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ALABAMA

Year Association Organized: 1977
Membership: 25
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; also sponsors workshops & seminars (Active)
Listed as a roundtable of ALLA

PART Association website: http://allanet.org/www/part/partpage.htm

Alabama Library Association website: http://allanet.org/

ALASKA

Alaska does not have a state paraprofessional association. The membership of the Alaska Library Association includes librarians, paraprofessionals, and volunteers. Attendees at conferences and workshops include librarians, paraprofessionals, and volunteers.

Alaska Library Association website: http://www.akla.org/

ARKANSAS

Year Association Organized: 1991
Membership: 109
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes (Active)
Listed as a division of ArLA

Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals (ALPS) website: http://www.library.uams.edu/alps/alps.htm

Arkansas Library Association website: http://www.arlib.org/

CALIFORNIA

A concerted effort was made to revive the Support Staff Round Table of the California Library Association in November 2005. There was no attendance at the Round Table Discussion Group.

California Library Association: http://www.cla-net.org/



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COLORADO

Year Association was organized: 1974
Membership: 82
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; also sponsors a spring workshop that is Independent of the state association.

Listed as a Division of CLA

Paralibrarian Division Web site: <http://www.cal-webs.org/divisions1.html>

Colorado Library Association: <http://www.cal-webs.org/>

CONNECTICUT

Year Association Organized: 1973
Membership: Unknown
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Unknown
(Unknown if active at this time)

Connecticut Library Association website: <http://www.ctlibraryassociation.org/>

DELAWARE

Year Association Organized: 1990
Membership: 10
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Unknown
(Unknown if active at this time)

Delaware Library Association website: <http://www.dla.lib.de.us/index.htm>

FLORIDA

Year Association Organized: 2004
Membership: Not reported
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active) Broward County Library Association (BCLA) is a professional association of librarians, library workers, trustees, friends & other library supporters.

Broward County Library Association website: <http://www.mybcla.org>

Florida Library Association: <http://www.flalib.org/>



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GEORGIA

Year Association Organized: 1985
Membership: Unknown
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)
Listed as a Division of GLA

Paraprofessional Division
website: <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/library/GLA/glaparaprofessional.htm>

Georgia Library Association website: <http://gla.georgialibraries.org/>

HAWAII

There is not an association for library support staff in Hawaii. Library support staff, or anyone who is employed in a library or information services, or are interested in library work and the objectives of the Hawaii Library Association, may join as personal members with all the rights and privileges as outlined in the Association's bylaws.

Hawaii Library Association website: <http://ohana.chaminade.edu/hla/>

IDAHO

Idaho does not have a state association for paraprofessionals, although everyone concerned about libraries is welcome to join and participate in the Idaho Library Association, which has 500 members. The Association sponsors regional conferences in the spring that many folks attend who could not attend the annual conference in the fall. Depending upon the definition, many in Idaho's library community are "paraprofessionals", that is, without the MLS degree and working in all levels.

Idaho Library Association website: <http://www.idaholibraries.org/>

ILLINOIS

Illinois Library Association Forum of Library Assistants

Year Association Organized: 1988
Membership: 19

Website for association: <http://www.reachingforward.org/>
(Active)



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ILLINOIS (CONTINUED)

Reaching Forward Forum

Year Association Organized: N/A
Membership: Unknown
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)
Listed as a Forum of ILA

Website: <http://www.reachingforward.org/>

Reaching Forward South

Year Association Organized: 1996
Membership: approx. 200
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)
Listed as a Forum of ILA

Website for association: <http://www.reachingforwardsouth.org/>

Illinois Library Association website: <http://www.ila.org/>

INDIANA

Year Association Organized: 1979
Membership: 65
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)
Listed as a division of ILF

Indiana Library Federation website: <http://www.ilfonline.org/>

IOWA

Year Association Organized: 1993
Membership: N/A
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)
Listed as a subdivision of Iowa Library Assoc.
Website for association: <http://www.grinnell.lib.ia.us/sps/index.htm>

Iowa Library Association website: <http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/>



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KANSAS

Year Association Organized: 1992
Membership: 44
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)
Listed as a roundtable

Kansas Library Operation Associates (KLOA) No website listed; see state association

Kansas Library Association website: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/>

KENTUCKY

Year Association Organized: 1999
Membership: N/A
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Unknown
(Active)
Listed as a roundtable of KLA

Website for Association: <http://www.kylibasn.org/rtlss958.cfm>

Kentucky Library Association website: <http://www.kylibassn.org/ssrt.htm>

LOUISIANA

Year Association Organized: 1990 as an Interest Group; a section 1996
Membership: 85
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and sponsors a separate conference
(Active)
Listed as a Forum of LLA

Louisiana Support Staff Staff Association Of Libraries (LaSSAL) website: <http://www.llaonline.org/sig/lasal/>

Louisiana Library Association website: <http://www.llaonline.org/index.php>



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MAINE

The Maine Library Association no longer has a section for support staff. All Maine library workers are encouraged to join and participate in the main library group.

