

WHAT'S HAPPENING: A PRE-MIDWINTER UPDATE

January 17, 2014

This is a *personal* guide to the ALA Midwinter Meeting. There is more – much more. For additional information and more events, check the following sources:

Get the latest information on Midwinter sessions and create your own schedule. Use the Scheduler: <http://alamw14.ala.org/scheduler> . Download an Android app from the Google Play store. For an iOS App, see instructions at <http://alamw14.ala.org/mobile-app>

Get Midwinter Meeting information on the ALA Midwinter Meeting website:
<http://alamw14.ala.org/>

Check the *Midwinter Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory* (on-site), as well as the Addendum, for last minutes changes.: you can also [download the Program Book](#) from the Midwinter website at any time. Session changes will also appear in *COGNOTES* (conference daily). See pages 62-85 in the *Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory* for a complete list of meetings and events, by time.

Stay in touch and get updates at the [Midwinter website](#), by tracking the tag-- #alamw14, by joining the [Facebook Event](#), or on [Google+](#), [Tumblr](#) and [Pinterest](#).

WHAT'S NEW?

The Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session is on Saturday, 3:00-4:30p.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center (PCC) Grand Ballroom B. See page 14 in this report for the agenda.

The Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session is followed directly by the **ALA Presidential Candidates' Forum**. This is your opportunity to hear from ALA presidential candidates Maggie Farrell and Sari Feldman and ask for your questions. The Forum will be moderated by ALA Immediate Past President Maureen Sullivan. For more information, see <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2013/09/farrell-feldman-seek-2015-16-ala-presidency>

More than 80% of schools in Philadelphia do not have a library staffed by a certified school librarian. In support of Philadelphia public and school libraries, **ALA**, with the **Free Library of Philadelphia, Pennsylvanian Library Association, Pennsylvania School Librarians Association, New Jersey Library Association, and New Jersey Association of School Librarians** will hold a public signing of the **Declaration for the Right to Libraries** at the Philadelphia Free Library, Thursday, January 23, 3:00p.m. EST. Library supporters can also sign

virtually at <http://tinyurl.com/right2libs> For more information, see:
<http://www.ala.org/declaration>

Visit the **ALA Membership Pavilion** in a new location (200 Level concourse across from the Networking Uncommons). Connect with colleagues, other ALA members, and ALA staff who are on hand to answer your questions about what's going on onsite at the Midwinter Meeting and the many things happening at ALA. Find information about membership, learn more about upcoming conferences and events, advocacy, and ongoing campaigns and initiatives.

Also in the Membership Pavilion, **The Declaration for the Right to Libraries** is the cornerstone document of ALA President Barbara Stripling's presidential initiative, Libraries Change Lives, designed to build the public will and sustained support for America's right to libraries of all types – academic, special, school and public. Everyone is invited to sign the Declaration for the Right to Libraries in the ALA Membership Pavilion throughout the Midwinter Meeting.

The **ALA Store** is at a new location this year: Grand Hall, Pennsylvania Convention Center. Hours are Friday, January 24, 8:00a.m.-5:30p.m., Saturday-Sunday, January 25-26, 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m., and Monday, January 27, 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

ERT/Booklist Author Forum. Start your Midwinter Meeting at the ERT/Booklist Author Forum, Friday, January 24, 4:00-5:15p.m., PCC-Grand Ballroom A, featuring five creators of award-winning nonfiction for children: Tonya Bolden, Brian Floca, Kadir Nelson, Steve Sheinkin and Melissa Sweet, moderated by fellow author and *Booklist* editor Ilene Cooper. A book-signing will immediately follow the event. The Forum is followed by the **ALA/ERT Exhibits Opening Reception**, Friday, 5:30-7:00p.m.

Book Buzz Theater has been moved onto the Exhibit Floor, next to Booth 1815. Catch the presentations in the Book Buzz Theater 9:00a.m.-4:45p.m., Saturday-Sunday, and 9:00-noon on Monday.

Try out Google Glass. The ALA Office for Information Technology Policy will host Google Glass demonstrations on January 25th and 26th in the Grand Hall of the Pennsylvania Convention Center (PCC). Wilson L. White, public policy manager of Glass at Google, along with technical members of the Google Glass Team, will be on hand to talk about the wearable computers while conference attendees try them on. Demonstrations take place from 9:00a.m.-noon and 2:00-5:00p.m. on Saturday, and 9:00a.m.-noon on Sunday.

