at [www.americandreamtoolkit.org](http://www.americandreamtoolkit.org)

• Explore the impact of **E-Government** Services on libraries and librarians at “Libraries & Government: Issues, Services and Strategies,” 10:30am-noon, ACC 203B.

• **Toot Your Horn: Improving Your Image** will be led by Donna Cardillo RN ([www.dcardillo.com](http://www.dcardillo.com)), 10:30-noon, Hilton Anaheim, Monterey, sponsored by ALA-APA.
• “Your Brain on DOPA,” looks at the questions raised by the Deleting Online Predator Act, 10:30am-noon, ACC 304 A/B.
• Catch up with colleagues and be there for award presentations – including the National School Library Media Program of the Year (NSLMPY) award – at the AASL Awards Luncheon, 12:00noon-2:00pm, Marriott Anaheim, Marquis South. Get your tickets in advance; they are not available on-site.
• Dr. Dan Ariely (MIT), author of “Predictably Irrational: The Hidden Forces That Shape Our Decisions,” will discuss the concept of “predictable Irrationality” at the ACRL President’s Program, 1:30-3:30pm, Hilton Anaheim, California Pavilion D. A book signing will follow. The ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award will also be made at this program – to Peter Hermon, Simmons College.
• The “third space” concept describes a gathering place people return to over and over again, where they are comfortable, secure and part of a community. Explore the relevance of the “third space” research to creating welcoming spaces – physical and virtual – for teens at the YALSA President’s Program, 1:30-3:30pm, Marriott Salon E.
• Peggy Hoon will receive the 2008 L. Ray Patterson Copyright Award: In Support of Users’ Rights, 4:00-5:00pm, Disneyland Hotel, Wonder Garden Room & Terrace.
• Author and actress Jamie Lee Curtis will keynote the PLA President’s Program and Awards Presentation, 5:00-6:30pm, ACC Arena, followed by a book signing. (Due to scheduling, Jamie Lee Curtis will be able to sign 200 books. Books will be for sale approximately 30 minutes before the President’s Program begins; the first 200 people to purchase a book will receive a ticket for the book signing. No photographs will be allowed during the book signing.) A reception will follow in the Arena Plaza.
• Support librarians undergoing discrimination due to race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or commitment to intellectual freedom. Support the Leroy C. Merritt Fund at a “Reception for a Cause,” 5:30-7:00pm, Vice Presidential Suite (19th floor), Hilton Anaheim, suggested donation $25. RSVP to Jonathan Kelley, jokelley@ala.org.
• Don’t miss the lineup of poets at the 5th annual ALSC Poetry Blast, co-hosted by Barbara Genco and Marilyn Singer, 5:30-7:30pm, Marriott Anaheim, Salon F.
• Explore the resources offered by alternative, small press and independent publishers as you enjoy light refreshments (finger foods and desserts) and meet colleagues at the Alternative Media Reception (previously the “Free Speech Buffet”), 7:00-10:00pm, Disney’s Grand Californian, Wisteria and Terrace Rooms. Tickets are $15/person.
• Hear Michael L. Printz Award winner Geraldine McCaughrean (The White Darkness) and other honor book authors speak about their work, followed by a dessert reception sponsored by World Wrestling Entertainment, at the Printz Reception, 8:00-10:00pm, Marriott Anaheim, Marquis Northeast/Northwest. Tickets are available on site.

Tuesday, July 1
• ALA Awards Ceremony, Tuesday, July 1, 5:45 pm, immediately preceding the Inaugural Banquet. (Tickets not required for Awards Ceremony). All ALA recognition awards will be presented at this special awards ceremony. The awards being presented include: Beta Phi Mu Award, Bill Boyd Literary Novel
Award, Melvil Dewey Medal, Equality Award, Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change, Gale Research Grant, Grolier Foundation Award, Highsmith Library Literature Award, ALA/Information Today Library of the Future Award, Joseph W. Lippincott Award, Marshall Cavendish Excellence in Library Program, SIRSI Leader in Library Technology Grant, The H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Award.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE: Focusing on Discussion Groups

