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The Office for Information Technology Policy advances ALA's public policy activities by helping secure information technology policies that support and encourage efforts of libraries to ensure access to electronic information resources as a means of upholding the public's right to a free and open information society. It works to ensure a library voice in information policy debates and to promote full and equitable intellectual participation by the public. Working together with ALA's Office of Government Relations and the Office for Intellectual Freedom, the Office advances ALA's policies related to information technology in four ways:

- ❖ Conducting research and analysis aimed at understanding the implications of information technology and policies for libraries and library users,
- ❖ Educating the ALA community about the implications of information policy, law, and regulation for libraries and library users,
- ❖ Advocating ALA's information policy interests in non-legislative government policy forums, and
- ❖ Engaging in strategic outlook to anticipate technological change, particularly as it presents policy challenges to libraries and library users.