

**2017 MIDWINTER MEETING
IMPLEMENTATION REPORT
ON ALA COUNCIL ACTIONS
TAKEN AT THE
2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
IN
ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL ACTIONS

ALA Policy A.4.2.4 requires the Executive Board or its delegates to report to Council on the status of implementation of motions and resolutions passed by Council during the preceding year. The report shall be entered in the Council minutes.

Document Number/Title of Document: Resolution Calling Upon Libraries to Build More Inclusive Communities, ALA CD#44_62516_ACT

Implementation Action: The ALA Council, **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#44_62516_ACT (formerly: ALA MMD3), Resolution Calling Upon Libraries to Build More Inclusive Communities, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. urges libraries, librarians, and library workers to cultivate more inclusive communities by actively engaging their communities to defuse and deescalate a culture of violence based on hatred, discrimination, and bigotry;
2. stands with the LGBTQ*, Latinx, and diverse communities in confronting hate, discrimination, and bias while recognizing that they are impacted by violence at a much higher rate than the rest of society; and
3. affirms that violence of this kind has no place in a civil society."

Response: The passage of this resolution has been shared with ALA members and outside organizations via ALA's various news outlets.

The ODLOS Advisory Committee is in the process of surveying its groups (see list below) and will compile a list of actions undertaken by each group and the Office for Diversity, Literacy & Outreach Services in conjunction with ALA CD#44_62516_ACT.

American Indian Library Association (AILA); Asian Pacific Librarians Association (APALA); Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA); Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA); REFORMA (the national association to promote library and information services to Latinos and the Spanish speaking); Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT); Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA); Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT); Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT); Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT); Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services (ABOS); Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL); Committee on Literacy (COL)--Chair will serve (ex officio); Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds (RNTLOAK) Committee—Chair will serve ex officio; Committee on Diversity (COD) Chair will serve ex officio; and 3 Members-at Large.

Document Number/Title of Document: Resolution in Support of the Professional Cataloging Processes and Determinations of the Library of Congress, CD#39_6816_ACT.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council, **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#39_6816_ACT, Resolution in Support of the Professional Cataloging Processes and Determinations of the Library of Congress, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. reaffirms its unequivocal support for the Library of Congress' (Library) apolitical, professional determination to cease use prospectively of the subject headings "Illegal aliens" as

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articulated in its formal Resolution of January 12, 2016, and here also endorses the Library's specific March 2016 proposal to retire both that term and the subject heading "Aliens" as it relates to non-extraterrestrials (March Proposals);

2. emphasizes for the particular benefit of legislators that the purposes and uses of the Library's subject headings have for more than a century been and remain entirely different from those animating Congress' selection of subject headings in the United States Code (Code), and that the Library's subject heading choices have no, and should have no, effect upon or relationship to the Code; and
3. instructs the ALA Executive Director to convey the entirety of this Resolution to all germane Members of Congress, media of all forms, and such other parties both within and outside of government, including but not limited to other national non-profit organizations, as may assist the Library in preserving its venerable independent cataloging processes and in implementing its March Proposals.

Response: The Office of Government Relations shared this resolution with the Library of Congress, the Leadership and staff of the Senate Rules Committee and met with House Appropriations Committee staff to discuss this issue as it took center stage during a House Committee on Appropriations' Legislative Branch subcommittee markup. OGR also offered to act as a source of information moving forward and was thanked for sharing this information. We will continue to monitor the issue in the 115th Congress and will again share the resolution as appropriate.

Document Number/Title of Document: Policy Monitoring Committee Report, ALA CD#17.1_61526_ACT.

Implementation Action: ALA Council Policy Monitoring Committee Report,

The ALA Council, **ADOPTED**, the insertion of following new interpretation (ALA CD#19.2, User Generated Content in Library Discovery System: An Interpretation of the ALA Library *Bill of Rights*) into the ALA *Policy Manual* as recommended in the Policy Monitoring Committee Report, ALA CD#17.1_61526_ACT:

B.2.1.25--User-Generated Content in Library Discovery Systems. Libraries offer a variety of discovery systems to provide access to the resources in their collections. When discovery systems incorporate social media components, intelligent objects and knowledge-sharing tools, they create opportunities for users to contribute to discussions about library resources within the discovery system. Libraries that open their discovery systems to user-generated content should develop and publish viewpoint-neutral policies that describe how users may contribute, how user-generated content will be displayed, and how the personal information of contributors will be protected. Adopted, January 2016.

