

ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2018 – 2019.

The 2019 Alabama Legislative Session convened on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. The Session was officially declared "*sine die*"—finished, in other words—on Friday, May 31, 2019.

Thirty-nine new state lawmakers were introduced to Alabama Libraries and to the Alabama Virtual Library. The Alabama Virtual Library provides all students, teachers and state residents with 24/7 online access to premier library and information resources. Preparations to inform new members about libraries began in December, and led to a crescendo of events on May 1, Alabama Legislative Day.

November:

Each legislator received a letter detailing the importance of all types of libraries in Alabama.

Libraries were encouraged to invite their legislators to visit their local library.

February:

An informational packet on the Alabama Virtual Library was provided.

March/April:

Invitations to Alabama Legislative Day were sent to state lawmakers requesting they stop by to visit us on the sixth floor of the Alabama State House.



On Alabama Legislative Day, Alabama Reps. Danny Crawford (left) and Parker Moore (right) learn about online databases provided to Alabama citizens with help from state funds

The following events occurred on May 1, 2019 Alabama Legislative Day at the State House:

- A Banner was produced and displayed with the theme: *Libraries Impact Communities*.
- Another banner featured a map with public, academic, and special library locations throughout the state.
- Fact sheets detailing libraries and their impact on communities were distributed to legislators and visitors.
- Four laptop computers were connected to a WiFi hotspot and were available to visitors to explore Alabama Virtual Library databases, Alabama Public Library databases, and legal databases.
- Brailled materials and talking books with accessible equipment were on display.
- A special display with “historic archive” legal books were available.
- Alabama author “Father Goose” Charles Ghigna was present to discuss the importance of literacy.
- 3D bookmark charms were distributed to legislators. These charms were made in Alabama Library Makerspaces and represented the many STEM activities found in our libraries.
- Photo opportunities were available for librarians and Alabama legislators.
- Librarians made calls to legislators’ offices to invite them to see Legislative Day activities and to discuss libraries.



Alabama Sen. Vivian Figures poses with APLS staff in front of the Alabama Legislative Day banner



Library leaders look on as Gov. Kay Ivey signs a proclamation declaring Library Week in Alabama

On May 1, Governor Kay Ivey signed a proclamation declaring the importance of Alabama's libraries.

The results of advocacy efforts in Alabama for the FY 2019-2020 are:

SB195 provided a supplemental \$500,000 award to the Alabama Public Library Service from FY2018-2019 budget. The language in the bill divided the funds in half with \$250,000 going to public libraries and \$250,000 to the Alabama Supreme Court Library.

SB199 provided funding to the Alabama Public Library Service, the Alabama Supreme Court Library, the Alabama Virtual Library and the Alabama Supercomputer Authority in the following amounts:

APLS:

Operations budget of APLS received an increase of 1 percent.

State Aid to Public Libraries received an increase of 20.6 percent. Funding went from \$4,502,745 (93 cents per capita) in FY19 to \$5,428,5505 in FY20 (\$1.11 per capita).

The Alabama Virtual Library received a 17.3 percent increase from \$2,897,627 in FY19 to \$3,397,627 in FY20.

Alabama Supercomputer Authority:

State legislators provided funding to the Alabama Supercomputer Authority (ASA) to supply 116 public libraries with a 100Mbps broadband connection with WiFi. The breakdown of funds are \$311,000 for a one-time installation of all necessary equipment and \$464,000 to match E-rate funding for 100Mbps broadband access and maintenance. A total of \$776,000 was awarded for the project.

Supreme Court Library:

The Supreme Court Library was provided \$50,000 in addition to the funds from SB199 to support operations in FY2019-2020.

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Arizona Library Association Legislative Wrap-Up 2019

The First Regular Session of the fifty-fourth Legislature adjourned sine die at 12:58 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 after 134 days in session and working through most of the weekend and Memorial Day to get it done. With slim majorities in the House (31-29) and Senate (17-13), the lengthy session dragged on for over a week after an agreement was announced between Senate and House leadership, and the Governor, on an \$11.8 billion budget.

State Aid to Libraries

The Arizona grants-in-aid program received \$651,400 in the state budget this session. This is the exact same allocation received in the 2018 budget. The Arizona State Library is funded as a department of the Secretary of State's office.

Electronic Records

AzLA lobbied in support of HB 2501: The state library is required to provide a records management and archives program as well as a state and federal government documents depository program. HB 2501 directs the state library to establish, operate and maintain a trusted electronic records repository.

The bill allows for outside appropriations and donations to go toward funding an initial 3-year pilot program to establish the electronic records repository to preserve and provide access to permanent state and local government records in various electronic formats. Maricopa County has agreed to fund the initial pilot program. The bill further appropriates \$70,000 and the equivalent for one FTE position from the state's General Fund to the Secretary of State's office to maintain the repository beginning in 2024. The bill was signed by the Governor on June 6.

Intellectual Freedom Bills

A slew of bills including HB 2002; HB 2015 and a strike everything amendment to HB 2032 that the Arizona Library Association opposed, would have negatively impacted teachers and teacher librarians in the state. These bills sought to prohibit a person who acts on behalf of a school district from "espousing a political ideology or religious belief unless it is germane to the class or activity and establishes penalties for such conduct" and would assess a \$5,000 fine on educators. These bills infringe on intellectual freedom and violate teachers' first amendment rights by creating a chilling effect on teachers' free speech. AzLA worked with educational groups to oppose the passage of these bills. None of the versions of these bills made it to the House or Senate floor for a full-chamber vote.

Funding for Teacher Librarians

(Background Information) Over the course of the 2018 session, AzLA met and worked with legislators and the Governor's office to address a disparity concerning the teacher's 1% pay raise from last year's budget and the ongoing pay raises for teacher salaries for this year and subsequent years. Last year's raises for Arizona educators brought a problem front and center—teacher-librarians are not automatically included to receive the pay increase, though they are certified teachers with classrooms.

After meeting with the Senate Appropriations Chairman, John Kavanagh and the Governor's Senior Policy Advisor on Education, Dawn Wallace there was an understanding of the discrepancies between the certification of school librarians and the Arizona Auditor General's classification for school librarians. Since the state uses how teachers are classified to determine eligibility of the teacher pay raise, teacher-librarians were excluded, as they were being classified under "support staff". However, both Senator Kavanagh and the Governor's office felt the best avenue to address this discrepancy is to get the districts to change the way they are classifying their teacher-librarians. The solution may be slightly more complicated with the Auditor General as they classify school librarians as 2200, which is Support Services: Instruction. In Arizona's schools, this 2200 classification has led to an unequal apportionment of the 2017-2018 raise. In some districts certified librarians were given this raise and others were not.

AzLA is continuing to work with entities such as the Arizona Education Association, Arizona Department of Education and the Auditor General's office to best solve this ongoing issue concerning teacher-librarians.

During the 2019 session, AzLA worked with the Teacher Librarian Division on strategies to work for change within school districts. The goal is to have all districts code Teacher Librarians correctly to ensure they are eligible for future increases.

Erin MacFarlane
Legislative Committee Chair



CLA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2019

Presented by the Advocacy & Legislative Committee to further the mission of California libraries

The Committee works with the CLA Executive Board, CLA lobbyists and association members to make a difference for California libraries and the communities they serve.

These broadly-outlined priorities focus on California legislative and policy activities that support California libraries at the state level; they may also be used for local and national advocacy.

- **Infrastructure Needs**
 - Seek a measure supporting the infrastructure needs of California's public library facilities to benefit Californians in communities throughout the state (building upon the efforts in the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 sessions with SCA-3); work with the Legislature, the Governor's office and other partners to secure a place on the election ballot and a plan for approval.
- **Broadband Equity and Net Neutrality**
 - Work with the California State Library (CSL) and the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) to support implementation of Phases 3 and 4, which expand important broadband access to libraries throughout the state, and advocate for funding for assessment of Phases 1 and 2; advocate for net neutrality, the Federal E-Rate program and the California Teleconnect Fund.
- **After-School and Summer Programs**
 - Seek funding to support California's youth through library after-school and summer programming, such as Lunch at the Library.
- **Libraries as Centers**
 - Seek funding for libraries to serve as centers for early education, literacy, career support, services for vulnerable populations and other educational programs that benefit a wide range of community members.
- **California State Library**
 - Advocate for funding for the California State Library and its staff, initiatives and programs that critically support the vitality of all libraries throughout the state in meeting the library needs of their jurisdictions.
- **Census 2020**
 - Secure adequate funding for libraries to assist with the collection and submission of Census information; work with other library groups (e.g. ALA) to promote libraries as critical partners for a complete count at the local and regional level.
- **Legislation Monitoring**
 - Continue to monitor all legislation that may have a bearing on libraries in California, and continue to work with other library-related groups and stakeholders on promoting libraries and beneficial legislation.



**California Library Association
Legislative Committee
Report to ALA 2019-07-22**

State Budget – CLA reports several exciting “wins” this year with regard to the Governor’s state budget.