Games? Join the ALCTS (ALA/Association for Library Collections and Technical Services) Photo Scavenger Hunt! Running from Saturday (January 25) through Monday (January 27) score points by snapping photos from a list posted daily to post to the ALCTS 2014 FLICKR group. For details, see <http://connect.ala.org/node/216651>

Looking for the **Statement of Appropriate Conduct at ALA Conferences?** It's on the ALA Midwinter website at: <http://alamw14.ala.org/statement-of-appropriate-conduct>

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Start the conversation at the **Unconference**, Friday, January 24, 9:00a.m.-noon – PCC-103A . #unalamw14

Share your aspirations and concerns for ALA at the intimate setting of the **Kitchen Table Conversations**, SA-M, Pennsylvania Convention Center 305. Advance sign-up was requested, but some seats are still available. If you want to check availability, email mghikas@ala.org – or just show up. For more information, go to <http://connect.ala.org/node/214826> and <http://connect.ala.org/node/213507>

Focus on Community Engagement:

- On Saturday, January 25, 10:30-11:30a.m., join ALA President Barbara K. Stripling and panelists Chrystie Hill, Meg Omainsky and Teri Skillman at **Talk About Innovation: TEDx @ Your Library**, to focus on using TEDx events to energize local conversations in your community.
- Join your colleagues to discuss **Turning Outward to Lead Change in Your Community: Aspirations**, facilitated by Cheryl Gorman and Carlton Sears of The Harwood Institute, Saturday, January 25, 1:00-2:30p.m., PCC-113ABC.
- Get the latest updates at **Libraries Transforming Communities: An Initiative Update**, with Rich Harwood (The Harwood Institute) and Maureen Sullivan (2012-2013 ALA President), Sunday, January 26, 8:30-10:00a.m., PCC-201C.
- Engage in a lively discussion at the **Membership Initiative Group: Libraries Foster Civic Engagement**. Discuss youth engagement and libraries with Andrew Slack and Mat Maggiasco of the Harry Potter Alliance <http://thehpalliance.org> . Exchange information with colleagues on community engagement projects and activities around the country. Sunday, 10:30-11:30a.m., PCC-107A.
- Join **ALA President Barbara Stripling for the ALA President's Program**, with activist **Andrew Slack, co-founder and chief executive officer of The Harry Potter Alliance**, Sunday, 3:30-5:30p.m., Sunday, January 26, PCC-Grand Ballroom A. <http://thehpalliance.org/what-we-do/staff> .

Find Your Niche, Build Your Network and Share

Join one – or more – of the **more than 200 Discussion Groups and Interest Groups** gathering to share information. See pages 87-102 in the *Meeting Guide & Exhibits Directory* for a complete listing, by day and time.

Need an open space to continue a conversation? **Use the Networking Uncommons**, across from the Membership Pavilion. (It's a good place to recharge all those devices, too!) Check online at <http://alamw14.ala.org/uncommons>

Reflect on the implications of all the updates, conversations and other Midwinter learning at **Library Camp**, Monday, January 27, 3:30-5:00p.m., PCC-120 C.

GET “NEWS YOU CAN USE”

Saturday, January 25, 8:30-10:00a.m.

- **ALA Washington Office Update: “Under a Microscope: The story behind the revelations about the NSA surveillance programs,”** featuring Spencer Ackerman, National Security Editor, Guardian US. PCC-201B. Co-sponsored by the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom.
- **ALISE @ ALA: “Educating for an Entrepreneurial Spirit in Emerging STEM Information Professionals,”** with Suzie Allard (University of Tennessee), **“Virtual Internships: Assessing the Contribution of Novel Field Experiences to MLIS Graduate Goals,”** with Sheila Corral, Jessica Lamb, Rose Medlock and Lauri Watt (University of Pittsburgh), and **“The Instructor as Social Entrepreneur: Maintaining Trust and Integrity in Online Learning,”** with Denise Agosto, PCC-201 C.
- ALA Office for Research (ORS): “Update on IMLS NLG Digital Inclusion Survey,” with Brian Real and Norman Rose (ORS), PCC-201 A.

Saturday, January 25, 10:30-11:30a.m.

- **ALA Washington Office Breakout: “What’s Next for E-Rate? Moving Libraries from Basic Connectivity to High-Capacity Broadband,”** with Alan Fishel (Arent Fox, LLP), Bob Bocher (OITP Fellow) and Linda Lord (Maine State Librarian), PCC-201A

Saturday, January 25, 1:00-2:30p.m.

- **ALA Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP): “ALA and Digital Content; Digital Content Working Group Directions; the Author-Library Relationship,”** with Alan Inouye (OITP), Sari Feldman (Cuyahoga County Public Library & DCWG Co-Chair), Robert Wolven (Columbia University & DCWG Co-Chair), Ginger Clark (Association of Authors’ Representatives) and Peter Brantley (Director of Scholarly Communications, hypothes.is)

Saturday, January 25, 3:00-4:00p.m.