Maine Library Association website: <http://mainelibraries.org/index.htm>

MARYLAND

Year Association Organized: 1986
Membership: Unknown
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)

Listed as a division of Maryland Library Assoc.

Associates, Paraprofessionals and Library Support Staff Division (APLISS) website: <http://www.mdlib.org/divisions/aplss/index.htm>

Maryland Library Association website: <http://www.mdlib.org/>

MASSACHUSETTES

Year Association Organized: Not reported
Membership: Not reported
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)

Listed as a section of MLA

Paralibrarian section website: <http://www.masslib.org/sectionsandcommittees/paralibrarian.htm>

Massachusetts Library Association website: <http://www.masslib.org/>

MICHIGAN

Year Association Organized: 2002
Membership: 95
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and sponsors separate conference & workshops
(Active)

Listed as a roundtable of MLA

Association website: <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/ssrt>

Michigan Library Association website: <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/>



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MINNESOTA

Year Association Organized: 1976 – section status 1996
Membership: 42
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)
Listed as a section of MLA

Support Staff and Paraprofessional
Interest Section of MLA (SSPIN) website:
<http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/SSPIN%20Home.htm>

Minnesota Library Association website: <http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/default.htm>

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi does not have a separate organization for library paraprofessionals, although they do have a fair number who join the Mississippi Library Association as regular members (dues are based upon a salary scale).

Mississippi Library Association website: <http://www.misslib.org/>

MISSOURI

Year Association Organized: Unknown – reorganized recently
Membership: Unknown
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)
Listed as a special interest group of MLA

Support Staff/Paraprofessional Special Interest
Group (PARASIG) of MLA website: <http://molib.org/parasig/index.html>

Missouri Library Association website: <http://molib.org/>



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MONTANA

Year Association Organized: 1997
Membership: approx. 120
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)
Listed as an Interest group of MLA

MLA Paraprofessional Interest Group website: <http://www.mtlib.org/paras/paras.html>

Minnesota Library Association website: <http://www.mtlib.org/>

NEBRASKA

Year Association Organized: Roundtable 1983; Section 1993
Membership: 40
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and sponsors programs for NLA
(Active)
Listed as a section of NLA

NLA Paraprofessional Section website: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/>

Nebraska Library Association website: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/>

NEVADA

Year Association Organized: 1991
Membership: Unknown
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Unknown
(Unknown if active)
Listed as an Interest Group of NLA

ACTION website,support staff:
<http://www.nevadalibraries.org/publications/handbook/action.html>

Nevada Library Association:
<http://www.nevadalibraries.org/organization/organization.html>



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NEW ENGLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (REGIONAL)

For the following states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont

NELSSA grew out of NELA's Paraprofessional/Support Staff Interest Group, which was established in October 1993 to explore the need for and interest in founding a support staff section. With the support of the NELA leadership, NELSSA was voted a section by unanimous vote at the May 1996 NELA Executive Board Meeting.

Since that time, NELSSA members have served within the section and in NELA in a variety of capacities.

New England Library Support Staff Association (NELSSA) website: <http://www.nelib.org/nelssa/index.htm>

NELSSA web page: <http://www.nelib.org/index.htm>

NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire does not have a paraprofessional association. The New Hampshire Library Association encourages all library staff to join NHLA.

New Hampshire Library Association website: <http://www.nh.gov/nhla/>

NEW JERSEY

Year Association Organized: 1989
Membership: Approx. 386
Participates in State Association & Conferences (Active)
Listed as a Stand Alone Association: Annual conference each year held at Seton Hall University, site of their first conference in 1986.

New Jersey Association of Library Assistants (NJALA) website: <http://www.njala.org/>

New Jersey Library Association website: <http://www.njla.org/>



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NEW MEXICO

No active group at this time. New Mexico Library Association is in the process of reforming a support staff organization.

New Mexico Library Association website: <http://www.nmla.org/>

NEW YORK

Year Association Organized:	1977
Membership:	Approx. 450
Participates in State Association & Conferences (Active)	No
Listed as a Stand Alone Association:	Individual annual conference each year

New York State Library Assistants' Association (NYSLAA) website: <http://www.nyslaa.org/>

New York Library Association website: <http://www.nyla.org/>

NORTH CAROLINA

Year Association Organized:	1988
Membership:	60
Participate in State Association & Conferences: (Active)	Yes - participates in the biennial conference
Listed as a round table of NCLA	

North Carolina Library Paraprofessional Association (NCPLA) website: <http://www.nclaonline.org/nclpa/index.html>

North Carolina Library Association <http://www.nclaonline.org/>

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota does not have a state association/division/roundtable for paraprofessionals.

