



National Directory of Library Support Staff Organizations

ALABAMA

Year Association Organized: 1977

Membership: 25

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; also sponsors workshops & seminars (Active)

PART Association combination ALA/ALLA/LSSIRT Membership form:

http://allanet.org/membership_apply_joint.cfm

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alabama-Library-Association/140360152719459>

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/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alaska-Library-Association/106021686120382>

ARIZONA

Arizona does not have a state paraprofessional association.

Arizona Library Association website: <http://www.azla.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/arizonalibraryassociation.pld>

ARKANSAS

Year Association Organized: 1991

Membership: 109

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a division of ArLA

Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals (ALPS) website: <http://www.arlib.org/organization/alps/>

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Arkansas-Library-Association/173814195982953>

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/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/California-Library-Association/87228833792>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/CalLibAssoc>

COLORADO

Year Association was organized: 1974

Membership: 82

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; also sponsors a spring workshop that is Independent of the association

Listed as a Division of CLA

Para-Librarian Division Web site: http://cal-webs.org/paralibrarian_.html

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ColoradoAssociationofLibraries>

***Mountain Plains Library Association**

Year Association was Organized: 1948

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Mountain Plains Library Association website: <http://www.mpla.us/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Mountain-Plains-Library-Association/55122193140>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/MPLAtweets>

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/>

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_39388191528

DELAWARE

Year Association Organized: 1990

Membership: 10

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Unknown
(Unknown if active at this time)

Delaware Library Association website: <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Delaware-Library-Association/111644655538967>

FLORIDA

Year Association Organized: 1905

Membership: Not reported

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8132540939/>

***Broward County Library Association**

BCLA is a professional association of librarians, library workers, trustees, friends & other library supporters from public, academic and special libraries in Broward County, Florida.

Year Association Organized: 2004

Membership: Not reported

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=113657791995737>

GEORGIA

Year Association Organized: 1985

Membership: Unknown

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a Division of GLA

Paraprofessional Division website:

<http://admservices.clayton.edu/library/GLA/GLAParaprofessional.htm>

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/georgialibraryassociation>

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://hla.chaminade.edu/>

IDAHO

Idaho does not have a state association for paraprofessionals, although all concerned about libraries are welcome to join and participate in the Idaho Library Association. 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.

Membership: 500

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Idaho-Library-Association/104358816290>

ILLINOIS

Reaching Forward

Year Association Organized: 1988

Membership: 19

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

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

Listed as a Forum of ILA:

www.ila.org/forums/reaching-forward-forum-for-library-support-staff

Reaching Forward South

Year Association Organized: 1996

Membership: approx. 200

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a Forum of ILA

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Reaching-Forward-South/192303403211>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Illinois-Library-Association/206994278144>

INDIANA

Year Association Organized: 1979

Membership: 65

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a division of ILF

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

Indiana Library Federation Support Staff Division webpage:

<http://www.ilfonline.org/units/support-staff-division/>

IOWA

Year Association Organized: 1993

Membership: N/A

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a subdivision of Iowa Library Association:

Iowa Library Association Support Personnel Subdivision website:

<http://www.grinnell.lib.ia.us/sps/>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Iowa-Library-Association/92432564200>

KANSAS

Year Association Organized: 1992

Membership: 44

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a roundtable

Kansas Library Operation Associates

No website listed; see state association (KLOA)

Kansas Library Association website: <http://www.kansaslibraryassociation.org>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/kansaslibraryassociation>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/kansaslibraries>

KENTUCKY

Year Association Organized: 1999

Membership: N/A

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a roundtable of KLA

Website for Support Staff Round Table: <http://www.kylibasn.org/rtlss958.cfm>

Kentucky Library Association website: <http://www.kylibasn.org>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=96676861608>

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

Listed as a Forum of LLA

Louisiana Support Staff Association of Libraries (LaSSAL) website:

<http://www.llaonline.org/sig/lassal/index.php>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/LouisianaLibraryAssociation>

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.php>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Maine-Library-Association/151532799713>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/mainelibassoc>

MARYLAND

Year Association Organized: 1986

Membership: Unknown

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a division of Maryland Library Assoc.

Associates, Paraprofessionals and Library Support Staff Division (APLISS) website:

<http://www.mdlib.org/divisions/aplss/default.asp>

Paraprofessionals Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Associates-Paraprofessionals-and-Library-Support-Staff/119906988058422>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MDLib>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/MDLibraryAssoc>

MASSACHUSETTES

Year Association Organized: N/A

Membership: Not reported

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a section of MLA

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

MLA Paralibrarian blog: <http://mlaparalibrarian.wordpress.com/>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Massachusetts-Library-Association/159982780717766>

MICHIGAN

Year Association Organized: 2002

Membership: 95

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and sponsors separate conference & workshops

Listed as a roundtable of MLA

Support Staff Roundtable Website: <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/ssrt>

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

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/MLAOFFICE>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MichiganLibraryAssociation>

MINNESOTA

Year Association Organized: 1976 – section status 1996

Membership: 42

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a section of MLA

Support Staff and Paraprofessional

Interest Section (SSPoINf) MwLeAb site:

<http://mnlibraryassociation.org/committees-subunits/support-staff-and-paraprofessionals/>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaLibraryAssociation>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/MNlibraries>

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 salary scale).