(See "Policy Reference File": User-Generated Content in Library Discovery Systems: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights, 2015-2016 ALA CD#19.2 – PDF, 2pgs)

Response: The interpretation will be placed in the online ALA *Policy Manual* as directed by the ALA Council.

Document Number/Title of Document: Resolution on the Restoration of the United Nations Depository Library System, ALA CD#18.2.

Implementation Action: *ADOPTED*, Resolution on the Restoration of the United Nations Depository Library System, ALA CD#18.2, which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members,

urges the UN to take steps to ensure the long-term equitable access to its information products by:

1. reinstating the print depository library program for countries in areas of the world where the cost of Internet access is too high and not widely developed, so as to ensure transparent and ready access to UN information worldwide, and to continue to operate this program parallel to its online platforms, the United Nations iLibrary and the UN Digital Repository;
2. providing the United Nations Depository Library Program with free access to the iLibrary in order to assure equitable access to all member countries of the United Nations, in the spirit other languages of the Principles Governing Depository Libraries;
3. abiding by the recommendations made by depository libraries concerning the Consultation Paper, which were submitted to the UN Department of Public Information in June 2014 and published in the Executive Summary on the Analysis of Responses to the Consultation Paper on the Re-engineering of the UN Depository Libraries Programmes that Depository Libraries "receive a comprehensive and integrated service from DHL including distribution of relevant paid/unpaid publications and documents through the Digital Repository," including implementing and adhering to a digital preservation policy and considering delaying the UN iLibrary in order to consult with corresponding stakeholders (i.e. Dag Hammarskjöld Library and United Nations Depository Libraries (UNDLs));
4. encouraging full cooperation and communication among the United Nations Depository Library Program, UN Publications, and the UN Department of Public Information to assure the broadest possible access to UN documents and publications; and
5. respecting existing UN policy, which states, "The United Nations Publications Board, on the advice of the Head Librarian of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and taking into account the views of the Government concerned, designates depository libraries" (UN Doc: ST/AI/189/Add.11/Rev.2), by appointing a working panel to study the issues, comprised of representatives from the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, the Publications Board, and Depository Libraries."

Response: After the Annual Conference, ALA sent a letter to Ms. Cristina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information at the United Nations, expressing its concern over the planned changes to the UN Depository Library Program. Ms. Gallech responded with a letter thanking ALA for its interest in the UN Depository Library Program, but that they will be moving ahead as planned.

Document Number/Title of Document: Committee on Organization Report, ALA CD#27.1_62616_ACT:

Implementation Action: ADOPTED, The following two (2) action items identified in the Committee on Organization Report, ALA CD#27.1_62616_ACT:

Item #1. Defines the word “subdivision” as an ALA division or round table.

Item #2. Revise the composition of the Chapter Relations Committee, as follows:

Eleven (11) Members, which includes the Chair. To be eligible to be a member of the Chapter Relations Committee (CRC), an individual must be an ALA member who is also a member of an ALA Chapter or Divisional Affiliate. In addition, eight (8) of the eleven (11) members should have state library association (Chapter) leadership or committee experience.

The following guidelines are used when the ALA President-Elect, with advice from the ALA Committee on Appointments, nominates members and interns to serve on the CRC:

- Volunteers with Chapter leadership experience (i.e., presidents, presidents-elect, Chapter councilors, executive directors, and committee chairs) will be considered over those with no leadership experience.
- Volunteers with current Chapter leadership experience (i.e., current executive directors, newly elected leaders or leaders having served within five years prior to appointment, and committee chairs) will be considered over those with former Chapter leadership experience.
- Volunteers with Chapter experience (i.e., former Chapter leaders having served greater than five years prior to appointment, current or former Chapter committee members, or current Chapter members) will be considered over those with no Chapter experience.
- Interns with Chapter or Student Chapter experience should be considered over those with no Chapter or Student Chapter experience.

Response:

Item #1: At the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the Council Policy Monitoring Committee will bring its recommendation to Council on the placement of the new definition of word “subdivision” into the *ALA Policy Manual*.