- **ACRL/SPARC Forum: “Connecting Articles and Data to Expand Open Access to Research,”** with Clifford Lynch (Coalition for Networked Information), Todd Vision (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Paul Bracke (Purdue University Libraries), and Margaret Winker (Public Library of Science), PCC-201 B. **(Continues to 5:00p.m.)**
- **Diplomatic Reception Rooms: “Digital Badging and Online Conference project,”** with Anne Menotti (Senior Advisor for Education, Marketing & Outreach, Diplomatic Reception Rooms, U.S. State Department), PCC-201 C.
- **ALA/Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the Children’s Book Council: “Diversity – The Common Shiboleths, Questions and Issues that Arise When Writing for Children,”** with Cheryl Klein (Arthur A. Levine Books), Wendy Lamb (Wendy Lamb Books/Random House Children’s Books), Daniel Ehrenhaft (Soho Teen/Soho Press), Connie Hsu (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers), Ana-Elba Pavon (Oakland Public Library). PCC-201 A.

Saturday, January 25, 4:30-5:30p.m.

- **LibTechGender: “Challenges of Gender Issues in Technology Librarianship,”** with Kate Kosturski, Emily Clasper, Coral Sheldon-Hess, Eric Phetteplace, Myrna Morales, Chris Bourg and Cecily Walker, PCC- 201 C.
- **HJ Weinberg Foundation: “Transforming Inner City School Libraries to Increase Student Achievement,”** with Kate Sorestad (Weinberg Foundation).

Sunday, January 26, 8:00-10:30a.m.

- **Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS): “IMLS Update,”** with Susan Hildreth (IMLS), Maura Marx (IMLS) and Dubis Correal (Consumer Financial Protection Bureau), PCC-201 B.
- **ALA/Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) & University of Illinois: “Institutional Repository Update,”** with Chris Prom (University of Illinois), PCC-201 A.
- **ALA/The Harwood Institute (THI): “Libraries Transforming Communities – An Initiative Update,”** with ALA Immediate Past President Maureen Sullivan and THI Executive Director Rich Harwood, PCC-201 C.

Sunday, January 26, 10:30-11:30a.m.

- **Pew Research Center Internet Project: “Pew Research Update,”** with Lee Rainie, PCC-201B.
- **ALA/Library and Information Technology Association (LITA): “Top Tech Trends,”** with Monique Sendze (DC Public Library), Brett Bonfield (Collingswood Public Library), Emily Gore (Digital Public Library of America), Leslie Johnston (Library of Congress), John Shank (Pennsylvania State University, Berks College) and Lisa Bunker (Pima County Public Library), PCC-201A.
- **ALA/Public Library Association (PLA) and DigitalLearn.org: “We Got Your Back: Community Answers to the Digital Divide,”** with Jamie Hollier (PLA), PCC-201A.

Sunday, January 26, 1:00-2:30p.m.

- **ALA/Association of College and Research Libraries: “Value of Academic Libraries Initiative,”** with Kara Malenfant (ACRL), Terri Fishel (Macalester University). PCC-201B.
- **ALA/American Association of School Librarians (AASL): “School Library Research Update,”** with Dr. Sue Kimmel (Old Dominion University), PCC-201 C.
- **Digital Public Library of America (DPLA): “Update,”** with Dan Cohen (DPLA), PCC-201 A.

Sunday, January 26, 3:00-4:00p.m.

- **ALA Office for Diversity (OFD): “Diversity Research Update,”** with Patricia Montiel Overall (University of Arizona) and Danny Wallace (University of Alabama), PCC-201 B.
- **ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF): “Intellectual Freedom Update,”** with Barbara Jones (OIF) and Deborah Caldwell-Stone (OIF), PCC201 C.

Sunday, January 26, 4:30-5:30p.m.

- **ALA Committee on Accreditation (COA): “Draft Standards for Accreditation of Master’s Programs in Library and Information Studies,”** with Barbara Moran (University of North Carolina), Joan Giesecke (University of Nebraska) and Mary Stansbury (Denver University), PCC-201 B.
- **ALA/Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)/MacArthur Foundation/IMLS/Urban Libraries Council/Association of Science-Technology Centers: “Digital Learning,”** with Kiley Larson (New York University), Richard Arum (New York University), Anindya Kundu (New York University), Erin Bradley (New York University), PCC-201 C.

Monday, January 27, 10:30-11:30a.m.

- **OCLC: “OCLC Research Update,”** with Eric Childress (OCLC), Karen Smith-Yoshimura (OCLC), Lynn Silipigni (OCLC) and Ixchel Faniel (OCLC), PCC-201 B.

Monday, January 27, 1:00-2:30p.m.

