ORIENTATION
A special introduction to ALA, the conference, and the city of Chicago. ALA members will recommend programs and social activities to help you make the most of your conference experience.

INTERNATIONAL POSTER SESSIONS
A chance to promote your library’s activities, showcase innovative programs, and share ideas with your colleagues worldwide.
Deadline: mid-February.

INTERNATIONAL PAPERS
ALA invites you to submit a proposal for a presentation on how your library or country is addressing a selected topic. Contact ALA International Relations Office to learn more.
Deadline: January 1st.

INTERNATIONAL RECEPTION
A special evening reception will be held in your honor so you can meet other international guests as well as colleagues from the U.S.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS’ CENTER
A place where you can relax, review the conference program, or hold small meetings with new-found colleagues and friends. A computer with Internet access is provided, and ALA volunteers will be on hand to answer questions.

Registration opens in January 2018
Information on hotels and registration will be available in January 2018. A preliminary schedule of conference programs will be available in April 2018.

LETTER OF INVITATION
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Join us in New Orleans

New Orleans, nicknamed “the Big Easy”, prides itself on its welcoming and friendly attitude. In the background of the Mississippi River, the city of New Orleans is world-renowned for its Jazz music, amazing cuisine, and exciting atmosphere. Steeped in a history of influences from Europe, the Caribbean, and Africa, it is one of America’s most culturally and historically-rich destinations.

Take a walking or carriage tour of the French Quarter, located adjacent to the Convention Center area, or the beautiful Garden District with its stately mansions. Visit the famous above-ground cemeteries, the bayou or old plantations. Ride the steamboat on the Mississippi River or the newly St. Charles streetcar that will take you along Canal Street from the City Park all the way down to the French market.

New Orleans has a multitude of dining options. From seafood “po'boy” sandwiches, to Gumbo and Jambalaya, to more elegant fare such as Oysters Rockefeller. The food reflects the history and culture of this great city by combining elements of French, Spanish, African, and southern American cuisines. Don’t forget to visit the Café du Monde for a café au lait and fresh hot beignets!

There’s lots to do in the “Big Easy” while you’re not attending a program, from the French Quarter to Bourbon Street and everything in between! So laissez les bon temps rouler (let the good times roll) and join us at the ALA Annual Conference from June 21-26, 2018.

TOP REASONS TO ATTEND

- Gold-standard networking and new connections, and limitless opportunities to engage with the most committed and imaginative people in the field as you build your personal network for ongoing inspiration.
- The top library exhibits at any library event in the world, with 900+ expert exhibitors highlighting the latest products, titles, technology, and services.
- Updates on the latest in technology and associated policy implications in a wide range of sessions and events, including Top Tech Trends from LITA.
- Lively exploration of the possible futures for libraries, your work, and your spaces. Hundreds of peer-driven topics and formats, thought-leaders, experts, and innovators making for the best possible professional development.