The new governor, Gavin Newsom, has focused heavily on early childhood education. In February 2019, CLA secured an important meeting with the Governor’s Senior Policy Advisor for Early Childhood. A team of library leaders from across the state, along with a CLA lobbyist, had an extensive, very positive conversation during this meeting about how public libraries are essential partners in early childhood learning. To highlight this work, CLA prepared a white paper/promotional brochure to give to the advisor. The brochure was also shared widely with other statewide leaders, particularly through “Day in the District” visits (see below). This initial conversation and the spread of the brochure, coupled with outreach to the Department of Finance, and effective contact between the State Librarian and numerous high-level Administration officials, brought significant results. Governor Newsom became the first California governor to include public library funding for early childhood learning. Along with early childhood project money, the approved state budget includes the following new funding for California libraries:

- **One-time funding to support Early Learning and After-School Library Program Grants - \$5 million** one-time General Fund to support grants for local library jurisdictions with the lowest per capita library spending to develop and implement early learning and after-school library programs.
- **One-time funding to support Mobile Libraries - \$3 million** one-time General Fund for the California State Library to support grants for local library jurisdictions to purchase bookmobiles and community outreach vehicles that would be used to expand access to books and library materials in under-resourced neighborhoods.
- **Digitization and Cultural Preservation Activities - \$1.7 million General Fund, approximately \$1 million of which is ongoing**, for the California State Library to coordinate with state entities to identify items for digital preservation, contract for digital preservation services, and to begin conducting or commissioning a statewide survey to inventory cultural heritage assets.
- **Lunch at the Library - \$1 million General Fund one-time** for library districts to develop summer meal programs for students in low-income communities.
- **Online Service Systems - \$1 million General Fund one-time** for online systems for use by public libraries to support efficient access to resources.

- **Historical Site Preservation - \$500,000 one-time General Fund** to support the preservation of historical Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer sites.

[ACA 1](#) - CLA has been actively supporting Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (introduced by Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry) which would move forward a ballot measure for California voters to decide whether to reduce the local vote threshold for the approval of public infrastructure local bond and special tax measures from the current two-thirds vote to a 55% majority (as for California school measures). ACA-1 would potentially benefit all types of public infrastructure, including but not limited to parks, flood control, libraries, streets, water quality, and broadband. The last general obligation bond measure passed by the state to fund library new construction or renovation was in 2000, and it authorized \$350 million in bonds for this purpose. Recent assessments of the statewide need for public library construction projects were in excess of \$4 billion.

The amendment was successfully passed through the relevant Assembly committees (Appropriations, etc.) However, the author has postponed holding a vote on the Assembly floor, due to a lack of support needed to move it forward. Constitutional amendments are not subject to the same timelines as other bills, so it may be picked up again after the Assembly returns from its summer recess in August. Outreach has been concentrated on the six legislators

[Day in the District](#) – Rather than do an annual legislative day at the state capitol, CLA encourages library staff and supporters to build relationships with every legislator by connecting with them in their local district offices. CLA provides resources and talking points as needed during a push each spring. Even if library staff aren't permitted to make an "ask" during their visit, the relationship-building is still considered crucial.

Georgia Library Association Legislative Session Report 2019
(for FY2020)

The bulk of the funds added through legislative action go towards [Library Planning & Construction](#).

Major Repair and Renovation (MRR) Grants

MRR is a matching-funds program that assists library facilities with deferred maintenance projects and improvements. Typical projects range from structural issues to roof repair and HVAC replacement. It also assists with upgrades needed to help libraries meet the Americans with Disabilities Act's Standards for Accessible Design. For FY2020, the legislature approved:

\$3 million - major repair & renovation projects across the state

\$1,490,000 - repurposing projects across the state

Capital Outlay Grants

This is a matching-funds program primarily for new library construction that also provides financial aid for full-facility renovations and large additions to existing facilities. Funding is allocated by state legislation and funded by General Obligation bonds through the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission. These libraries have been approved for the FY2020 budget:

\$415,000 Auburn Library
\$1,040,000 Quitman County Library
\$1,900,000 Watkinsville Library
\$900,000 Appling County Library
\$1,810,000 Cusseta-Chattahoochee Library

Additionally, the Georgia General Assembly approved:

\$.35 per capita - library materials
\$2,630,000 - technology enhancement/census support

and also approved Governor Kemp's amended FY19 budget to include \$326,000 for a kids ebook platform. [GPLS launched eRead Kids](#) on August 1.

Thanks,

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Hawai'i Library Association
Legislative & Advocacy Committee

2019 Report (First)

Although the Hawai'i Library Association Bylaws includes a Legislative Committee it has been inactive for well over a decade (at least). Keikilani Meyer and Andrew Wertheimer are reviving our committee. We met with the HLA President Sharrese Castillo and President elect Michael Aldrich and State Librarian Stacy Aldrich in July 2019. We have all been discussing publicity for some time, and my students in a library management course did a class assignment to share what other small states are doing in terms of advocacy. These students presented at last year's HLA annual conference. Our agenda was moved forward by the keynote address of ALA (past) president Loida Garcia-Febo at the Spring 2019 HLA Conference.

Hawai'i is unique in having one state-wide public library system and school district. We do not have a lobbyist or any paid staff (such as an exec dir), but are working together to do what is possible. Another challenge is that few Hawaii librarians are able to go to DC to attend Library Legislative Day, although the State Librarian has usually made a presence. We've agreed that our next agenda focus on the need to strengthen school library media centers.

On behalf of the HLA Legislative & Advocacy Committee,

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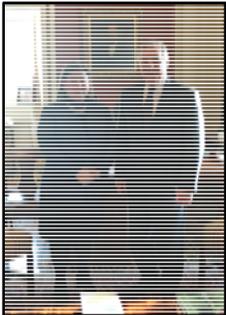


Illinois Library Association

Illinois Library Association Legislative Recap January-June 2019

Now that the 2019 spring session of the 101st Illinois General Assembly has wrapped and we are halfway through the first session of the 116th United States Congress, it's time to summarize current legislation of interest to Illinois librarians. The Public Policy Committee, Advocacy Committee, and Executive Board have worked hard over the past several months, along with legislative consultant Derek Blaida and executive director Diane Foote to identify ILA's legislative priorities and implement action toward these priorities through individual meetings and direct contact with legislators, our series of Legislative Meet-ups, participation in ALA's Fly-In Day, and more. For a complete list of bill numbers that we are following, please visit <http://www.ila.org/advocacy/legislative-issues>.

Advocacy Activities

- **Legislative Meet-ups:** Rather than one “day in the capitol,” each February ILA hosts a series of eight events around the state, to which state and federal elected officials, area librarians, and library patrons, supporters, and trustees are invited. The agenda typically includes a presentation of ILA's federal and state legislative agenda, remarks by legislators or their staff, and, depending on the location, open Q&A and/or presentations from trustees and patrons about the value of libraries. 2019 saw a 9% increase over 2018 in attendees, to 518 from 476; and a 10% increase in legislator or legislative staff participation, to 72 from 65. See below for legislative priorities.
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- A photograph showing a group of people in a professional setting, likely a legislative meet-up. A man in a suit is talking to a woman in a white top, and other people are visible in the background.
- **ALA Fly-In Days:** ILA Executive Director Diane Foote participated in ALA's inaugural Fly-In Days on February 25-26, 2019, meeting with staff in the offices of newly-elected Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-IL-14), Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL-17), Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL-13), Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL-7), and Sen. Tammy Duckworth; and along with Michael Dowling of ALA's Chapter Relations Office and Gavin Baker of ALA's Office for Public Policy and Advocacy, with Sen. Dick Durbin himself. The top priority was library funding: thanking our legislators for passing the Museum and Library Services Act, and urging full appropriation for IMLS, LSTA, and the Innovative Approaches to Literacy grant program.
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- A photograph showing a man in a suit standing in front of a window with blinds, possibly during a meeting or presentation.
- **ALA Annual Conference:** During ALA Annual in Washington, DC, 15 librarians met with legislators or staff members in nine Congressional offices, again primarily focusing on library funding and “stories” from their home communities that demonstrate the impact of such funding; and also broadband and net neutrality and libraries' key role in the upcoming Census.

Illinois Legislation

- **State Budget and Capital Bill**

-Budget: The fiscal year 2020 state budget passed and was signed by Governor Pritzker on June 28, containing appropriations and re-appropriations of \$66,141,234 for libraries, including \$6 million from LSTA's Grants to States program, a dramatic increase over 2019's \$4.2 million. The state budget also includes a \$29 million appropriation for the Illinois Department of Human Services for Census 2020 outreach.

-Rebuild Illinois Capital Bill: In addition to the approved budget during the final days of the session the Illinois General Assembly passed a \$45 billion capital bill, which relies on new revenue sources to be funded, primarily a gaming expansion, legalized recreational cannabis, and increased motor fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees. Contained the bills are numerous and specific appropriations to various units of local governments including libraries and library districts, and general appropriation funding opportunities for which our member libraries will be able to apply. There is not yet an articulated timeline against which capital dollars must be awarded to intended recipients, nor a process in place for accessing such dollars, so at this point libraries are cautioned against including capital fund appropriations in future budgets. ILA will share information as it develops.

- **ILA Introduced Legislation**

In 2018, qualifications were changed for district libraries; we now seek to make the qualifications consistent (residency, not in arrears in payment of property tax, not convicted of a crime) for municipal libraries. ILA worked with legislators to introduce [SB 1149](#) for this purpose. As of the close of the spring session, the bill passed the Senate unanimously and an amendment was added in the House to exclude the Chicago Public Library. The bill will likely be heard during the fall 2019 veto session.

- **ILA Supported Legislation**

-Immigration Status: [HB 1637](#) keeps the responsibility for federal immigration status enforcement under its appropriate jurisdiction, not schools, libraries, or institutions of higher education, among other facilities, to ensure that these facilities remain safe and accessible to all Illinois residents.

