

## PETITION

### Petition to Create a Member Initiative Group within the American Library Association on “Virtual Communities and Libraries”

The undersigned member(s) of the American Library Association, request that the ALA Committee on Organization (COO) authorize and create a Member Initiative Group called “Virtual Communities and Libraries” (VCL) for a period not to exceed three years with the following statement of purpose:

*To provide a group within ALA for members interested in fostering the practice of library work, the visibility of libraries and library workers, and the extension of library services within online social networks, virtual worlds, and other communities of intention. To provide a mechanism for sharing experiences and practices in-person or virtually through programming or asynchronous communications. To encourage wider participation by the profession and the association in virtual worlds. and To establish a forum across all types of libraries and at all levels of library employment concerned with the development of library services in emerging social networks, virtual worlds, and other communities of intention. This group is open to all members.*

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To be submitted to COO on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Please return signed petition to John Chrastka, ALA Manager for Membership Development, 50 E. Huron St. Chicago, IL. 60611 no later than June 15, 2007 for inclusion or drop off at the ALA Membership Pavilion, Booth 2525, in the Exhibits before noon on Tuesday.

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