- ☽ Join convener Scott Nicholson and the Games and Gaming Member Initiative Group, Sheraton, Plaza A/B, 10:00am-noon.
- Building a “next generation” catalog or planning for one? Attend the forum “Old Records, New Records, New Interfaces,” sponsored by the ALCTS Catalog Form and Function Interest Group (Saturday, June 28, 10:30am-noon, Marriott Anaheim, Platinum Room 6) and hear from librarians who have recently navigated that transition in their own organizations and can help you visualize both the promise and pitfalls of catalog redesign!
- “ERMing for a Consortium: Are We There Yet?” Join the Electronic Resources Interest Group, Saturday, 10:30am-noon, Disneyland Hotel, Adventure Room, to discuss Electronic Resources Management systems (ERMs) implementation models for consortia.
- The YALSA Gaming Interest Group, 1:30-3:30pm, Disneyland Hotel, Meeting Room F, will discuss issues related to teens and gaming. Bring a program to share, a game recommendation, or your questions about starter collections or successful gaming events.
- Explore new worlds with the Virtual Communities and Libraries Member Initiative Group at “Second Life and Beyond: Librarianship in Virtual Worlds,” Saturday, 4:00-5:30pm, Marriott Anaheim, Marquis Ballroom NE – and in Second Life.
- For updates on Library Civic Engagement activities around the country, join the Libraries Foster Civic Engagement Membership Initiative Group, Sunday, 1:30-3:30pm, Hilton Anaheim, San Clemente Room.
- Think library-vendor relationships have gotten complex? Join the discussion at “Many-to-Many: The Growing Complexity in Library-Vendor Relationships,” sponsored by the Acquisitions Managers and Vendors Interest Group, Sunday, June 29, 1:30-3:30pm, Disney’s Grand Californian, Trillium C.
- Are you a manager, aspiring to be one – or just stuck with the problems of a manager? Turn to your colleagues at ALSC’s Managing Children’s Services Discussion Group, Sunday, June 29, 1:30-3:30pm, Clarion Hotel, Orangewood 1-2.
- ALSC’s Collections of Children’s Books for Adult Research Discussion Group will feature special discussion leader Ellen Ruffin, Curator, The de Grummond Children’s Literature Collection, Sunday, 1:30-3:00pm, Clarion Hotel, Orangewood 1 Room.
- Come to the Talking Circle. Join AILA, Sunday, 4:00-5:30pm, at the Embassy Suites, South Landmark BR A, to share initiatives, thoughts, concerns and questions, and possible collaborative endeavors about Library Service to American Indians.
- ☽ The YALSA Reader’s Advisory Interest Group, 4:00-5:30pm, Disney Paradise Pier, San Diego Room, is for everyone interested in connecting teens
with books. This group is just forming – so be there to sign the petition and help shape it!

- The Publisher-Vendor-Library Relations Interest Group forum, Monday, 8:00-9:30am in ACC 213C, will discuss “Branding: Claiming the Reader’s Mind Space.”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – JULY 2008 – JULY 2009

- July 11, 2008 – Application deadline for “Soul of a People” viewing and discussion grant opportunity. (www.ala.org/soulofapeople)
- July 15, 2008 – Application deadline for “Let’s Talk About It: Love & Forgiveness” reading and discussion program grant opportunity. www.ala.org/letstalk
- August 4 – October 31, 2008 – Applications accepted for Picturing America™ grant (http://picturingamerica.neh.gov)
- September 2-November 3, 2008 – Applications accepted for Great Stories Club grants. (www.ala.org/greatstories)
- September 2, 2008 – January 30, 2009 – Applications accepted for We the People “Picturing America” Bookshelf, a collection of classic books for young readers. (http://publicprograms.ala.org/bookshelf)
- September 9-10, 2008 – CPLA Marketing Course with Wayne Piper, Saratoga Springs, NY. For more information on all CPLA courses, see: http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/cplacourses/CPLAcourses.cfm
- September 16-17, 2008 – CPLA Strategic HR Course with Jeanne Goodrich, Independence, MO
- September 16-17, 2008 – CPLA Budget and Finance Course with Sandra Nelson, Olympia, WA
- September 18-20, 2008 – Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) National Institute, Head West with ALSC, Salt Lake City, UT. (www.ala.org/alscinstitute)