-Net Neutrality: ILA supported [HB 1582](#) to protect net neutrality that would require any service providers doing business with the state to disclose any activity that abridges that principle. As of the close of the spring session, this bill will not advance, primarily due to the fact that there is pending litigation on the Federal level regarding net neutrality protections. Illinois is one of 22 states plus the District of Columbia whose attorney general has joined in a suit against the FCC to restore the protections.

- **ILA Opposed Legislation**

ILA opposed a number of bills that did not advance that would have negatively affected libraries, including legislation that would have capped property taxes, prevented the use of public funds for attending continuing education opportunities, the ability to dissolve units of local government, set limits on how much in reserve funding a library may maintain, prohibit units of government from opposing unit consolidation and elimination bills, and impose ever-more onerous reporting requirements, among others.

-Elected vs. Appointed Board for Aurora Public Library: ILA opposed legislation to allow a referendum for the city of Aurora to make its library board elected rather than appointed. ILA

supports the rights of Aurora city residents to determine how their library board should be composed; there is already a provision in state law for voters to convert a city library (which has an appointed board) to a district library (which has an elected board). As of the close of the spring session, after the City of Aurora declined to vigorously oppose, the bill had passed both chambers and will be sent to the Governor's office for signature.

-Annexing Un-served Territory: ILA opposed legislation that would require a front-door referendum for annexing currently un-served areas into a library district, on the grounds that library service is a public good and the burden should be on those who seek to limit it, rather than on those who seek to expand it. As of the close of the spring session, the bill passed both chambers and will be sent to the Governor's office for signature. However, a provision to enable disconnecting annexed territory, which had appeared in previous versions of the bill, was eliminated by amendment.

- **School Library Advocacy**

ILA collaborates with our partner organization, the Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE) toward our shared goals. Two pieces of media-literacy related legislation were introduced this past spring, both of which ILA and AISLE supported.

-[HJR 9 Media Literacy Task Force](#): ILA and AISLE had advocated for the addition of a licensed school librarian as one of the appointees. No such explicit addition was made, although school librarians are certainly eligible to serve. As of the close of the spring session, it is on the Calendar Order of Resolutions and we expect it to be adopted in the fall. At that time ILA and AISLE will submit a nomination to the appointing official.

-[HB 1559 Media Literacy](#): This legislation, which proposes a school may include media literacy in its curriculum, passed the House but was not considered by the Senate committee deadline and was re-referred to the Senate Assignments Committee. ILA is working with two media-literacy related nonprofit organizations to raise this again in the fall veto session.

- **Censorship in Prison Libraries**

In spring 2019 nearly 200 books were abruptly removed from a library maintained in the Danville, Illinois, Correctional Center by an external group whose mission it is to educate incarcerated people, the [Education Justice Project](#). Subsequently, the [Freedom to Learn Campaign](#) was created, news outlets covered the stories and issues, and constituents reached out to legislators. ILA joined the campaign and filed a [written statement](#) and a witness slip for a public hearing convened by three committees (Higher Education, Appropriations--Higher Education, and Appropriations--Public Safety) of the Illinois House of Representatives on July 8, which ILA staff, board members, and members at large attended. **As of July 9, all of the books have been reinstated to the EJP library**, a major victory. Illinois Department of Corrections Acting Director Jeffreys acknowledged the need for updated policies and transparent procedures, as well as a viable, independent appeals process and body; the state legislators expressed a preference for an administrative solution but did not shy away from creating legislation should it be necessary. Rep. Carol Ammons, who chaired the hearing, closed with next steps: a meeting with legislators and Acting Director Jeffreys to go over remaining concerns, strengthening the partnerships between IDOC and volunteer organizations like EJP so that outcomes can be better tracked and the programs' worth quantified so this does not happen again, and reassessing progress made by the time the General Assembly reconvenes in fall.



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Indiana Library Federation

2019 Advocacy Results (January - June)

Secured Funding in the State Budget ([HEA1001](#))

ILF successfully led advocacy efforts for funding in the biennial State budget, which included:

- **\$1,382,250 each year for [INSPIRE](#)**, Indiana's virtual library. Students and residents may continue to rely on scholarly articles, TeachingBooks.Net, test-prep programs, historical newspapers or more through this cost-effective consolidation of academic and popular digital resources.
- **\$1,585,000 annually for internet connectivity for public libraries and \$3,415,000 annually for school internet connectivity**, which helps libraries provide internet to millions of Hoosiers each year.



ILF supported funding for [Indiana State Library](#), which included annually \$2,526,140 for statewide library services and \$3,025,259 for Indiana State Library operations. HEA1001 also increased funding for **K-12 education** and expansion of the **On My Way Pre-K** program.

Advocated for Public Libraries

ILF advocated to maintain the property and local income tax structure for public libraries. ILF advocated on many policies that could or would impact libraries.



ILF effectively worked to amend [HEA1343, Libraries](#), a bill that *would have allowed fiscal bodies to zero out library funding and/or the tax levy*, to a law that allows the **option to require binding review over a library budget if certain criteria are met**. ILF successfully advocated to limit possible cuts to a proposed library budget or levy by no more than 10%, and to require public notice.

[HEA1214, Construction Managers as Constructors](#), added public libraries to the list of public agencies in a definition that will help with planned building projects by public libraries.

[HEA1427, Local Government Matters](#), made changes related to **processes with Department of Local Government Finance**, enables changes to the distribution of certified shares, and requested an interim **study of Local Income Tax and GIS mapping for future allocations**.

ILF worked with legislators to amend bills ([SB64](#) and [SB436](#)) related to **criminal history checks for library employees and volunteers**. While the bills ultimately died, we are preparing for 2020.

Mobilized Library Supporters



ILF successfully scheduled individual appointments with 74 legislators for the 65 participants in our [Library Day at the Statehouse](#) on March 12.

ILF actively **mobilized at least 400 library advocates** to make more than **900 contacts** with legislators during the legislative session—at local Third House sessions, through in person meetings and via telephone and email.

ILF is elevating libraries in communities. More than 25 libraries placed over **1,200 "I Love My Library" yard signs** around their towns during National Library Week in April. And over 6,000 library supporters around the state sport **"I Love Libraries" license plate covers** on their vehicles.

Support your Indiana libraries by getting involved in our advocacy. Learn more at www.ilfonline.org



Advocated for School Libraries

ILF advocated for school libraries with key stakeholders and policymakers.

- ILF disseminated the [2018 Status Report on Indiana School Libraries](#), which summarized the changing staffing and features of libraries in K-12 education.
- ILF advocated with legislators and policymakers about the importance of **certified school librarians and effective school library programs**.
- ILF worked with Avon High School and key stakeholders to propose a graduation pathway for “Library Information Science.” While not successful, the effort helped to **elevate school libraries to administrators and policymakers**.

- In support of 25% of Indiana’s school librarians who tested in to certification, ILF is promoting the new 16-credit hour [School Librarian Certificate](#) from IUPUI School of Informatics and Computing.
- ILF offered trainings on school library advocacy and intellectual freedom during **AISLE Camp** in June.

Developed Supporters and Fought Misinformation

ILF successfully educated legislators, state agencies, policy makers, key stakeholder groups to **elevate Indiana’s academic, public and school libraries**. As with a few other states, certain outside groups attacked certain library programs and materials, making assertions about INSPIRE, Indiana’s virtual library. ILF **led behind-the-scenes advocacy and communications to combat misinformation**.



Monitored Bills and Positioned ILF for Action

ILF maintains an active presence at the Statehouse, monitoring legislative and administrative policies, so that we are positioned to take action. ILF contracts for government affairs services through Bose Public Affairs.

Educated Library Advocates

ILF publishes its [ILF Advocacy Update](#) to over 3,000 subscribers, and offered **bi-weekly virtual updates** to ILF members throughout the legislative session. After HEA1343 was enacted, ILF provided members virtual training sessions about property taxes, local income taxes, capital improvement planning, communicating the public library budget and more.



Advocated for Federal Funding

ILF advocates for federal funding and supportive policy for libraries. In February, ILF met with Indiana’s Congressional delegation to advocate for federal funding through the Library Services and Technology Act and reauthorization of the Institute for Museum and Library Services. LSTA funding supports resource sharing, access for people with disabilities, early childhood literacy and technology in Indiana.

Our approach to advocacy

- Indiana Library Federation is a statewide nonprofit association that is dedicated to advancing library services for the benefit of Indiana residents.
- Indiana Library Federation is nonpartisan and reflects the core values of the library field, including lifelong learning, freedom of ideas and civil discourse.
- Indiana Library Federation monitors public policies that affect all types of libraries and the people who work in and support them. ILF engages its members and stakeholders to be positioned for action in library advocacy.

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Iowa Library Association Legislative Report to the American Library Association

Legislative Agenda

The Iowa Library Association's (ILA) legislative agenda for 2019 included the following points

- Restore full funding to the State Library of Iowa
- Increase funding for direct state aid to public libraries (Enrich Iowa) which has been stagnant
- Recognize teacher-librarians as instructional staff, rather than support staff
- Continued financial support for state-wide career and workforce-related databases (Brainfuse and Learning Express)
- Preserving Iowa's tradition of hometown governance for public libraries
- Supporting funding to preserve Iowa's historical documents and records

Actions

A serious challenge to teacher-librarians came early in the legislative session with a proposal backed by the Iowa Association of School Boards which would have made teacher-librarian positions optional, rather than required, for the state's 367 public school districts. This legislation was headed for easy approval but a fast and overwhelming response by the ILA membership (especially the Iowa Association of School Librarians subdivision) and our partners at EveryLibrary led to its defeat before reaching the floor of the General Assembly.