- **ALA/Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC): “Early Learning Partnerships Survey & Growing Young Minds Report,”** with Jenna Nemece-Loise (ALSC Everyday Advocate Website & Electronic Newsletter), Matt McLain (Salt Lake County Library), Emily Scherrer (Yuma County Library), Toni Bernardi (San Francisco Public Library) and Mamie Bittner (IMLS), PCC-201 B.

Other Updates and Related Sessions:

Saturday

- **ALA/Association of College and Research Libraries: “Open Forum on Revised Information Literacy Competency Standards,”** with Trudi Jacobson (State University of New York, Albany) and Craig Gibson (Ohio State University), Saturday, 10:30-11:30a.m., LOEWS Commonwealth A-D. <http://acrl.ala.org/ilstandards>
- **ALA/American Association of School Librarians (AASL): “Super Human or Super-Stressed – What is the role of a librarian in an increasingly-digital environment?”** Saturday, January 25, 10:30-11:30a.m., PCC-102 A.
- **ALA/PLA and OITP: “The Edge Initiative: Ready, Set, Launch,”** with Stacy Aldrich (Pennsylvania State Library), Lee Burchfield (Louisville Free Public Library), Tim Cherubini (Lyrisis) Mary Hirsh (PLA), Cynthia O (Guthrie Public Library), Saturday, 10:30-11:30a.m., PCC-120B.
- **ALA Washington Office: “Explore the Future of the Federal Depository Library Program,”** with the ALA Committee on Legislation’s Federal Depository Library Program Task Force, Saturday, 10:30-11:30a.m., PCC-107B.
- **U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA): “Listening Session.”** Do you need SSA information to serve your patrons? Speak with the SSA about what is working well – and what isn’t, Saturday, January 25, 10:30-11:30a.m., PCC-202B.
- **ALA/Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA): “YALSA Trends Impacting YA Services: Sex, Mind, and Body: How Guys and Girls Search for Health Information,”** with Dr. Leslie Farmer, Saturday, January 25, 4:30-5:30p.m., PCC 102 A.

Sunday

- **ALA Washington Office/ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom: “Revisiting the Children’s Internet Protection Act: 10 Years Later,”** with Helen Adams (Mansfield University), Chris Harris (Genesee Valley Educational Partnership), Kirsten Batch (OITP Consultant) and Martin Garner (Regis University), Sunday, 1:00-2:30p.m., PCC-203A
- **ALA Washington Office: “Google Book Search: What Impact Will the GBS Sage Have on Copyright Reform?”** Fred von Lohmann (Google), Laura Quilter (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), and Lisa Macklin (Emory University), Sunday, 1:00-2:30p.m., PCC-114 Lecture Hall.
- **ALA/Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) – CaMMS Forum on the Bibliographic Framework Initiative (BIBFRAME),** with Sally McCallum (Library of Congress), Michael Colby (University of California, Davis), Eric Miller (Zepheira), Sunday, January 26, 1:00-2:30p.m., PCC-121B.
- **ALA/Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA): “Stand Up, Speak Up, Level Up with YALSA’s Advocacy Benchmarks,”** Sunday, 1:00-2:30p.m., PCC-204 B.
- **ALA./Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA)** will present “Who do YOU think you are?” with Dr. Steven Bell (Temple University) and Rhea Blanken (Blanken Consulting/Results Technology Inc.), Sunday, January 26, 1:00-2:30p.m., PCC 103-B.
- **ALA/Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA): “A New Vision for Library Services for Teens: Findings from the Forum on Libraries and Teens,”** with co-authors Linda W. Braun and Maureen Hartman, Sunday, 3:00-4:00p.m., PCC 103A. For copies of the report, go to: <http://www.ala.org/yaforum/project-report>
- **ALA/American Association of School Librarians (AASL): “Is There a MOOC in Your Future?”** Sunday, January 26, 3:00-4:00p.m., PCC-102 A.
- **ALA/Literacy Research to Practice Discussion Group, Jaleh Behroozi Soroui, American Institutes for Research (AIR)** will present Program for International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIACC) assessment results, Sunday, January 25, 3:00-4:00p.m., PCC 102 B.
- **ALA/Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) – PARS Forum: “Preservation Statistics: A New Approach to the Documentation of Library Preservation Activities,”** Sunday, January 26, 4:30-5:30p.m., PCC 120A.

Monday

- **ALA/Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS): “How My Library was Energized by ALCTS Publications!”** with Beth Bernhardt (University of North Carolina Greensboro), Jeanne Drewes (Library of Congress), and Roy Ziegler (Florida State University), Monday, January 27, 10:30-11:30a.m., PCC 204A

CELEBRATE BOOKS, THEIR CREATORS and CHAMPIONS

The United States Board on Books for Young People (USBBY) presents Maryann MacDonald, author and former IBBY Ambassador to the United Nations, Friday, January 24, 8:00-9:30p.m., LOEWS-Howe.