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

Black Caucus: <http://www.misslib.org/index.php/organization/roundtables/black-caucus/>

Facebook MS Library Commission: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mississippi-Library-Commission/26250319262>

MISSOURI

Year Association Organized: N/A

Membership: Unknown

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a special interest group of MLA

Support Staff/Paraprofessional Special Interest Group (PARASIG) of MLA website:

<http://molib.org/coi/parasig/>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MissouriLibraryAssociation>

MONTANA

Year Association Organized: 1906

Membership: Unknown

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=34421901898&ref=ts>

NEBRASKA

Year Association Organized: Roundtable 1983; Section 1993

Membership: 40

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and sponsors programs for NLA

Listed as a section of NLA

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

Paralibrarian Blog: <http://nla-paraprofessionals.blogspot.com/>

Paraprofessional Section Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/NLA-Paraprofessional-Section/321084295994>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Nebraska-Library-Association/128333515387?ref=ts>

NEVADA

Year Association Organized: 1991

Membership: Unknown

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Active

Listed as an Interest Group of NLA

ACTION website for support staff:

<http://www.nevalibraries.org/publications/handbook/action.html>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Nevada-Library-Association/358232999735>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/nvlibraries>

NEW ENGLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (REGIONAL)

For the following states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. NELA does not currently have a paraprofessional association.

New England Library Association: <http://www.nelib.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nelibraries>

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/>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/nhlibrarians>

NEW JERSEY

Year Association Organized: 1989

Membership: Approx. 386

Participates in State Association & Conferences

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/>

NJLA Blog: <http://blog.njala.org/>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/njlibraryassociation>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/NJLA>

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/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/NMLibraryAssociation>

NEW YORK

Year Association Organized: 1977

Membership: Approx. 450

Participates in State Association & Conferences: Yes

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/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/New-York-Library-Association-NYLA/48043315840>

Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/NYLA_1890

NORTH CAROLINA

Year Association Organized: 1988

Membership: 60

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes - participates in the biennial conference

Paraprofessional Blog: <http://nclpa.wordpress.com/>

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

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2217290574>

NORTH DAKOTA

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

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/North-Dakota-Library-Association/350196930345>

OHIO

Year Association Organized: 1987

Membership: Unknown

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and also sponsors workshops/programs

Listed as an Interest Group

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

Ohio Library Council Supportive Staff: <http://www.olc.org/SupportiveStaff.asp>

Ohio Library Council: <http://www.olc.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohio-Library-Council/164275471866>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/OhioLibraryCncl>

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/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Oklahoma-Library-Association/125041121245>
Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/oklibs>

OREGON

Year Association Organized: 1992

Membership: 80

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a division

Oregon Library Association Support Staff Division website:

<http://www.olaweb.org/mc/page.do?sitePageId=61036>

Oregon Library Association Support Staff Division on Facebook:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oregon-Library-Association-Support-Staff-Division/133448873348418>

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

PENNSYLVANIA

Year Association Organized: Not reported

Membership: Unknown

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Unknown

No Support Staff Division

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=123050057708453>

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://rilibraries.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rhode-Island-Library-association/322125500650?ref=ts>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/rilalibs>

SOUTH CAROLINA

Year Association zed: Organ Not reported

Membership: Not reported

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Unknown

Listed as a roundtable of SCLA

Website for Association: <http://www.scla.org/content/paraprofessional-round-table>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/southcarolinainlibraryassociation>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/sclanews>

SOUTH DAKOTA

Year Association Organized: 1996

Membership: 82

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and sponsors a separate conference

Listed as a section

South Dakota Library Association

Support Staff Section website: <http://sites.google.com/site/sdlasupportstaff/>

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

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.

Staff Development Committee: <http://tnla.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=269>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/TennesseeLibraryAssociation>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/tnla>

TEXAS

Year Association Organized: 1998

Membership: 58

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a roundtable

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

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/TexasLibraryAssociation>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/TXLA>

UTAH

Year Association Organized: 1989

Membership: 104

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and also sponsors workshops

Listed as a roundtable

Library Paraprofessional & Support

Staff Roundtable website: <http://www.ula.org/content/library-paraprofessional-support-staff-round-table-lpsrt>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Utah-Library-Association/145506295465421>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/UtahLibAssoc>

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/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/VTLibraryAssociation>

VIRGINIA

Year Association Organized: 1979

Membership: Approx. 1,000

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; Sponsors individual annual conference & active in Virginia Library Association events.

Listed as a Forum

Virginia Library Association Paraprofessional

Forum (VLAPF) website: http://www.vla.org/?page_id=1463

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/VALibraryAssociation>

WASHINGTON

Year Association Organized: 1984

Membership: Approx. 138

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Participates in state association conference

Listed as an Interest group of WLA

Washington Association of Library Employees

(WALE) website: <http://wale.wla.org/>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/WashingtonLibraryAssociation>

WEST VIRGINIA

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

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Virginia-Library-Association/166522980089928>

WISCONSIN

Year Association Organized: 1994

Membership: 100

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes; and also sponsors a separate conference
Listed as a section

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

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

Blog: <http://wlaweb.blogspot.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinLibraries>

WYOMING

Year Association Organized: 1998

Membership: 65

Participate in State Association & Conferences: Yes

Listed as a section of WLA

WLA Paraprofessional/Support Staff Section site:

<http://www.wyla.org/archive/paraprofessional/index.php>

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

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/WyoLibraryAssociation>

WASHINGTON DC

Year Association Organized: 1894

District of Columbia Library Association <http://www.dcla.org/>

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_24861967157