At the end of the legislative session, Iowa's public libraries (along with almost all local government agencies) dodged what would have been a critically serious challenge. A property tax reform/reduction bill which would have limited property tax collections to a maximum 2% annual growth rate regardless of inflation, local wishes, natural disasters, etc. There was a state-wide groundswell of opposition to this legislation, with ILA members helping lead the charge against it. Amendments weakened the bill significantly, and it failed to pass in its most draconian form.

Advocacy

ILA had a very successful annual Legislative Day on March 13. The number of members in attendance was down, but those of who attended reported some excellent conversations with state representatives and state senators.

Mike Wright

Immediate Past President and Chair, Governmental Relations Committee

July 31, 2019



Legislative Report

Submitted by: Sonya Durney, Legislative Chair

LD-94 Maine: An Act To Prohibit the Dissemination of Obscene Material by Public Schools – Members of MLA met with staff from the ACLU and the American Library Association Washington DC office to plan opposition to the bill. Engage (email software) was used to reach out to MLA members to contact their legislators to oppose the bill. MLA’s Intellectual Freedom Chair (Joanna Breen) and Legislative chair (Sonya Durney) spoke out in opposition of the bill in addition to other librarians and teachers from Maine. Numerous members of the MLA board were present for the public hearing. The bill was not passed. Maine’s efforts were described in the [Intellectual Freedom News Blog](#). Alisia Revitt and Sonya Durney participated in an ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom webinar on the event: <https://ala-events.zoom.us/recording/share/gPN3GR7CTjhfSne8ipMggJYfmRiCe30OBCRvzuXdWuKwIumekTziMw>

Maine LD 589 – MLA submitted a letter in opposition to LD 589: Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education To Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological or Religious Advocacy in the Classroom. This bill did not pass.

ME LD1149 - MLA worked encouraged MLA members, via Engage, to support LD-1149, An Act to Strengthen Maine Libraries. The bill was reported out on April 26th with a majority voting *out to pass*. Ultimately was not passed as submitted. However, you will see that LD-1149 actually “passed as amended.” This is because after Appropriations determined the original LD-1149 would not be funded as requested, the Committee used and amended LD-1149 as the vehicle to fund Maine State Library’s STEM librarian position. So, in a surprising twist, something good came out of LD-1149 after all, as if it were not for it, there would have not been a path for the Appropriations Committee to even consider the STEM position.

LD 946 – An Act to Protect the Privacy of Online Consumer Information. Re: ISP privacy. Alisia Revitt testified in favor of this bill on behalf of MLA. Governor Mills signed the bill into law: <https://www.govtech.com/policy/Maine-Governor-Signs-Strictest-Internet-Protections-in-the-US.html>

#FundLibraries – Engage has been utilized to encourage librarians to support IMLS/ LSTA. The four Maine legislators have signed on to support LSTA.

The Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) - Kara Reiman drafted and sent thank you letters to King and Collins thanking them for their support of libraries. In addition, Collins was requested to support IAL, which King has signed on for.

OTHER

Maine Library Legislative Day

MLA and other library partners helped to plan/execute this event spearheaded by the Maine State Library, April 24th from 9-3 at the State House. The event was an excellent opportunity for librarians from different libraries to express to Maine legislators the impact libraries have on various demographics.

Sonya Durney published a **letter to the editor** on the [Awesomeness of Libraries](#) in the Bangor Daily News, which was retweeted by the ALA Washington Office.

Advocacy related programs are being planned the **fall MLA conference** – stay tuned!

MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Division/Committee/Officer Annual Report for FY2019
Due June

Unit: Legislative Panel

President/Officer: Carrie Willson, Legislative Officer

Officers and Active Members: Natalie Edington, Federal Legislative Officer

Goal 2 - MLA fosters and promotes highly effective advocacy for the Maryland library community, conveying the needs, the principles, and value of libraries.

List the Objective then strategies your unit accomplished in the past fiscal year:

- MLA's Legislative Panel remained the premier advocate for libraries in Maryland
- Empower MLA members with advocacy skills - via email, workshops and social media, the Panel kept the library community informed on major state and federal issues impacting libraries. This included instructing the library community on how to contact state and elected officials via submitted testimony, phone calls, texts and tweets.
- Worked to preserve funding for libraries
- Monitored both national and State Legislation having a potential impact on library services
- Continued to develop an effective advocacy network capable of responding quickly and proactively to threats to libraries.

Describe the outputs, outcomes and measurement used for each.

- Public Libraries received scheduled budget increases for fiscal year 2020 while other agencies were either cut or flat-lined
- Under the leadership of the Federal Legislative Panel Officer, successfully mounted a statewide campaign that gained widespread Maryland Congressional support of IMLS, LSTA and IAL
- Made strategic visits to State elected and appointed officials; thereby, continuing to build strategic relationships in support of libraries
- Organized and sponsored the annual Maryland Legislative Day in Annapolis including the successful and well attended Legislative Reception.
- Provided a program at MLA annual conference to inform members of what transpired over the past General Session, as well as, the campaign at the Federal Level for IMLS and LSTA support.

Other comments:

There were significant changes in State elected officials and the election of a new Speaker of the House for Maryland's General Assembly that will provide ample opportunities for relationship building in the coming year(s).

What is your overall evaluation for the year, and what suggestions would you like to see carried over in the future?

It was a good year: preserving per capita increase for Maryland and the passage of LSTA and IAL funding on the national level. We will face challenges ahead with looming structural deficits in Maryland, but I know that a united Maryland Library Community will continue to protect and preserve the importance of libraries for the benefit of the citizens of Maryland.

Prepared by: Carrie Willson

Date: 07/09/2019

Complete and mail the Annual Report to the Planning and Bylaws Chair by June 1st

Jennifer Harris - Charlotte Canelli – co-chairs of the MLA Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee, made up of members from across the Commonwealth from many libraries, networks, and organizations, began the year meeting on July 20, 2018 at the SAILS central site in Lakeville, MA. Jennifer Harris (Plymouth) and Charlotte Canelli (Norwood) co-chaired the committee for the year.

Jayme Viveiros agreed to co-chair the Legislative Day committee with Tressa Santillo. After his retirement from MLS, Greg acted as MSLA liaison to the Legislative Committee and he updated the committee on MSLA advocacy work and plans for the next year. A thank you letter to the Library Caucus was forwarded to members. Other topics were: a much-needed subscription to Go To Meeting, attendance at the Boston Book Festival on October 13, 2018, Net Neutrality, MCB's Mass Book Trails and the ALA Bill of Rights interpretation for meeting room use.

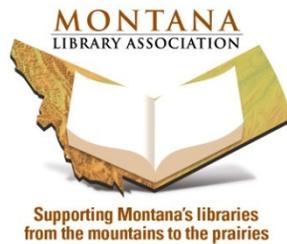
A schedule of meetings for the year was set for September 28, November 30, February 22 and June 28 at MLN; October 26, January 25 and April 26 at MLS.

Planning for Library Legislative Day was exhaustive up to and through March 7. The committee planned a session at the annual conference for Monday, May 20: *Meet Your Legislative Committee and Library Caucus*.

The year's efforts concluded with these actions and observations:

- Legislative breakfasts were very successful across the state with early planning a key to success;
- Committee co-chairs urged supporters across the state several times to write to their legislators to support library funding, to attend Library Legislative Day, and to advocate for IML S funding. The committee is ironing out the difficulties with the Engage software and continuing to train.
- The Legislative Committee sent letters to the House Ways and Means advocating for the budget for the Commonwealth.
- Library Legislative Day in Boston had another year of success with thanks to many people and much work, including Legislative Day organizer Tressa Santillo and Jayme Viveiros as well as the libraries who highlighted their innovative efforts, and the work of the rest of the committee. The day was shared by MSLA and MLA with additional support from WMLA and CMLA.
- A survey was conducted after Legislative Day. Results showed that participants did visit the office of their legislators (85%). 59 comments were collected as feedback from the survey.
- A social media campaign, #supportMALibraries was successful and will be used in the future.
- An unusually fruitful budget year was the result of strong advocacy on the part of Massachusetts librarians, especially that of the committee. Work continues to sustain funding for the Massachusetts Center for the Book.
- A last meeting of the Legislative Committee will be held on June 28.

Respectfully submitted,
MLA Legislative Committee
May 16, 2019



Montana Library Association Legislative Recap

John Finn, Director - Lewis and Clark County Library
Chair, MLA Government Affairs Committee

Nanette Gilbertson, Smith & McGowan, MLA Lobbyist

Legislative Day Agenda

Monday, February 4, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Successful Library Legislative Day

Webinar training provided by PC Sweeney of EveryLibrary

3:00 p.m.

HB 354 Hearing

House Education Committee

MLA Oppose

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

8:45 a.m.

State Library Budget Hearing

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

MLA Support

1:00 p.m. House and Senate Floor Sessions

Montana Capitol Building

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

How to talk to your legislator

Training provided by Nanette Gilbertson, MLA Lobbyist

Montana State Library Grizzly Conference Room

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Library Legislative Night

Montana State Library

Legislative Day Overview

Librarians from around the state converged in Helena for the 2019 Legislative Library Day despite frigid temperatures and horrible road conditions. The Montana Library Association and the Montana State Library were able to coordinate efforts to ensure the budget hearing for the state library coincided with the library legislative reception. We wanted to utilize the people who traveled to Helena as much as possible.