The **Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture** features **Ishmael Beah**, human rights advocate and author of *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*, Saturday, January 25, 4:00-5:00p.m., PCC-Grand Ballroom A.

This year's **Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award** recipient is **DaNae Leu**, an elementary school librarian who defended the picture book *In Our Mothers' House* by Patricia Polacco against her school administration's decision to remove the book from the district's library shelves. The Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, will present the award on Saturday, January 26, 5:30p.m., MAR Grand I.

Hear **Auditorium Series Speakers** – PCC-Grand Ballroom A:

Saturday, January 26, 10:00-11:00a.m., **Wes Moore**, *The Other Wes Moore*.

Saturday, January 26. 1:00-1:30p.m., **Matthew Quick**, *The Silver Linings Playbook*.

Sunday, January 27, 10:00-11:00a.m., **David Baldacci**, *The Finisher* (March 2014).

Book signings will follow each Auditorium Series presentation.

On Saturday, January 25, catch the **Spotlight on Adult Literature**, 2:00-4:00p.m., in the Exhibit Hall, sponsored by United for Libraries and ALA Conference Services. There will be advance review copies (ARCs) and author signings.

RUSA's Notable Books List will be unveiled at the Book & Media Awards Ceremony and Reception, Sunday, January 26, 5:00-6:30p.m., Sheraton Liberty Ballroom A.

All are invited to the **Freedom to Read Foundation's annual Midwinter Banned and Challenged Author** event, featuring Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, author of the *Alice* series of books for young adults, Sunday, January 26, 6:00-8:30p.m., National Museum of American Jewish History, 101 South Independence Mall East, Philadelphia. Tickets are available at www.ftrf.org/event/Philly2014

Don't miss the excitement at the **Youth Media Awards**, Monday, January 27, 8:00-9:00a.m., PCC-Grand Ballroom A, as the winners of the Newbery, Caldecott, Printz, Coretta Scott King and other awards are announced. (also webcast at <http://tinyurl.com/alayma14> and @alayma) – Yes, this event always draws a large crowd. There will be additional seating in PCC-201 C.

Celebrate the 2014 winners of the **Morris Award and YA Nonfiction Award** over coffee, tea and Danish and listen to award winners and finalists speak about their honored titles. A limited number of free copies of award-winning titles will be available. Tickets are \$19 (limited availability). Monday, 10:30a.m.-noon, PCC- 103 B.

TALK WITH INNOVATORS AT THE MASTERS SERIES

Sunday, January 26, 11:45a.m.-12:30p.m., PCC-202 B, meet with members of **ReadersFirst**, a movement to improve e-book access and services for public library users. They will share future plans and the tool they've developed to help libraries evaluate ebook vendors.

Monday, January 27, 11:45a.m.-12:30p.m., PCC-202B, **Lisa Bunker** will talk about Catalyst Café: **“The Library as a Catalyst for Innovation: Case Studies of Library Entrepreneurship Centers and Programming.”**

KEY NUMBERS

Registration: 2014 Midwinter Meeting

Final advance registration for the 2014 Midwinter Meeting, as of January 17, 2014, is **5,583**. This compares to 5,442 in 2013 (Seattle), 4,823 in 2012 (Dallas) and 5,180 in 2011 (San Diego). Registration will continue on site in Philadelphia. Final registration numbers, including exhibitor personnel and exhibits-only participation will be announced at the end of the 2014 Midwinter Meeting.

ALA Membership

	November 30, 2013	November 30, 2012
Total	57,299	57,851
<u>Including</u>		
Personal	54,592	55,013
Organizational	2,521	2,633
Corporate	186	205

Division Memberships

	November 30, 2013	November 30, 2012
AASL	7,620	7,166
ACRL	11,785	11,865
ALCTS	3,820	3,938
ALSC	3,927	3,870
ASCLA	789	714
LITA	3,045	3,220
LLAMA	3,969	4,045
PLA	8,667	9,405
RUSA	3,657	3,869
UNITED (prev. ALTAFF)	1,231	1,264
YALSA	5,139	5,217

Round Table Memberships

	November 30, 2013	November 30, 2012
EMIERT	573	570
ERT	528	574
FAFLRT	459	614
GAMERT	366	279
GLBTRT	934	923
GODORT	759	809
IFRT	1,208	1,304
IRRT	1,840	1,848
LEARNRT	329	324
LHRT	425	442
LIRT	1,597	1,543
LRRT	1,257	1,342
LSSIRT	466	447
MAGIRT	322	301
NMRT	1,505	1,703

RMRT	174	164
SRRT	845	874
S[T]ORT	142	139
SUSRT	31	new 2013-2014
VRT	452	517

BE INFORMED & JOIN THE DISCUSSION: HOT TOPICS

Situations continue to change, so see pages 4-7 in this report for News You Can Use and other Updates.