Item #2: The 2016-2017 ALA Committee on Appointments is working under the newly approved guidelines for nominating members and interns to serve on the ALA Chapter Relations Committee.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report, ALA CD#25.1_62516_ACT, Item #1: Amendment to Bylaw Article III, Section 1.e.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **APPROVED**, ALA Bylaws amendment as identified in ALA CD#25.1_62516_ACT, ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report:

Item#1—that the following amendment to the ALA Bylaws be presented to the ALA membership on the spring 2017 ballot:

Amend Article III, Section 1.e of the ALA Bylaws to state:

No person may be nominated for or serve on the Council unless that person is a personal member of the American Library Association; **No candidate may accept nomination from more than one group. run for more than one Council position in the same election.**

Response: The proposed amendment to Bylaw Article III, Section 1.e, will be placed on the 2017 spring ALA ballot for ratification by ALA members.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report, ALA CD#25.1_62516_ACT, Item#2: To amend current language of ALA Constitution, Article X, Section 1 and Section 2

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **APPROVED**, ALA Constitution amendment as identified in ALA CD#25.1_62516_ACT, ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report as a first step towards placing the amendment on the spring 2017 ballot for a vote by the ALA membership:

Item#2— To amend current language of ALA Constitution, Article X, Section 1 and Section 2, from:

Section 1. ~~The Council may by vote affiliate with the American Library Association or with any subdivision thereof upon its request, any national or international organization having purposes similar to those of the Association or its subdivision. The dues of affiliated organizations shall be as provided in the Bylaws.~~

Section 2. ~~The Council may by vote affiliate the Association, or any subdivision thereof upon its request, with any national or international organization having purposes similar to those of the Association or its subdivision; provided, however, that no subdivision of the Association may separately affiliate itself with an organization with which the Association as a whole is affiliated.~~

To read:

Section 1. National or international organizations having purposes similar to those of the Association or to one or more of the Association's subdivisions may request to become an affiliate of the Association. Requests for affiliation are subject to Council's approval.

Section 2. The Association or any subdivision thereof may request to become an affiliate with national or international organizations having purposes similar to those of the Association or to one or more of the Association's subdivisions. However no subdivision of the Association may separately affiliate itself with an organization with

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which the Association is affiliated. Requests for affiliation are subject to Council's approval.

Note: Article X, section 3 of the ALA Constitution is not affected by this amendment. Nor does this affect the ability of divisions such as the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) or the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) to confer affiliate status on state library associations, etc.; these are not national or international organizations. The ALA Executive Board has adopted procedures for reviewing applications for affiliation with ALA. See appendix in ALA CD#25.1_62516_ACT.

Response: In accordance with the ALA Constitution, a proposed amendment shall become effective when it shall have been approved by a majority of the members of the Council present and voting at two consecutive meetings held not less than two months apart, followed by ratification by the members of the Association either by a vote by mail of a majority of the members of the Association voting, or by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a membership meeting of the Association.

At the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will resubmit its amendment to ALA Constitution, Article X, Section 1 and Section 2, for Council's second approval. If approved, the amendment will be placed on the 2017 ALA spring ballot for ratification by the ALA membership.

Document Number/Title of Document: Resolution Concerning the Role of Chapters in the American Library Association, ALA CD#40_Revised, Revised, 62616_10:00pm_ACT.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **REFERRED**, ALA CD#40_Revised, 62616_10:00pm_ACT, Resolution Concerning the Role of Chapters in the American Library Association, to the working group that ALA President-Elect Julie Todaro will appoint at this Annual Conference to address chapter engagement and communication. The resolution read: "That the American Library Association on behalf of its members:

1. ensures that the Chapters have a role in developing national initiatives and /or campaigns and that such campaigns specify the expected role of the Chapters;
2. keeps communication channels open by responding directly to any communication from the Chapters in a timely manner and prior to responding publicly to the ALA membership and council;
3. supports efforts to expand the role of the Chapter Relations Committee, ensuring that Chapter Councilors have a presence on the Chapter Relations Committee;
4. consults the Chapter Leadership prior to any response to local legislative issues, to or recognition of an elected official from that state; and
5. communicates the resolution to all Chapters and to the ALA membership."

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Response: ALA President Julie Todaro has appointed a Subcommittee on Improving Communication and Coordination Between ALA and its Chapters to identify potential solutions to improve chapter engagement by identifying:

- roles for chapters in national ALA efforts;
- roles for ALA in Chapter efforts; and
- solutions to improve the communication between ALA and its Chapters.

Subcommittee Members include: Cynthia Czesak Member, New Jersey Library Association; Gloria Creed-Dikeogu President, Kansas Library Association; Ben Hunter ALA Councilor Idaho Library Association; Jeremy Johannesen Executive Director New York Library Association; Dale McNeill ALA Councilor Texas Library Association; Susan Schmidt Chair, Chapter Relations Committee; Lisa R. Varga Executive Director Virginia Library Association. ALA staff liaisons: Michael Dowling, ALA Chapter Relations Office Director and Don Wood, ALA Chapter Relations Office Program Officer.