Our Legislative events started on Monday February 4 with an advocacy webinar taught by PC Sweeny focused on a successful library legislative day and building political support for library funding. The webinar was open to all librarians and highly recommended for those attending in person.

The afternoon of February 4 we had a hearing on a bill which MLA opposed. MLA spoke in opposition to [HB 354](#) (Restrict sexually explicit materials and sexually oriented businesses). Not only was it a good experience for librarians to take part in a hearing and witness the process, it helped MLA efforts to kill the bill to have a strong showing of librarians at the hearing.

Legislative events continued the morning of February 5 with the Montana State Library Budget hearing in front of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education. The subcommittee is one of the most important steps in the budgetary process to ensure our State Library is sufficiently funded and cuts are not arbitrarily made without input from experts in the profession. Many librarians provided public testimony in support of the Montana State Library Budget and spoke to the critical services, support, and programs offered to libraries throughout the state.

In preparation for our evening reception, we conducted a session the afternoon of February 5 for all librarians in attendance entitled “Advocacy and Libraries”, which focused on building relationships with legislators and opportunities for action throughout the legislative process.

The Montana Library Association and Montana State Library Legislative Reception was the culmination of our efforts. The event was hosted at the MT State Library and all legislators and elected officials were invited. We had an excellent mix of urban and rural librarians in attendance and over 80 of our 150 legislators came to the event.

There were stations throughout the State Library highlighting all of the different services offered to libraries, other state agencies and the private sector. Legislators had the opportunity to talk to librarians, interact with digital resources and get their picture taken and posted to social media showing their support of libraries.

Legislative Priorities

The priorities of the Montana Library Association were quite simple: library funding through the Montana State Library and a strong library voice for any policies impacting libraries either directly or indirectly. The Library Association did not bring forth any proactive policy legislation this session, but rather focused on the budget.

The main priority was support of the Montana State Library budget. MLA is committed to maintaining the level of funding and requesting additional funds for

the MSL and emphasizing the MSL have authority to manage their budget as directed by the Montana Library Commission.

All of our other efforts focused on policy: accessible and affordable broadband, protect access to information, intellectual freedom and privacy of all citizens, ensure local authority on tax levies, advocate for net neutrality. We also supported a bill aiming to differentiate service animals from other types of emotional support animals, which has caused issues in many libraries.

General Session Numbers

- 1309 -- Total number of bills introduced in the 66th Session
- 656 -- Total number of bills enrolled
- 36 -- Total number of Governor vetos
- 11 -- Total number of bills MLA analyzed
- 5 -- Total number of bills MLA closely monitored
- 5 -- Total number of bills MLA supported
 - 4 bills passed, 1 failed
- 1 -- Total number of bills MLA opposed
 - 1 failed

Interim Activities and 2021 Preparation

Montana has biennial sessions, which means we have the next 20 months to engage with legislators, interim committees and candidates to prepare for the 2021 session. MLA will attend the following interim committees: Finance, Education, and Local Government. We will also coordinate with the MT State Library to determine if a presence is necessary at the Environmental Quality interim committee. MLA will have a panel discussion in front of the Education interim committee to remind legislators the role libraries play in the overall education landscape.

MLA will conduct a Government Affairs Committee strategic planning session to develop our 2021 legislative priorities. The priorities will likely include funding for the Montana State Library, public library infrastructure, broadband access, net neutrality, access to information.

The Government Affairs Committee will also use the interim to build relationships with legislators and cultivate champions for legislative issues. The goal is to hand-pick and educate certain legislators on specific library priorities and make the direct ask for them to be our legislative champions.



Nevada Library Association Legislative Summary – 2019

Jeff Scott, Nevada Library Association President, 2019

The Nevada Library association hosted Nevada Libraries Legislative Day on April 10, 2019 in conjunction with the 80th session of the Nevada Legislature. The Nevada Legislature meets every other year for 120 days, from early February to early June.

Leading up to this event, the Nevada Library Association provided three outreach opportunities (March 6, March 27, and April 10) in the Legislative Hall, plus the Legislative Lunch held on April 10. Government Relations Co-Chairs Washoe County Assistant Library Director Joan Dalusung and Carson City Library Interim Director Diane Baker were key in making these events happen and coordinated all activities.

On March 6, March 27, and April 10 Nevada Library Association members held legislative outreaches highlighting the great work the Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records. They demonstrated the HTC Vive Virtual Headset, portable Oculus Go virtual reality headsets, as well as a Makerbot 3D printer in action. They also handed out library logo and NLA logo buttons and distributed flyers demonstrating the great work accomplished as a result of SB 549 funding from the 2017 session. From this central location, they chatted with legislators, legislative aides, and other visitors to the Nevada State Legislature. We have numerous pictures of legislators and legislative aides trying out the equipment. For many, this was their first experience with virtual reality or a 3D printer. All were impressed with all the work librarians due for Nevadans.

On Wednesday, April 10th over 50 library staff and library supporters came to Carson City. They came from all over the state, including Elko and the Las Vegas Valley. We kicked off the day at the Adams Hub Innovation Center. Joan Dalusung and Diane Baker went over the itinerary and instructions. Each Assemblyperson and Senator had a folder with information about libraries and

Next up was State Librarian Dr. Tod Colegrove. He went over state library budget and how SB 549 funding from the 2017 Legislative session shows the great work libraries are doing throughout Nevada with the \$500,000 boost. He stated there is a vibrant hum of community in our libraries.

This was followed by more details by Deputy State Librarian Tammy Westergard and instruction by State Libraries and Literacy Council Chair Nancy Cummings-Schmidt. They promoted a survey, currently available on the NSLA website at <https://nsla-nv.libwizard.com/SCLL-survey>, that is going out to legislators to gain their thoughts about the direction of libraries in Nevada. They hope to generate a new report on libraries similar to the one created in 1995.

Nevada Library Association President and Washoe County Library Director Jeff Scott spoke next. He discussed how Nevadans checked out over 20 million items last year from their local libraries which is double that of 20 years ago. He then gave a digest on two pieces of legislation, SB 191 and SB 249. Both bills are designed to mandate school libraries and school librarians. Lastly, he broke down

the \$1.5 million ask for the state library to support Bookmobiles, Workforce Development, Collection Development, and Emerging Technology.

Lastly, lobbyists from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District spoke about strategies, legislation, and other advice to aid librarians throughout the day.

Librarians then descended upon the legislature, meeting with legislators advocating for libraries, bills, and funding. This was a huge success. We had over 180 people attend the Library Legislative Lunch in the Nevada State Library and Archives, including librarians, legislators, and legislative aides. We also had time on the Senate Floor. Librarians from around Nevada were personally introduced by their Senator.

One more activity during National Library Week, and the week of Nevada Libraries Legislative Day, was a Vegas PBS interview of librarians about the state of libraries and National Library Week activities. This will aired Friday night, April 12, and it is available online at <https://www.vegaspbs.org/blogs/nevada-week-season-1-episodes/reinventing-libraries-digital-age> .

Guests included:

Matt McNally- Community Engagement Director for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District
Jaime Cruz- Executive Director at Workforce Connections in Las Vegas.
Jeff Scott- Director at Washoe County Library System and NLA President, 2019
Garett Dacay- Branch Manager at the Alexander Library of the North Las Vegas Library District

Ultimately, the Nevada Legislature approved the permanent funding of SB 549 for the Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records. This is in addition to the original budget recommended by Governor Steve Sisolak. SB 191 and SB249, the mandated school library bills, were not passed out of their committees.



New Jersey Library Association 2019 Legislative Wrap-Up

The New Jersey legislature session runs on a two-year calendar cycle. The current session will end in the beginning of January 2020.

State Aid to Libraries

The highest legislative priority of the New Jersey Library Association is to increase state per capita aid to public libraries. This program has been at a reduced funding level for over ten years. Currently we have bills in both the Senate and the Assembly to increase funding for this program by \$ 7 million. Although we did not receive any increases in the FY20 state budget, which was adopted on June 30, we are hopeful that our state aid bills will be heard in the “lame duck” session of the legislature in November. Our state aid bills have bi-partisan support in both houses and have numerous co-sponsors. In the Senate S2668 has 20 co-sponsors (out of 40 senators) and in the Assembly we have 28 co-sponsors (out of 80 assembly members).

NJLA established advocacy month in April asking members to make meetings with local legislators. A result of these meetings were that many members of the legislature signed onto our bills particularly the state per capita aid bill. We believe it was a very successful. Next year we are going to have advocacy month in Feb. 2020 to coincide with “Love your Library Month.” We believe it is important to meet with legislators in the beginning of the new legislative session.

These bills are still in committee.

Support of the New Jersey Library Network

For over 30 years, New Jersey has had a strong library network providing services for all types of libraries (public, academic, school and special). Unfortunately, it has also been flat funded for over 20 years. Two bills to provide a supplemental appropriation for this program were introduced. A4815/S3395 would provide \$750,000 for this program.

These bills are still in committee.

Support for School Libraries

NJLA has established a joint committee with the NJ School Media Association to support two pieces of legislation to require school media specialists and to require information literacy curriculum for all students in grades k-12.

A132/S2933 Requires instruction on information literacy in curriculum of students in grades k-12

A1995/S2394 Requires a school media specialist in each school based on the number of students enrolled.

NJLA supports both of these bills. All of these bills are still in committee.

Net Neutrality/Broadband

Several pieces of legislation have been introduced to support Net Neutrality. They include:

A1767/S1577 Establishes “ New Jersey Net Neutrality act.”