APPROPRIATIONS

On January 14, 2014, Congress released appropriations figures for the 2014 fiscal year that partially restore budget cuts for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding. The total amount appropriated for LSTA increased from \$175,044,000 in 2013, to \$180,909,000 for 2014. The grants to state programs increased from \$150 million to \$154,848,000; National Leadership grants increased from \$11,377,000 to \$12,200,000; Laura Bush 21st-century Librarian grants remained at \$10 million and the Native American and Hawaiian Library Services increased from \$3,667,000 to \$3,861,000. Additionally, funds for school libraries were included in the Department of Education's Fund for Improvement of Education – which includes \$25 million for Innovative Approaches to Literacy, a grant program of which at least half must go to school libraries. Congress will vote on appropriation figures by January 18, 2014.

COPYRIGHT

- **Google Book Case Dismissed.**

In November, the American Library Association welcomed the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York's ruling to dismiss the fair use case between Google and the Authors Guild. In the dismissal of the case, the Court called Google Book Search (GBS) – a search database that allows the public to search more than 20 million books – a fair use under the copyright law, calling GBS transformative with social benefits, including accessible content for people with print disabilities, outweighing the concerns of the Authors Guild. Full text of content in the GBS is only available for public domain works. The Authors Guild has filed an appeal.

A similar ruling was released prior to the GBS case concerning HathiTrust which provides accessible content, with more complete preservation standards, and with full-text available only to university faculty, students and staff whose university library holds a copy of the work. The Georgia State University case involving electronic reserves continues. There is some expectation that due to conflicting rulings by the courts, the case may be considered by the U.S. Supreme Court.

- **Copyright Policy Report Released**

In July 2013, the Commerce Department Internet Policy Task Force published a report *Copyright Policy, Creativity, and Innovation in the Digital Economy* that also includes many concerns affecting libraries. The Task Force highlighted three broad categories:

- Updating the balance of rights and expectations;
- Assessing and improving enforcement tools to combat online infringement; and
- Assessing the potential of the Internet as a legitimate marketplace for copyrighted works and as a vehicle for streamlining licensing.

The report is highly skewed in favor of rights holders. ALA worked with the Library Copyright Alliance to file comments, reply to comments, and participate in the public meeting held by the Commerce Department. Additional public comment will be sought in early spring.

- **Copyright Review in Congress**

Rep. Bob Goodlatte, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, has called for a review of the copyright law, primarily to clarify issues with digital resources, and digital networks and other technologies. Many issues that will be explored are critical to libraries, including first sale, fair use, and Section 108 (“the library exception”). There will be several hearings held over the next two years that ALA will monitor. When possible, ALA and the Library Copyright Alliance will recommend librarian witnesses to speak on behalf of the library associations. We suspect that the review will take several years with one piece of legislation that proposes solutions to all issues. It will be a busy year for copyright.

DIGITAL CONTENT/EBOOKS

The past six months brought libraries continued improvement with the Big Five publishers (down from Big Six with the merger of Random House and Penguin in July 2013). Macmillan greatly expanded its pilot program to include all backlist titles. Penguin Books USA made its ebooks available through OverDrive, a major development. Simon & Schuster expanded its pilot program beyond New York City.

Key activities of the Digital Content Working Group (DCWG) during the past six months include an ALA leadership visit to New York. Additionally, the DCWG held an ALA Virtual Town Hall Meeting to provide the membership with an update of the state of library ebooks and an opportunity to ask questions. In early January, ALA held a pre-conference workshop at the 2014 Digital Book World conference in New York. Featured in this workshop were Nora Rawlinson of EarlyWord, Wendy Bartlett of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, Maja Thomas, former senior vice president of Hachette Book Group, and Larra Clark of ALA.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), formerly known as “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB), is the authorization legislation for many federal K-12 education programs. Having been scheduled for reauthorization in 2009, Congress has not yet been able to pass any legislation that would do so. When ESEA is finally reauthorized, it will dictate K-12 policy at all levels of government for many years to come. Therefore, the inclusion of school libraries into ESEA reauthorization is vitally important. School libraries were left out as a federal requirement under NCLB in 2002, and as a result many school libraries were the first to be eliminated when schools were faced with budget cuts in recent years.

In the U.S. Senate

The Senate ESEA bill (S.1094, the Strengthening America’s Schools Act) authorizes a new school library program (Improving Literacy and College and Career Readiness Through Effective School Library Programs) under Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2 that would provide dedicated funding to support effective school library programs that:

- Are staffed by a state-certified or licensed school librarian;
- Have up-to-date books, materials, equipment and technology (including broadband);

- Include regular collaboration between classroom teachers and school librarians to assist with development and implementation of the curriculum and other school reform efforts; and,
- Support the development of digital literacy skills.