Document Number/Title of Document: Memorial Resolutions, M-#7-M-#16.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED** the following memorials: Ned Vizzini, M-#7; John Ganly, M-#8; Naomi Kietzke Young, M-#9; Orvin Lee Shiflet, M-#10; Richard Sweeney, M-#11; Dolores Bullock Owen, M-#12; Trudy Seidel Jaques, M-#13; Larry Romans, M-#14; Charles Weld Robinson, M-#15; and the Victims of the Pulse Nightclub Shootings, M-#16.

Response: Memorial resolutions were disseminated to the friends, families, and colleagues of the above persons.

Document Number/Title of Document: Tribute Resolutions, T-#3-#10.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, The following tributes: Resolution Honoring the 25th Anniversary of the Video Round Table, T-#3; Resolution Honoring the 25th Anniversary of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, T-#4; and Resolution Thanking Mary Alice Baish for Her Service as the 30th GPO Superintendent of Document, T-#5.

Response: Tribute resolutions were appropriately disseminated as directed.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Tellers Report, ALA CD#12.3, Item #1.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ELECTED**, To the 2016-2017 Council Committee on Committees (COC): Diane R. Chen; Ed Garcia; Alexandra P. Rivera; and Christian Zabriskie. The COC will be chaired by 2016-2017 ALA President-Elect James (Jim) G. Neal.

Response: The 2016-2017 Committee on Committees will: (1) report its slate of candidates for the upcoming Council ALA Executive Board election at the ALA Midwinter Meeting; 2) complete its appointments to the 17 ALA Council committees at the 2017 Midwinter Meeting; and (3) develop (April, 2017) its slates of candidates for the 2017-2018 Committee on Committees and Planning and Budget Assembly Council elections.

Document Number/Title of Document: Council Tellers Report, ALA CD#12.3, Item #2.

Implementation Action: **ELECTED**, To the 2016-2017 Planning and Budget Assembly: **Councilors-at-Large:** Tamika Barnes; Eboni Henry; and Lessa K. Pelayo-Lozada. **Chapter Councilors:** Majed J. Khader and Dale K. McNeill.

Response: The PBA will meet at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting on Sunday, January 22, 1:00 - 2:30pm. The invitation to attend the meeting, along with an agenda will be sent to Council, Committee, Division and Round Table PBA representatives.

Document Number/Title of Document: Committee on Legislation (COL) and Intellectual Freedom Committee Joint Report on ALA CD#45_62516_ACT (formerly: ALA MMD#4), Resolution on Gun Violence Affecting Libraries, Library Workers, and Library Patrons.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council, **DEFERRED**, action on ALA CD#45_62516_ACT (formerly: ALA MMD#4), Resolution on Gun Violence Affecting Libraries, Library Workers, and Library Patrons, until the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Response: Pam Klipsch, IFC Chair and Ann Dutton Ewbank, COL Chair, have sent several progress reports on Council's referral to their two committees.

The two committees will present their latest revision of the Resolution on Gun Violence Affecting Libraries, Library Workers, and Library Patrons to Council at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

Document Number/Title of Document: Resolution Concerning the Creation of the Deaf Culture Digital Library, ALA CD#46_62516_ACT (formerly: MMD#5)

Implementation Action: The ALA Council, **DEFERRED**, action on ALA CD#46_62516_ACT (formerly: MMD#5) Resolution Concerning the Creation of the Deaf Culture Digital Library until the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Response: ALA Council referred the resolution to the Committee on Legislation (COL) and the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA). These two bodies established this working group to research the resolution and make a recommendation. The Working Group recommends that ASCLA and COL jointly move during Council that the motion be tabled. It is our assessment that the concept of a program such as the DCDL, and how it would operate nationally, is in the embryonic stage and a formal ALA position is premature now. The working group advises that any interested ALA members and their allied stakeholders work through ASCLA to generate interest. Both ASCLA and COL look forward to future research and input from their members and other stakeholders on this issue.