A2132/S1802 Prohibits awarding of public contracts to Internet service providers, unless Internet service providers adhere to the principle of “new neutrality.”

A2140 Establishes the Community Broadband Study Commission.

NJLA supports all of the above legislation. All of these bills are still in committee.

Opioid Legislation

S2321/A3838 Authorizes public libraries to maintain supply of opioid antidotes and permits emergency administration of opioid antidote by librarian or other trained library employee.

S2321 was passed by the full Senate in June 2019.

A3838 is still in committee.

NJLA supports these bills.

Other Legislation

S684/A3875 allows public libraries to dispose of certain materials without advertising for bids

A2163 Enacts the “Reader Privacy Act.” Voted out of committee and waiting for a full vote by the Assembly.

NJLA supports these bills.

New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act

The New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act was passed by a public referendum in Nov. 2017. On July 1 draft regulations to implement this legislation were released for public comment.

Public Policy Forum

In December 2018, NJLA hosted a Public Policy Forum with attorney Michael Cerone, Esq. discussing the procedures required to implement P.L. 2017 c. 260 which permits increase in municipal free public library tax upon voter approval. One library tried to pass such a referendum in Nov. 2018 and failed. Another library is bringing a referendum to the public in Nov. 2019.

Submitted by Patricia Tumulty, NJLA Executive Director

New Mexico Library Association Legislation Committee Annual Report
July 25, 2019

By Joe Sabatini and Cynthia Shetter, Co-Chairs

The Legislation Committee continued to work for legislation and appropriations to implement recommendations of the Library Transform New Mexico Task Force. We were successful in supporting one bill revising library procurement requirements and in gaining passage of a Senate Memorial addressing public school libraries. Two proposals with library implications supported by advocacy groups also passed, and we participated through input to Committees hearing the bills on the rural library endowment fund and the school media curriculum advisory committee. We advocated for funding for tribal library infrastructure and broadband. Capital outlay appropriations for almost \$9 million were funded for public, school, tribal and academic library projects around the state were passed and are awaiting consideration by the Governor.

Thirty legislative bulletins were posted before and during the session, enabling the library community to track the progress of legislation. The Committee Co-Chair made twelve trips to Santa Fe to observe and give testimony at committee hearings. Mary Chappell worked with the School Libraries group to support the School Library Study memorial. Librarians and other community supporters testified on behalf of several of the bills. Once again, Legislative Advocate Larry Horan provided guidance at key points.

NMLA Legislative Day on February 2nd was a big success. Sixty people attended the orientation session. Librarians were recognized at the beginning of floor sessions in both chambers.

Here is the summary of outcomes for library legislation in the 2019 Session.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

HB 430 LIBRARY PROCUREMENT CODE EXEMPTION Linda M. Trujillo
This bill exempts library media purchases from some of the requirements of the State Purchasing Act, facilitating more effective acquisition procedures.

SB 264 RURAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT, PROGRAM & FUND Gerald Ortiz y Pino
The final amount appropriated for the fund was reduced by the Senate Finance Committee from \$5 million to \$1 million. The bill was signed by the Governor. It is likely that the sponsors will request full funding of \$50 million for the endowment in the 2020 Legislature. This bill creates a fund to support public and tribal libraries serving populations under 3,000.

SB 280 CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES by Carlos R. Cisneros and Jim R. Trujillo. The Governor signed SB 280, approving \$925,146,858 in projects and making line item vetoes on projects costing \$7,879,357. Of the 33 projects involving libraries,

she approved 24 costing \$8,411,089 and vetoed 8 costing \$1,401,525. This total does not include an appropriation of \$4.5 million for various Department of Cultural Affairs projects, including the purchase of a new bookmobile.

In addition to these projects, HB 548 APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES, Patricia A. Lundstrom ("HB 2 Junior") also includes \$50,000 "to expand library services in Anthony."

Also funded in SB 280 is funding for the Library Broadband Infrastructure Fund, which had been created by HB 207 in the 2018 Legislature. In Section 32, Item 6, \$1,000,000 is appropriated "for expenditure in fiscal years 2020 through 2023 to the library broadband infrastructure fund for expenditure by the department of information technology for library broadband expansion and improvement statewide, including assessments and contracts, contingent upon the execution of a memorandum of understanding for use of the funds with the cultural affairs department." This is less than the \$1.6 million originally in SB 280, but more than the original \$500,000 requested by the Interim Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee last September. This was a major initiative of the Libraries Transform New Mexico Task Force.

SM 27 SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSESSMENTS by Senator William Soules
The Memorial was adopted by the Senate on a 43-0 vote on Sunday, March 10. Memorials do not require the Governor's signature. It calls upon the Public Education Department to assist NMLA and the Libraries Transform New Mexico Task Force in compiling a study of the current status of public school libraries and school librarians statewide.

BILL VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR

HB 400 SCHOOL MEDIA LITERACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE by Antonio "Moe" Maestas, Matthew McQueen, Sheryl Williams Stapleton and Joy Garratt had been passed by the House on a 61-0 vote and by the Senate on a 31-4 vote. The funding for the expenses of the advisory committee was provided in HB 548 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES, Section 25, Paragraph A (2), for \$137,000. HB 400 was vetoed by the governor, stating that it was "not a necessary use of state resources," and that the Public Education Department "is already in a position to address these issues...." She also line-item vetoed the funding for the expenses of the advisory committee. The Association took no position on the bill, which was advocated by the national Media Literacy Now group. During committee hearings, we noted that certified school librarians had been presenting media literacy to students since the dawn of the internet. The proposed advisory committee included a designated slot for a certified teacher-librarian.

New York 2019 Legislative Session Recap (posted on website)

The 2019 Legislative Session gavelled out on June 21st, as legislators, advocates, and political operatives turned their focus to dissecting the Session that was. This session brought with it significant challenges - fifteen freshmen were seated into a new Senate Majority, the Assembly named new Chairs for the Education & Library Committees, and Governor Cuomo painted a bleak economic picture in advance of his Executive Budget presentation.

Together with library advocates from across New York State, NYLA met this session head-on, and once again emerged with several crucial victories:

- we turned back the Governor's proposed cuts to two core programs; securing stable funding for the State Library Aid and Library Construction Aid programs;
- our targeted advocacy around the legislature's Grants-in-Aid programs ("bullet aid") facilitated a record percentage of available funding being allocated to libraries;
- a trio of bills that will support improved functioning of the Library Construction Aid program were passed by both houses of the Legislature.

All told, libraries and library systems will receive approximately \$138.6M from NYS sources in FY2020, which amounts to record single-year funding (roughly a \$1.8M increase over last year).

NYS Budget for FY2019-2020

Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget proposed substantial, across-the-board funding cuts to hundreds of state programs, including State Library Aid (\$5M cut) and State Library Construction Aid (\$20M cut). Through our advocacy efforts, we successfully reversed the Governor's proposed cuts. Further, our concerted, years-long efforts to connect local libraries to the legislature's Grants-in-Aid programs ("bullet aid") resulted in record percentage of available funding being allocated to libraries.

State Library Aid: - \$96.6M

Funding for the State Library Aid program will be \$96.6M, this hard-won stable funding reversed the Governor's proposed \$5M reduction.

State Library Construction Aid \$34M

Funding for the State Library Construction Aid program will be \$34M, stable funding that was secured in the final moments of the 2019 session; this maintains the largest appropriation in the program's history. Though the Senate & Assembly agreed to restore the Governor's proposed cut during budget negotiations, this was one of many capital programs lines that fell victim to broken negotiations. Rather than attacking the legislature post-budget, NYLA worked to successfully position ourselves for potential post-budget restoration. That strategy ultimately paid off when the \$20M cut to funding was restored:

Senate & Assembly Grants for Libraries and Library Systems \$3.034M

This year's budget continued the Senate & Assembly's Grants-in-Aid programs, or "bullet aid" in Albany parlance. This program pool is available to "certain school districts, public libraries, and not-for-profit institutions." The funds available this year were greatly reduced from years prior, with only \$5M available to each the Senate and Assembly. Libraries were allocated a greater proportion of available funds this year than in years prior. The Senate allocated approximately \$1.217M to 175 libraries and library systems, while the Assembly allocated approximately \$1.82M to 96 libraries and library systems. The complete list can be found [here](#).

NYS Economic Development Assistance Grants - \$4.83M

The Senate allocated nearly \$5M in capital assistance grants to 27 libraries and library systems.

Assembly Human Service Organization Grants - \$60,000

The Assembly allocated \$60,000 in HSO grants to two libraries. (Port Washington Library and Queens Library).

NYLA Library Advocacy Agenda

NYLA's Library Advocacy Agenda is devised by the Legislative Committee and NYLA Council, and sets multi-year advocacy goals to benefit each library type. Recent successes have allowed us to focus on more complex, politically difficult issues. [Click here](#) to learn more about each of NYLA's agenda items.

Ensure Access to School Libraries and School Librarians - A.2444 Solages / S.2421 Kaplan

Assemblymember Solages continues to champion this legislation despite opposition from other stakeholders, including the NYS School Boards Association & NYS Council of School

Superintendents. We are also grateful for the efforts of Senator Kaplan for introducing this bill in the Senate. NYLA, SLSA, and SSL will continue to educate the legislature on this issue and develop the best strategy to advance this important bill.

Transparent Contracting with Educational Institutions

This proposal will require open, transparent contracting between educational institutions and corporate vendors of educational resources. Simply stated, this legislation will make education more affordable, and information more accessible. Working with our partners in the Legislature, we made measured progress toward the introduction of a bill to address this issue.

