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Association for Library Trustees and Advocates

Voice of America's Library Trustees and Advocates

Founded in 1890 as the American Library Trustee Association, today's Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA) is the only division of the American Library Association (ALA) dedicated to providing resources, programs, publications and services to America's public library trustees and advocates.

Membership

With a membership of over 1,200, ALTA represents library trustees, advocates, volunteers and friends throughout United States and Canada. Members receive a quarterly newsletter, discounts on publications, reduced conference registration fees, opportunities to network with trustees from across the country, and a subscriptions to *American Libraries*, the magazine of the American Library Association.

Professional Education

Through annual meetings and preconferences, divisional conferences, regional institutes, and local seminars, ALTA and ALA provide trustees and advocates with the resources they need to take the lead on today's critical issues – library advocacy, intellectual freedom, funding, and public policy development.

Awards

ALTA presents several awards each year including: the ALTA Literacy Award, to a trustee or individual who through volunteer efforts has made a significant contribution to reducing illiteracy; the ALA Trustee Citation, to two public library trustees in recognition of distinguished service to library development; the ALTA Major Benefactors Honor Award, to individuals or corporations who have provided a major benefaction to a public library; and the ALTA/GALE Outstanding Trustee Conference Grant, to two trustees in support of attendance at the ALA Annual Conference. And beginning in 2000, ALTA and ALA began honoring extraordinary library advocates from the state and local level through the National Advocacy Honor Roll.

ALTA On The Web

www.ala.org/alta offers information on library issues, advocacy updates, as well as information about membership and the structure of ALTA.

For more information, contact the ALTA office at 800-545-2433, ext. 2161.

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