September 26–October 3, 2009 – **Banned Books Week**

October 8-10, 2008 – **Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services (ABOS)**, Columbus, OH. ([http://www.abos-outreach.org/](http://www.abos-outreach.org/))

October 12-18, 2008 – **Teen Read Week™ 2008**, *Books with Bite @ your library!*


November 2-4, 2008 – **Gaming, Learning and Libraries Symposium**, from ALA TechSource, in cooperation with ACRL, ALSC and LITA, at the Oak Brook Doubletree Hotel (Chicago-area), IL. ([http://gaming.techsource.ala.org/index.php/Main_Page](http://gaming.techsource.ala.org/index.php/Main_Page))

November 7-9, 2008 – **YALSA’s Young Adult Literature Symposium**, *How We Read Now*, Nashville, TN. ([http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/yalsasympposium/symposium.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/yalsasympposium/symposium.cfm))

November 15, 2008 – **National Gaming Day**. ([http://www.ala.org/ala/pla/plaevents/travelingwksp/resultsbootcamp/ResultsBootCamp.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/pla/plaevents/travelingwksp/resultsbootcamp/ResultsBootCamp.cfm))

January 23–28, 2009 – **ALA Midwinter Meeting**, Denver, CO.

March 8-14, 2009 – **Teen Tech Week™ 2009**


March 16, 2009 – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and **Madison Award Day**.


April 12-18, 2009 – **National Library Week**

April 30, 2009 – **El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros**

May 11-12, 2009 – **National Library Legislative Day**


**LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD? JULY 2009 – JUNE 2010**

October 1-4, 2009 – **LITA National Forum**, Salt Lake City, UT

November 4-8, 2009 – **AASL 14th National Conference & Exhibition**, Charlotte, NC

January 15–20, 2010 – **ALA Midwinter Meeting**, Boston, MA.

March 16, 2010 – **FOIA & Madison Award Day**
- April 4-10, 2010 – **National Library Week**
- April 30, 2010 – **El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros**

**OTHER ALA NEWS**

**Cultural Communities Fund**

The ALA Public Programs Office, with the leadership of the ALA Public and Cultural Programs Advisory Committee, has been campaigning since the 2008 Midwinter Meeting to raise a final $310,000 for the Cultural Communities Fund, to meet the terms of a Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). As of June 4, 2008, the campaign goal was in sight, with $198,000 still to be raised. Fundraising resources and the contribution form are online at [www.ala.org/ccf](http://www.ala.org/ccf). NEH has granted ALA an extension to September 12, 2008.

**…AND ALA-RELATED NEWS**

- Follow the ALA-APA progress at the following meetings:
  - Library Support Staff Certification Program, Thursday, June 26, 8:00am-4:00pm, ACC 2068.
  - Salaries and Status of Library Workers Committee, Sunday, June 29, 4:00-6:00pm, Hilton Anaheim, Conference Room 7.
SOME KEY PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP AT HAND

ALA Alert Text Message Service
The ALA Alert Text Message Service is again available to registered attendees. To receive alerts about emergency situations affecting the entire conference directly to your cell phone, text the words “ALA Alert” from your mobile phone to 32075 (US and Canada) or to 47781488133 (International). Normal text message charges apply. This service will only be activated in the event of an emergency affecting the health and safety of conference attendees.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance, Fire, Policy (emergency): 911

NOTE: In the Anaheim Convention Center, first dial 911, then call the ACC Security Command Center (8080) from any house phone. This will allow the Center to help direct the emergency responder to the appropriate location in the building.