The Senate ESEA bill also authorizes a new literacy program (Improving Literacy Instruction) under Title IV, Part A, subpart 1 that would authorize public library programs as eligible entities for grants to provide children from birth through kindergarten with literacy instruction. In addition, the bill authorizes a librarian to serve as a member of the State Literacy Leadership Team and ensures that a state that receives a grant works to strengthen partnerships among schools, libraries, and other programs to improve literacy for all children.

In the U.S. House of Representatives

The House passed ESEA bill (H.R. 5) does not include provisions that would provide dedicated funding for school or public libraries. This bill passed the House with a 221-207 vote on July 19, 2013.

NETWORK NEUTRALITY

The network neutrality issue reopened following the January U.S. District Court of Appeals decision that, like many recent court decisions, had some good outcomes and some “not so good” outcomes. On Tuesday, January 14, 2014, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) overstepped its authority by prohibiting Internet providers from treating traffic differently based on where it’s coming from. The American Library Association is extremely disappointed with the ruling to strike down the FCC’s “Net Neutrality” decision. ALA has been a long-time supporter of the free flow of information for all people. But, there are options for net neutrality reform at the FCC, and perhaps in Congress, though the latter is less likely. Therefore, ALA has options to push for new FCC rules on open Internet access. Discussions about next steps will be part of the ALA Committee on Legislation and the ALA Office for Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee agendas (as well as the joint meeting of the COL and the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee) with an emphasis on what our members can do locally as well as nationally. There will be interest in this issue on Council and in other ALA venues at Midwinter, as well. The Washington Office is discussing with the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) possible joint Net Neutrality activity and advocacy. Other efforts in the last week have included working with allies and possible work with some new coalitions. This is an evolving issue.

OPEN ACCESS

On January 10, ACRL submitted comments to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) on its updated draft report Academic Freedom and Electronic Communications. ACRL suggested that the draft report can be strengthened in two important areas: by addressing author options to retain their rights under the copyright when publishing and the importance of fair use in the full exercise of academic freedom. In the comments, ACRL encouraged AAUP to expand its statements on freedom of research and publication to more fully address these important copyright issues for the academic community and its faculty members.

POLICY REVOLUTION!

The ALA Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) will begin work on a national public policy agenda and action plan for U.S. libraries with support from a new grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Nearly \$1 million in funding over three years will enable ALA to increase library visibility and bolster capacity for sustained action on the national level. The

initiative will evaluate ALA advocacy efforts and enhance the organization's policy messaging and communications.

PRIVACY

Government surveillance – and the associated topics of whistleblowing and government transparency – remain “hot topics” for both the profession and the general public as a whole. The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and the ALA Washington Office continue to work in partnership on these issues and will be co-sponsoring an update on the National Security Agency's mass surveillance of U.S. citizens and the legislative initiatives designed to rein in the agency's activities on Saturday, January 25, 8:30-10:00a.m., PCC 201 B. OIF will also discuss state-level efforts to protect reader privacy, including e-book privacy, that have been spurred on by news about government surveillance and corporate data breaches during its issues update, Sunday, January 26, 3:00-4:00p.m., PCC 203 A.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO FEDERAL RESEARCH

In February 2013, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy issued a memorandum directing Federal agencies to expand public access to the results of taxpayer-funded research. Several means of addressing this mandate, including SHARE (offered by the ARL, AAU and APLU) and CHORUS (offered by the AAP) have been proposed. The complex issues surrounding the collection, organization, delivery and preservation of federally funded research will be the topic of the **ALA/Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS)/bepress Digital Commons Midwinter Symposium: “Here There Be Dragons: Public Access to Federally Funded Research**, “Friday, 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m., Philadelphia Convention Center room 204 C.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

President Barbara Stripling will be meeting with staff and member leaders at Midwinter to finalize a School Library Campaign action plan for the coming year. Proposed next steps include new messaging targeted to public officials, superintendents and parents, reaching out to the media through op eds and guest editorials, a new web portal for the public, and new tools for state and local advocates. With the introduction of legislation in the Senate that includes a requirement for effective school library programs, efforts can now be focused on the federal level.