Universal Access to the Library Construction Aid Program

A trio of bills addressed this issue:

A.3771-A Barrett / S.5589 Mayer

This legislation maintains robust state oversight of the Public Library Construction Aid Program while adding a 90/10 matching provision for qualifying capital projects.

Passed Assembly (June 6th) / Passed Senate (June 13th)

Awaiting action by Governor Cuomo

A.7568 Ryan / S.5603 Mayer

Extends until 2023 the current 75/25 matching provision language of the Construction Aid Program.

Passed Assembly (June 3rd) / Passed Senate (June 6th)

Awaiting action by Governor Cuomo

A.3781 Barrett / S.5590 Mayer

Allows library systems to submit applications for single libraries as well as coordinated projects that would impact multiple libraries. Each coordinated project application shall be approved by the board of trustees of each participating library and library system responsible for the operation of said buildings. Coordinated project applications shall be submitted to the commissioner for his or her review and approval.

Passed Assembly (June 4th) / Passed Senate (June 13th)

Awaiting action by Governor Cuomo

NYLA-Monitored Legislation

During each legislative session, NYLA monitors and works on additional legislation that will impact the library community.

SED Study of Library Double-taxation - A.7441-A Ryan / S.5522-A Skoufis

This legislation directs the Commissioner of Education to study and to make recommendations regarding the frequency of residents who are being assessed library taxes for more than one library district.

Passed Assembly (June 19th) / Passed Senate (June 17th)

Awaiting action by Governor Cuomo

Keeping the Fires Burning

As New York's library community continues to successfully navigate the political and fiscal challenges in our evolving fight to provide equitable access to libraries and library services for all New Yorkers, we must not lose sight of the stark reality that our challenges will not become fewer, and our fight will not lessen.

Here in New York State, our community libraries are protected only through your continued dedication, and NYLA's organizational strength. Your NYLA membership allows us to fight for you and on behalf of those vulnerable and voiceless New Yorkers who rely on the services libraries provide, and we thank you for your continued support!



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North Carolina Library Association Legislative and Advocacy Report - FY19

State Aid in Libraries

For FY 2018-19, the North Carolina appropriation was \$14.2 million for Aid to Public Libraries.

HB 315

NCLA Legislative and Advocacy Committee worked with the North Carolina School Media Library Association (NCSMLA) and the ALA Washington Office to lobby against state bill HB 315. Of concern to everyone involved:

- The formation of a State Community Media Advisory Committee that will help identify and establish what is considered "unfit materials" if there is a challenge to a decision made at the local level.
- The request of a comprehensive database at the local level which appears to be an unfunded mandate.
- The bill appears to undermine the authority of local boards of education and diminish the local control of schools.
- School librarian is not listed as a required member of either the local or statewide media advisory committees.
- One centralized state authority will unlikely be able to represent effectively the diversity of needs and cultural values of families and their students across the state

Ultimately, the bill was passed and rolled into an appropriations bill. But thanks to the intense lobbying by NCSMLA, a portion of the bill was modified to add librarians to local Media Technology Advisory Councils. The 2018-19 NCSLMA President, Bitsy Griffin, shared that through their lobbying efforts:

- Members of the North Carolina General Assembly now have a better understanding of what librarians do at the school level.
- There is a continuum for librarian involvement in MTACs - school, district/county, state.

ALA Inaugural Fly-In Advocacy

Co-Chair Anthony Chow and ALA President-Elect Wanda Brown (and NC resident) represented North Carolina at ALA's Inaugural Fly-In, February 25-26. They meet with Senators Burr, Tillis, and select members of the House.

and Senate appropriation committees to discuss the state of school libraries along with two specific asks: 1) A certified school librarian in every school; 2) Equitable funding for all school libraries.



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NCLA Student Ambassador Program



Sixteen K-12 students were selected as NCLA student ambassadors. Grand prize winners were Lance Williams from NC-02 and Diana Mansfield from NC-10. Lance is an eighth grader at Bunn Middle School, who contributed an essay, "[Libraries and What They Mean to Me.](#)" Diana is a home-schooled senior who shared an essay entitled "[Libraries: A Gateway to Learning.](#)" Both Lance and Diana accompanied a contingent of NCLA advocates and University of North Carolina – Greensboro (UNCG) LIS students and faculty to visit our federal legislators conducted during the 2019 ALA Annual Conference in DC.

NCSLMA State Library Legislative Day (SLLD)

NCLA supported NCSLMA in their first ever NCSLMA SLLD in May. They met with legislators from their own districts as well as on the House and Senate appropriation committees to discuss the state of school libraries along with two specific asks: 1) A certified school librarian in every school; 2) Equitable funding for all school libraries.

The Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency Act of 2017 (GREAT Act)

Timothy Owens, Assistant State Librarian and Laura Crooks, Director of Alexander County Library met with Congresswoman Virginia Foxx (R-NC) to discuss issues around federal grant requirements from the library perspective and provide feedback on the GREAT Act. The GREAT Act is legislation designed to change the way grant funds are tracked and reported. ALA supports this legislation and wanted libraries to be a part of the discussion.

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Legislative Report to ALA

In Pennsylvania, our General Assembly runs for the entire calendar year. The priority for us and many others remains on the state budget which is to be completed by June 30 every year.

The 2019 Legislative Committee of the Pennsylvania Library Association has focused on the single issue of the public library subsidy. The public library subsidy line in the state budget had a \$1 million dollar increase in 2015 but has otherwise been level funded for 12 years. It is critical to note that the level funding came after two major cuts of 20% and 9%.

In February, the Governor proposed a budget that again level funded the public library subsidy line at \$54.47 million for the more than 475 public libraries. It was disappointing that a Governor who has made major increases in education funding did not increase library funding especially since it is under the PA Department of Education.

In March, the House Appropriations Chair Stan Saylor used his closing remarks at the hearing for the Department of Education budget to lead off by saying that restoring library funding was one of his top priorities. The Pennsylvania Library Association has been working with Chairman Saylor over the past year to strengthen the relationship including inviting him to speak at our Annual Conference in October, and asking him to be the lead sponsor of a resolution to proclaim October 17, 2018 as "Libraries Move PA Forward Day". So, in three instances he spoke publicly about the importance of libraries and his commitment to work on restoring funding.

The Committee worked with our lobbying firm to have Association members ask their legislators to tell both the House and Senate Appropriations chairmen that they would support adding \$5 million into the budget for 2019-2020. While the original ask had been for an increase of \$11.28 million this year, and another \$9.57 million next year, \$5 million represents a 9.2% increase. Librarians across the state called and emailed their legislators.

On June 28 when the state budget was passed, we achieved success in getting a \$5 million increase.

While we celebrate this success, the Committee knows that there is still more work ahead. Concerns about the Governor's proposal to increase minimum wage, and the continuing loss of school librarians are issues that we continue to track.

Submitted by Christi Buker, Executive Director.



Rhode Island Library Association

2019 Legislative Wrap-Up

This spring was a busy legislative session. The RILA Legislative Action Committee continued to advocate for our legislative priorities: **State Aid to Public Libraries**, **Net Neutrality**, **Funding for AskRI.org**, the **Importance of School Librarians** and **Gun Safety**. We made significant progress in some of those areas and also worked to defeat several unfriendly library bills. RILA provided testimony on 7 different bills and met with legislators to advocate for increased state aid to libraries.

State Aid to Libraries

After meetings with the House Legislative Director and Speaker Nicholas Mattiello, RILA was able to secure a **\$200,000** increase to State Aid for Public Libraries. This is the first increase since 2017. The additional funds were passed by both the House and Senate and are part of the FY2020 state budget. A special thanks to Representative Bob Jacquard (Cranston) for his continued advocacy on behalf of libraries and helping to secure the meeting with the Speaker.

RILA opposed **S285**. This bill would have increased the state's share to support local public library services in distressed communities, by an amount equal to the amount paid by the distressed city or town into the Ocean State Libraries (OSL) annual dues. The bill did not specify where the additional funds would come from. As such either the funds would come from existing state aid to libraries or be additional funding. For FY2020 the funds needed were \$859,043 or 42% of OSL's operating budget. RILA submitted testimony in opposition to the bill and called instead to fully fund existing state aid to libraries at the 25% allowable by law. The bill was held for further study and did not move out of committee.

Net Neutrality

With our coalition partners, RILA supported and provided testimony for **S40**. This bill required Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality principles to be eligible to enter into state contracts. Although the bill passed the full Senate, it was not taken up by the House during the session.

Gun Safety

RILA advocated in favor of **S84**. This bill banned 3D printed guns and was a result of recommendations from the final report of Governor Raimondo's Rhode Island Gun Safety Task Force. It was noted in the 2019 RILA Legislative Priorities that: *32 Rhode Island libraries of all types have 3D printers available to use by the public or students. Many have already adopted policies prohibiting printing of guns, weapons or gun parts on those printers. RILA supported passage of this bill as it would further strengthen library policy and increase the safety of library staff and library users.* Although the bill passed the full Senate, it was not taken up by the House during the session.

Importance of School Librarians

A major priority this year was codifying the importance of School Librarians into state law. In current state law, the council on elementary and secondary education has authority to adopt standards for school libraries. Working with Senator Hanna Gallo (Cranston), Chair of the Senate Education Committee, we wrote and introduced **S978**, a bill that would have the Council specifically adopt two standards. The bill would require that the library-media program outlined in the Rhode Island Basic Education Plan (BEP) in section G-13-1.3.11 be staffed by a school librarian with certification from an American Library Association (ALA) accredited program. The bill also calls for the adoption of the newly revised American Association of School Librarians (AASL) National Standards for School Librarians.