North Dakota Library Association: <http://www.ndla.info/>



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OHIO

Year Association Organized: 1987
 Membership: Unknown
 Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and also sponsors workshops/programs
 (Active)
 Listed as an Interest Group

SSIG - Academic Library Association of Ohio
 Support Staff Interest Group website: <http://www.alaoweb.org/igs/ssig/index.php>

Academic Library Association of Ohio website: <http://www.alaoweb.org/oldsite/index.html>

OKLAHOMA

Year Association Organized: Not Reported
 Membership: Not Reported
 Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
 (Unknown if active at this time)
 Listed as a roundtable of OLA

Oklahoma Library Association Support
 Staff Round Table (OLA/SSRT) No website listed

Oklahoma Library Association website: <http://www.oklibs.org/>

OREGON

Year Association Organized: 1992
 Membership: 80
 Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
 (Active)
 Listed as a division

Oregon Library Association Support
 Staff Division website: <http://library.willamette.edu/ssd/>

Oregon Library Association website: <http://www.olaweb.org/>



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PENNSYLVANIA

Year Association Organized:	Not reported
Membership:	Unknown
Participate in State Association & Conferences:	Unknown
Listed on state association website as a roundtable with "TBA" under leadership	Appears inactive at this time.

Pennsylvania Library Association website: <http://www.palibraries.org/index.asp>

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island does not have a paraprofessional organization for library workers. However, many library employees without an MLS are members of the Rhode Island Library Association.

Rhode Island Library Association website: <http://www.uri.edu/library/rila/rila.html>

SOUTH CAROLINA

Year Association Organized:	Not reported
Membership:	Not reported
Participate in State Association & Conferences:	Unknown
(Active)	
Listed as a roundtable of SCLA	

Website for Association: <http://www.scla.org/ParaprofessionalRoundTable/HomePage>

South Carolina Library Association website: <http://www.scla.org/>

SOUTH DAKOTA

Year Association Organized:	1996
Membership:	82
Participate in State Association & Conferences:	Yes; and sponsors a separate conference
(Active)	
Listed as a section	

South Dakota Library Association Support Staff Section website: <http://lib.sdstate.edu/schleics/SupportStaff/sdlass.htm>

South Dakota Library Association website: <http://www.sdlibraryassociation.org/>



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TENNESSEE

Tennessee no longer has a Paraprofessional Roundtable. Support staff members are encouraged to join the Tennessee Library Association and participate in other roundtables and committees.

Tennessee Library Association website: <http://www.tnla.org/>

TEXAS

Year Association Organized: 1998
Membership: 58
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)
Listed as a roundtable

Library Support Staff Roundtable website: <http://www.txla.org/groups/lssrt/index.html>

Texas Library Association website: <http://www.txla.org/html/org.html>

UTAH

Year Association Organized: 1989
Membership: 104
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and also sponsors workshops
(Active)
Listed as a roundtable

Library Paraprofessional & Support Staff Roundtable website: <http://www.ula.org/organization/rt/lpss/index.html>

Utah Library Association website: <http://www.ula.org/>

VERMONT

The Vermont Library Association does not have a specific paraprofessional section. However, every library employee in Vermont is encouraged to join VLA and attend/participate in the annual Vermont Library Conference.

Vermont Library Association website: <http://www.vermontlibraries.org/>



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VIRGINIA

Year Association Organized: 1979
Membership: Approx. 1,000
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Sponsors individual annual conference & active in
(Active) Virginia Library Association events.
Listed as a Forum

Virginia Library Association Paraprofessional
Forum (VLAPF) website: <http://www.vla.org/demo/Paraprof/Index.html>

Virginia Library Association website: <http://www.vla.org/>

WASHINGTON

Year Association Organized: 1984
Membership: Approx. 138
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Participates in state association conference
(Active)
Listed as an Interest group of WLA

Washington Association of Library Employees
(WALE) website: <http://www.wla.org/igs/wale/>

Washington Library Association website: <http://www.wla.org/>

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia does not have a separate state organization for paraprofessionals. But the West Virginia Library Association supports its entire members/library staff.

West Virginia Library Association website: <http://www.wvla.org/>

WISCONSIN

Year Association Organized: 1994
Membership: 100
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and also sponsors a separate conference
(Active)
Listed as a section



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WISCONSIN (CONTINUED)

Support Staff Section website: <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/sss/>
(WLA SSS)

Wisconsin Library Association website: <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/>

WYOMING

Year Association Organized: 1998
Membership: 65
Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes
(Active)
Listed as a section of WLA

WLA Paraprofessional/Support Staff
Section website: <http://www.wyla.org/paraprofessional/index.shtml>

Wyoming Library Association website: <http://www.wyla.org/>

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