Document Number/Title of Document: Intellectual Freedom Committee Report, ALA CD#19.3-CD#19.9.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, ALA CD #19.9, Religion in American Libraries: An Interpretation of the *Library Bill of Rights*

Response: At the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting, the Policy Monitoring Committee will report to Council on the placement of the new Interpretation into the online *ALA Policy Manual*.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#20.4, Resolution Urging Immediate Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#20.4, Resolution Urging Immediate Ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled, which read: "That the American Library Association, on behalf of its members and the public interest:

1. calls upon the United States Senate and its committees of jurisdiction to immediately and concurrently take every procedural step possible to both ratify the Marrakesh Treaty and approve, with no amendment whatsoever, the Marrakesh Implementation Act and its associated legislative history text;
2. urges the House of Representatives and its committee of jurisdiction to take any and all appropriate steps to immediately expedite consideration and passage of the Marrakesh Implementation Act and its associated legislative history text in unamended form; and
3. encourages the President to publicly speak out, on all appropriate occasions, in support of the foregoing expedited Congressional processes and rapid ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty."

Response: The Office of Government Relations provided this Resolution to senior majority and minority staff of the Senate Foreign Relations and Judiciary Committees, and to relevant senior staff of the House Judiciary Committee. Together, these staffers and the Members whom they serve constitute all offices central to the ultimate ratification and implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#20.5, Resolution of Appreciation to Congressional Champions for Support of School Libraries and School Librarians in the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#20.5, Resolution of Appreciation to Congressional Champions for Support of School Libraries and School Librarians in the Every Student Succeeds Act, which read: The American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. commends Senators Lamar Alexander, Thad Cochran, Patty Murray, and Jack Reed and Representatives John Kline and Robert Schott for their recognition of the contributions of effective school library programs in the academic achievement of the nation's students; and
2. commends these School Library Champions for their efforts to include effective school library programs and school librarians in the language of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Response: Both the Senators and Representatives were appreciative of the recognition of their hard work and support of effective school library programs in the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#20.6 (formerly ALA CD#48) Resolution on Equity for School Libraries for the Department of Education Making Rules for ESSA

Implementation Action: The ALA Council, **ADOPTED**, ALA CD#20.6 (formerly ALA CD#48) Resolution on Equity for School Libraries for the Department of Education Making Rules for ESSA, which read: "Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. urges the United States Department of Education to address equity issues while developing the ESSA legislation rules regarding funding and staffing school libraries, and
2. shares the American Association of School Librarians' position statement on an effective school library program with the United States Department of Education."

Response: The Washington Office attended several listening sessions held by the Department of Education on ESSA regulations. During the listening sessions, staff spoke to the equity issues regarding the funding and staffing of school libraries. In addition to attending these sessions, the Washington Office arranged a special listening session exclusively for AASL with officials of the Department of Education. Staff will continue to look for opportunities to speak to these issues as the rulemaking process continues.

The Department of Education staff were appreciative for the information.

Please note: AASL's response to ALA CD#20.6 is available at the end of this document

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#20.7, Resolution on Equity for All in School Libraries

Implementation Action: The ALA Council **ADOPTED**, Resolution on Equity for All in School Libraries, which read: The American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. endorses the idea that every student have access to a well-funded, effective school library program;
2. advocates for equitable access to effective school library programs with a certified school librarian, personalized learning environments, and equitable access to resources;
3. works with ALA research committees to document the impact on students of a well-funded, effective school library program, particularly in minority and rural communities;
4. advocates for equitable access to well-curated, high-quality, and accessible electronic resources;
5. encourages state departments of education and coalition partners to establish and maintain funding of digital databases and shared resources to provide greater equity of access in all states and regions; and
6. continues to encourage school librarians to apply for Innovative Approaches to Literacy grants.

Response: ALA Washington Office staff attended many meetings with Congressional staff at which they advocated for equitable access to effective school library programs.

The Congressional staff were appreciative and open to the information that was shared.

Please note: AASL's response to ALA CD#20.6 is available at the end of this document

Document Number/Title of Document: ALA CD#41_61716_ACT, Resolution on ALA Support for Spectrum Scholarship Program.

Implementation Action: The ALA Council took no formal action on the ALA CD#41_61716_ACT, Resolution on ALA Support for Spectrum Scholarship Program. The resolution read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. directs the Executive Director and the Executive Board of the American Library Association (ALA) to develop an operational budget inclusive of staff with increased funding for recruitment, marketing and expanding the impact of the Spectrum Scholarship program, and include input from the Spectrum Advisory Committee in the development of an operational budget."

Response: Because of its financial implications, this resolution was forwarded to the Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) by the Council Resolutions Committee. BARC will report on the resolution at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting.