The bill was introduced late in the session and faced opposition from the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) and the Rhode Island School Superintendents Association. At the committee hearing RILA provided detailed testimony in support of school librarians while the above organizations did not have any data and as noted by the committee seemed unprepared. Still the bill was held in committee for further study. We should consider just having the bill introduced as a victory for raising the profile of school librarians. We already have a preliminary commitment from the bill's sponsor to re-introduce it in the next session. RILA will have additional information at our disposal, as the Library Board of Rhode Island is currently completing a study on school librarians in Rhode Island.

RILA also opposed **S114**. This bill would have required the Council on elementary and secondary education to mandate libraries in high schools to be open one hour before, during and one hour after school. The bill was intended to increase access to school libraries, but had unintended complications for school librarians in relation to union contracts. After meeting with RILA, the bill's sponsor Senator Josh Miller (Cranston) agreed to hold it in committee for further study.

Other Bills

S42/H5252

These joint resolutions would have placed on the ballot in the next election to amend the RI Constitution to add the right to an adequate education. Although a worthy goal, the resolutions had an unintended consequence. The existing language in support of public libraries was weakened in these resolutions. RILA submitted testimony opposing the weakening of the language supporting libraries. Both bills were held in committee for further study.

S327/H5355

These bills amend in the Open Meetings Act the definition of "public body" to include the board of directors of any library which has funded at least twenty-five percent (25%) of its operational budget in the prior budget year with public funds. The law had previously read, "any library which has funded at least twenty-five percent (25%) of its operational budget in the prior budget year with public funds." Both bills were passed by the General Assembly and have become law. RILA did not take a position on either bill.

TN Library Legislative Day, 2019: A Report

By: Sharon Kay Edwards, MSLS

Legislative Monitor and Chair of Legislative Committee 2018-19 for TN Library Association

Summary:

TN Library Legislative Day, 2019 was held in Nashville on Tuesday, March 12, and—as in years past—Nashville Public Library was a generous host for us. This year, we visited with more state reps and senators than in years past due to hosting an on-site coffee/pastries with legislators in the Cordell Hull Building. The coffee was a total success as we were able to meet with legislators and legislative staff we rarely get to see. I also think it gave librarians who may have been intimidated about going to Cordell Hull a little confidence boost and a familiarity with the building and the legislators.

Following the coffee, we met at Nashville Public for an address by Secretary of State, Tre Hargett; State Librarian and Archivist, Chuck Sherrill; and our keynote speaker, ALA Past President, Jim Neal. Following lunch, we went back to Cordell Hull to meet with other legislators and pop into the offices not yet visited. All told, we made face to face contact with all but 15 legislators. We ended the day by taking a photo with the new governor, Bill Lee in the State Capital Building.

Agenda and photo are attached.

Legislative goals:

We went into 2019 Library Legislative Day with two goals in mind: (1) Building relationships with Legislator and (2) pushing for: Net Neutrality, Rural Broadband Access, and School Librarian Representation at a State Level.

Unfortunately, [HB1060, the Net Neutrality bill](#) we supported, failed in subcommittee the day following our Legislative office visits. (Fun fact: Rep. John Ray Clemmons, who sponsored both the bill and our room access for coffee at Cordell Hull, mentioned librarian support for net neutrality in his presentation to the subcommittee. He's currently running for Nashville Mayor, so we'll have to find another legislative library supporter in the building to get the room at Cordell Hull next year.)

[SB0489](#), allowing municipalities to provide broadband outside of their service area, was sent back to General Subcommittee by the sponsor. It may be picked up again next session. We're watching to be sure.

There is no word yet on a State Coordinator of School Library Services. Our colleagues in TASL are [still meeting with legislators about this critical need](#).

Attendance & Participation:

Prior to Library Legislative Day, event invitations were sent on the state library listserv as well as the TN Library Association listserv. The invitation flyer was also shared on social media and posted on the TLA website. The Legislative Committee chair also emailed contact information and appointment scheduling instructions on the listservs. Nearly every attendee had appointments with their reps on Legislative Day. Those without appointments still interfaced with legislators in the coffee and by taking bags to their offices. All told, more than 50 Librarians, Friends, and Trustees attended Legislative Day this year, and nine more participated in the Virtual Library Legislative Day through CQ Engage. (Table of Virtual Leg day attached.)

132 (99 state reps and 33 state senators) "Libraries Need your Support" bags with informational handouts and an invitation to tour the library were distributed to Legislators and their staff. **Note for next year, we may need more bags since more than one staff member from the member's office took bags at the coffee.**

As previously mentioned, we visited with all but 15 reps, the Secretary of State, and Governor Bill Lee, who [signed a proclamation declaring Library Week in Tennessee](#). So, even with a relatively small number in attendance, we made a large impact.

Following TN Library Legislative Day, a "Thank you for meeting with me" email template was sent to attendees to personalize and send to legislators. The template is attached.

***TLA Library Legislative Day Agenda
Nashville Public Library & Cordell Hull Building
8:00 am***

- 8:00 –10:00 a.m. Cordel Hull Room Coffee w/ Legislators
(Registration after @ NPL)
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Registration/ Legislative office visits
- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Auditorium Session: Welcome & Sec. of State Message
- 11:30-12:00 p.m Messages from TSLA, TASL, FOTL, & TLA
- 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch/Speaker—Jim Neal, Past ALA President
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn to more legislative office visits



TN Librarians with Gov. Bill Lee



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

TN LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY, 2019

NET NEUTRALITY: SUPPORT SB0969 / HB1060



Librarians believe that Free and Open Access to Information is vital to a healthy Democracy. Unfortunately, the FCC voted to gut Net Neutrality Protections that limit the power of ISPs, like Verizon and Comcast, to restrict, slow down, or control online content. Libraries rely on strong net neutrality to collect, create, and disseminate crucial information to Tennesseans. TLA calls on our legislature to protect our freedom to access information online

RURAL BROADBAND: SUPPORT SB0489 / HB0821

With an ever increasing number of job applications, educational opportunities, government programs, and veterans benefits moving online, digital literacy is essential to economic participation and family life. However, an estimated 422,000 households across TN lack access to landline internet speeds that meet the FCC benchmark of high speed broadband. Across TN, rural libraries are the sole free Internet and computer providers in their communities and need additional supports to meet the digital information need rural areas currently face while waiting for broadband access in their area



SCHOOL LIBRARIAN REPRESENTATION AT STATE LEVEL



The Tennessee Association of School Librarians strongly urges the governor of Tennessee to appoint a certified school librarian to the position of State Coordinator of School Library Services within the Department of Education. The appointment of a state coordinator will help to assure that school library media specialists and their respective districts receive leadership, advocacy, and advisory services pertinent to their needs at the state level.

CQ ENGAGE Virtual Library Leg DayActivity

Engagement	Messages	Recipient	
Support Tennessee Libraries	3	Baum, Charlie (R-TN), Rep.	
Support Tennessee Libraries	1	Carr, Dale (R-TN), Rep.	
Support Tennessee Libraries	1	Gardenhire, Todd (R-TN), Sen.	
Support Tennessee Libraries	1	Gresham, Dolores (R-TN), Sen.	
Support Tennessee Libraries	1	Hurt, Chris (R-TN), Rep.	
Support Tennessee Libraries	1	Marsh, Pat (R-TN), Rep.	
Support Tennessee Libraries	3	Osborne, Charlie (R-TN), Rep.	
Support Tennessee Libraries	3	Reeves, Shane (R-TN), Sen.	
Support Tennessee Libraries	1	Rudd, Tim (R-TN), Rep.	
Support Tennessee Libraries	1	Swann, Art (R-TN), Sen.	
Support Tennessee Libraries	2	Terry, Bryan (R-TN), Rep.	
Support Tennessee Libraries	4	White, Dawn (R-TN), Sen.	

SUBJECT: Thank you for meeting with me

Dear [Senator/Representative Last Name,]

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to meet with me/us during Tennessee Library Legislative Day on March 12, 2019 in Nashville. I was encouraged by your positive and enthusiastic response to all of the information I/we gave you about Tennessee libraries in general and [insert your library/region/school library name here] specifically.

You will recall that we discussed the importance of Net Neutrality, Rural Broadband, and the need for a Coordinator of School Librarians in the Department of Education. I am aware that there is still much work to be done to reach these goals, and I hope you will continue to support Tennessee Libraries in ensuring Tennesseans have free and open access to information.

We also discussed [insert any other items you discussed here]

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me. [Insert your library/region/school name here] look forward to working with you and your staff in the future. Please feel free to contact me/us if you have any questions or if I can be of any service to you.

Sincerely,

From: stateleg-request@lists.ala.org <stateleg-request@lists.ala.org> **On Behalf Of** Lisa Scroggins
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 11:30 AM
To: stateleg@lists.ala.org
Subject: RE: State Legislative 2019 Reports Due Thursday- July 25

This was a “slow year” for Wyoming Library Association’s legislative committee. In February we hosted our annual Legislative Reception/Dinner for Wyoming Legislators at the Wyoming State Library. In addition, we had a Wyoming Representative participate in ALA’s Fly-In event in Washington DC, and she was able to personally meet with our elected representatives.

Sorry for the late “report.” I have been on vacation and out on business for several weeks.

Regards-
Lisa Scroggins

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