



Key Washington Office Web Pages A Quick Reference Guide

The Washington Office offers a variety of online information resources about current federal issues that impact libraries. In addition to the Washington Office staff these resources can provide you with a wide array of information on policy issues relating to libraries.

District Dispatch: districtdispatch.org

District Dispatch is the official blog of the ALA Washington Office. You can view all vital information from the Washington Office including press releases, news on library-related legislation and information technology policy and other updates from OGR and OITP. Sign-up for updates at districtdisatch.org/subscribe or districtdispatch.org/rss.

Facebook & Twitter: facebook.com/libraryadvocates & twitter.com/ala_wo

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ALA Washington Office website: ala.org/wo

Home to the Office of Government Relations (OGR) and the Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP), the Washington Office website is a robust source of information. Research federal legislation in the OGR section or technology policy research in the OITP section.

Legislative Action Center: ala.org/takeaction

The Legislative Action Center (LAC) is ALA's pipeline to Capitol Hill. It features updates on all the important library-related legislation making its way through Congress. More importantly, it allows you to find email and phone contact information for your members of Congress while also providing talking points on the key issues. Be sure to share personal stories with your Congressional members about how the legislation you're contacting them about impacts your library.

Webinars: ow.ly/85fIF

The ALA Washington Office offers regular webinars on a variety of advocacy-related topics. Previous online courses have included coalition building, what to expect from Congress in the near future, and broadband stimulus application assistance. After each webinar, the content is archived and placed on this Web page.

ALA Connect: connect.ala.org

ALA Connect is the first interactive, comprehensive online community specifically for ALA members. Within this site, members can collaborate with others on best practices, keep up to date on the latest issues coming out of both Congress and the ALA, and so much more. Join the Washington Office community at connect.ala.org/node/93178 to stay connected to our D.C. office.