Council Resolutions
ALA CD #20.6, Resolution on Equity for School Libraries for the Department of Education Making
Rules for ESSA
and
ALA CD #20.7, Resolution on Equity for All in School Libraries.

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) was pleased to see the support shown at the 2016 ALA Annual Conference by ALA Council adoption of the resolutions on equity for school libraries. AASL has continuously advocated for an Elementary and Secondary Education Act with language for school libraries and with the passage of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) has continued to work in collaboration with the ALA Washington Office, the Office of Library Advocacy, and other ALA units for implementing effective school library programs in the federal legislation. The following reflects activities by AASL since the resolution was adopted:

ALA CD#20.6, Resolution on Equity for School Libraries for the Department of Education Making Rules for ESSA

Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. urges the United States Department of Education to address equity issues while developing the ESSA legislation rules regarding funding and staffing school libraries, and
2. shares the American Association of School Librarians' position statement on an effective school library program with the United States Department of Education.

AASL Activities:

AASL has disseminated the position statement defining an effective school library program as a resource for guidance in developing state and local plans.

The AASL Vision for Implementing ESSA Task Force is operationalizing the plan approved by the AASL Board of Directors at the 2016 ALA Annual. The plan includes goals and actions for Title I, Part A, Title II, Part A, Title II, Part B: Subpart 2, Title II, Part B : Subpart 2 –Section 2266, and Title IV, Part A. for the association, AASL Affiliates, and school librarians.

As a coalition partners for [Future Ready Schools](#) , a US Department of Education and Alliance for Excellence in Education, AASL participates in monthly calls and shares resources with members. In the last several months the AASL Executive Director and AASL President Audrey Church have had regular calls with Sara Trettin, the US Department of Education staffer with responsibilities for [Future Ready Librarian](#).

The AASL Executive Director, Sylvia Knight Norton, was invited by the White House and the U.S. Department of Education to the White House Symposium for Innovative P-12 Ed tech: Sustaining the Momentum on December 15th. The event celebrated the program made under ConnectED and Future Ready and included AASL and school librarians in the small group work session for next steps for transforming learning through the effective use of technology.

ALA CD#20.7, Resolution on Equity for All in School Libraries.

Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. endorses the idea that every student have access to a well-funded, effective school library program;
2. advocates for equitable access to effective school library programs with a certified school librarian, personalized learning environments, and equitable access to resources;
3. works with ALA research committees to document the impact on students of a well-funded, effective school library program, particularly in minority and rural communities;
4. advocates for equitable access to well-curated, high-quality, and accessible electronic resources;
5. encourages state departments of education and coalition partners to establish and maintain funding of digital databases and shared resources to provide greater equity of access in all states and regions; and
6. continues to encourage school librarians to apply for Innovative Approaches to Literacy grants.

AASL Activities:

AASL's [ESSA and School Libraries](#) website site provides an online community for AASL state affiliate associations with discussion forums, position statements, schedules for state workshops, and other frequently updated resources.

AASL leaders traveled throughout the country to present [30 ESSA state workshops in 60 days](#). The workshops, presented in collaboration with the ALA Office for Library Advocacy and the ALA Washington Office, focused on highlighting opportunities within ESSA language for school librarians and school libraries to be addressed in state and local plans. Customized to fit the needs of each state, the sessions walked participants through the titles in ESSA that can be directly linked to the school librarian and school library program. Attendees broke into small groups to identify stakeholders and potential coalitions, craft key messages and develop elevator speeches. With these take-aways, school librarians and other stakeholders left prepared to conduct strategic discussions and develop specific plans for inclusion in their state planning and implementation process. AASL estimates the ESSA workshops reached 1,500 stakeholders nation-wide. The AASL ESSA workshops are made possible through matching funds provided by Follett School Solutions. AASL will continue these efforts, updating to reflect the timeline for ESSA implementation.

AASL continues an agenda for research on the impact of school libraries through the IMLS-funded *Causality: School Libraries and Student Success (CLASS II)*.

The AASL position statement for a definition for an effective school library program and the ESSA workshops emphasizes equitable access to resources, including digital resources, for all students.

In September 2016, AASL began the Advocacy and Legislation Coalition, an informal structure to ensure that important information flows back and forth between ALA/AASL and the state and local levels. This evolving format uses Adobe Connect for monthly calls with updates from the ALA Washington Office, the ALA Office for Library Advocacy, AASL and state affiliates. State affiliate members are encouraged to share ongoing issues and efforts related to advocacy and legislation for school libraries.