Police Department (non-emergency): 714-765-1911

Hospital:
- Western Medical Center, 1025 S. Anaheim Blvd., Anaheim, (714) 533-6220. [1.85 miles from Anaheim Convention Center]
- UCI Medical Center, 101 City Drive South, Orange, (888) 456-7010 [2.20 miles from Anaheim Convention Center]

Pharmacy:
- Target, 2100 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove (corner Harbor & Chapman), (714) 971-4826 [1.82 miles from Anaheim Convention Center]
- Walgreens, 12002 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, (714) 663-2850 [1.90 miles from Anaheim Convention Center]
- Walgreens, 10840 Katella (corner of Katella & Euclid), Garden Grove, (714) 808-0126 [1.95 miles from Anaheim Convention Center]

Dental Referral Service: 1-800-DENTIST (336-8478)

Doctor Referral Service: 1-800 DOCTORS (362-8677)

OTHER CONFERENCE NUMBERS

Cognotes 714-765-2047
Conference Services 714-765-2036, 2037, 2038
Reprographics 714-765-2049
Governance 714-765-2052
Exhibits Manager 714-765-2067
Exhibitor Registration 714-765-2055
Housing 714-765-2074, 2075
Message Center/Information Center 714-765-2088, 2089
Public Information Office / Press Room 714-765-2090
Registration 714-765-2053
HOTEL NUMBERS [* = headquarters; ^ = ALA meeting location]

Anabella Hotel, 1030 W. Katella Ave 714-905-1050
Best Western Anaheim, 1630 S. Harbor Blvd 714-774-1050
Best Western Park Place, 1544 S. Harbor Blvd 714-776-4800
Best Western Pavilions, 1176 W. Katella Ave 714-776-0140
Best Western Raffles Inn, 2040 S. Harbor Blvd 714-750-6100
Best Western Stovall’s, 1110 W. Katella Ave 714-778-1880
Candy Cane Inn, 1747 S. Harbor Blvd 714-774-5284
Carousel Inn & Suites, 1530 S. Harbor Blvd 714-775-8677
Castle Inn & Suites, 1734 S. Harbor Blvd 714-774-8111
^Clarion Hotel, 616 W. Convention Way 714-750-3131
Cortona Inn & Suites, 2029 S. Harbor Blvd 800-416-7350
Comfort Inn Maingate, 2171 S. Harbor Blvd 714-703-1220
Courtyard Marriott, 2045 S. Harbor Blvd 714-740-2645
^Crowne Plaza Anaheim, 12021 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 714-867-5555
Desert Palm Hotel, 631 W. Katella Ave 714-535-1133
^Disney Grand Californian Resort, 1600 S. Disneyland Dr. 714-635-2300
^Disney Paradise Pier Hotel, 1717 S. Disneyland Dr. 714-999-0990
^Disneyland Hotel, 1150 Magic Way 714-778-6600
^Doubletree Anaheim, 2085 S. Harbor Blvd 714-750-3000
^Embassy Suites Anaheim South, 11767 S. Harbor Blvd 714-539-3300
Fairfield Inn, 1460 S. Harbor Blvd 714-772-6777
Hampton Inn & Suites, 11747 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 714-703-8800
**^Hilton Anaheim, 777 Convention Way 714-750-4321
Hilton Garden Inn, 11777 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 714-703-9100
Holiday Inn Express Maingate, 435 W. Katella Ave 714-772-7755
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 1240 S. Walnut St 714-535-0300
Homewood Suites, 12005 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 714-740-1800
Hotel Menaige, 1221 S. Harbor Blvd 888-462-7275
Howard Johnson Anaheim, 1380 S. Harbor Blvd 714-776-6120
^Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 714-750-1234
**^Marriott Anaheim, 700 Convention Way 714-750-8000
Marriott Suites, 12015 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 714-750-1000
Portofino Inn & Suites, 1831 S. Harbor Blvd, 714-782-7600
Quality Inn & Suites, 1441 S. Manchester Ave, 714-991-8100
Ramada Maingate, 1650 S. Harbor Blvd 714-772-0440
Ramada Plaza Anaheim Resort, 515 W. Katella Ave 714-991-6868
Red Lion Maingate, 1850 S. Harbor Blvd 714-750-2801
Sheraton Garden Grove, 12221 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 714-703-8400
^Sheraton Park Hotel Anaheim, 1855 S. Harbor Blvd 714-750-1811
Super 8 Anaheim, 415 W. Katella Ave 714-778-6900
Travelodge International, 2060 S. Harbor Blvd 714-971-9393

^All meetings are at hotels marked with ^ or at the Anaheim Convention Center.