



Resolution in Support of Immigrant Rights

Whereas immigrants and refugees are a strong, contributing, and vital part of the social fabric of the United States, equal in worth, dignity, and freedom to participate in all aspects of society, and deserving of a range of integration and settlement support.

Whereas the library community opposes all attempts at the local, state, and federal levels to inhibit immigrants' and refugees' access to information, as expressed by the 2007 ALA Resolution on Immigrants' Rights which condemns all legal infringements on the rights of anyone in the United States or its territories, regardless of birth country or citizenship status;

Whereas anti-immigrant rhetoric has been an information problem throughout our nation's history; it culminates in the types of threats that run counter to the ALA Library Bill of Rights Sections B.3 on Privacy which "opposes the use by government of disinformation, media manipulation, the destruction and excision of public information, and other such tactics"

Whereas recognized by the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Goals and the ALA Bill of Rights Section B3.6, librarians promote "equal access to information for all" since information access is a human right; thus, quality, unmitigated information is essential to immigrant social inclusion. Now therefore be it



Resolved, That ALA advocates for the acknowledgment and protection of immigrants' and refugees' civil liberties through local, state, and national legal means, library social programming and outreach, and community leadership.

Resolved, The ALA supports the adoption of library information rights policy at the local, state, and federal levels. Further, ALA will foster library partnerships with the neighborhood, regional, and national immigrant advocacy groups to directly combat anti-immigration sentiment and measures.

Resolved, That ALA promotes training, awareness, and capacity-building for a renewed focus on outreach to immigrant communities and immigrant inclusion in collection building, staffing, professional development, and the consideration and development of other library and information services. Further, ALA will take strategic action to understand and incorporate immigrant perspectives and needs in all policy objectives listed in the ALA Library Bill of Rights and ALA Code of Ethics.

Resolved, That ALA encourages all librarians to commit to strengthening immigrant and refugee communities by confronting the use of information tools that target, surveil, and exclude immigrants, and by defending immigrants' right to pursue pathways to informed citizenship.

Resolved, That ALA recognizes the unique needs of immigrant youth. ALA will support programming and services in school, public, academic, and other types of libraries that serve immigrant youth, and support ALA members in providing equitable access to information and welcoming spaces to these members of our communities.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracie D. Hall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director
and Secretary of the ALA Council