SURVEILLANCE AND PRIVACY

With almost 30 bills before Congress, the ALA Committee on Legislation (COL) will discuss surveillance reform legislation and related policy questions at ALA Midwinter. In addition, the committee will discuss grassroots strategies to support bills like the USA FREEDOM Act, which was introduced by Senator Leahy and Representative Sensenbrenner. The policy issues are broader than privacy and surveillance and include government transparency, access to government information, due process, FISA Court reforms, etc. COL and the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) are discussing a resolution addressing some of the key information and national activities, including Hill actions (or lack thereof, thus far), press reports based on Snowden's revelations, and ALA messaging. We understand that another resolution will be presented to Council related to Snowden and ALA's policies on whistleblowers. *Guardian* Editor Spencer Ackerman and OpenTheGovernment Executive Director Dr. Patrice McDermott will be featured at the ALA Washington Update session on Saturday, 8:30-10:00a.m., PCC-201B.

IT'S YOUR ASSOCIATION: GOVERNANCE IN ACTION

ALA COUNCIL & ALA-APA COUNCIL MEETINGS – Pennsylvania Convention Center – Grand Ballroom B (PCC-Grand BR B)

- Executive Board/Council/Membership Information Session, Saturday, January 25, 3:00p.m.-4:30p.m.
 - Highlights of ALA initiatives (ALA President Barbara K. Stripling; ALA President-Elect Courtney L. Young)
 - Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) Report (Patricia A. Wand, Chair)
 - ALA Treasurer's Report (ALA Treasurer Mario M. Gonzalez)
 - ALA Endowment Trustees Report (Rodney Hersberger, Chair)
 - 2014 ALA Nominating Committee Report (Stephen L. Matthews, Chair)
 - Announcements (ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels)

- Council I, Sunday, January 26, 8:30-11:00a.m.
 - Adoption of the Rules
 - Approval of the 2013 Annual Conference Council Minutes
 - Nominations for the Council Executive Board election
 - Appointment of the Tellers for the ALA Executive Board election
 - Reports of ALA Officers
 - Report of the Digital Content and Libraries Working Group (Sari Feldman & Robert Wolven, co-chairs)

- Council II, Monday, January 27, 10:00a.m. -12:30p.m.
 - FY2014 Programmatic Priorities (ALA Treasurer Mario M. Gonzalez)
 - Policy Monitoring Committee (William L. Turner, Chair)
 - Freedom to Read Foundation Report (Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., President)
 - New Business
 - Honorary Membership Nomination (ALA Immediate Past President Maureen Sullivan)

- Council III, Tuesday, January 28, 9:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.
 - Memorials, Tributes, and Testimonials
 - Report of the Election Tellers
 - Report of the Intellectual Freedom Committee (J. Douglas Archer, Chair)
 - Report of the Committee on Legislation (Vivian R. Wynn, Chair)
 - Report of the International Relations Committee (Luis Herrera, Chair)
 - New Business

*Note that the ALA Council agenda is dynamic and continues to build during the course of the ALA Midwinter Meeting, as resolutions are developed by individuals and groups in response to current issues and member concerns.

ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD & APA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Independence I & II (MAR-Independence I & II)

- ALA Executive Board I, Friday, January 24, 8:30a.m.-11:00a.m.
 - Executive Committee Report
 - Digital Content and Libraries – Alan Inouye (ALA OITP), Sari Feldman and Robert Wolven (DCWG co-chairs)
 - Policy Revolution! – Alan Inouye (ALA OITP), Emily Sheketoff (ALA WO), Alan Fishel (Arent Fox LLC)

- Media Relations/Campaign Discussion – Sonia Alcantara-Antoine (chair, Public Awareness Committee), Cathleen Bourdon (ALA-Communications and Member Relations), Mark Gould (ALA Public Information Office)
 - School Library Campaign – ALA President Barbara K. Stripling
 - Legal Update (Closed)
 - Board Liaison Visits and Talking Points
 - Recommendations Regarding ALA and Council Committees - James Rettig (Chair, ALA Committee on Organization)
- ALA-APA Board of Directors, Friday, January 24, 11:45a.m.-noon
 - Progress Report – Lorelle Swader (ALA-APA)
 - Treasurer’s Report – Mario Gonzalez (ALA-APA Treasurer)
 - ALA Executive Board II, Monday, January 27, 2:00p.m.-4:30p.m.
 - Endowment Trustees Report – Rod Hersberger (Senior Endowment Trustee)
 - FY2013 Audit Report – Jeff Delheimer and John Fedus (Mueller & Co.), Gregory Calloway (ALA Finance)
 - Approval of the FY2013 Audit
 - Development Office Report –Kim Olsen-Clark (ALA Development Office)
 - Accreditation Discussion – ALA President Barbara K. Stripling
 - Washington Office Report – Emily Sheketoff (ALA WO)
 - Closed session: appointments
 - ALA Executive Board III, Tuesday, January 28, 1:30p.m.-4:30p.m.
 - Budget Analysis and Review (BARC) Report – Patricia Wand (Chair – BARC)
 - Conference Services Report – Paul Graller (ALA Conference Services Manager; Vice-President, Hall-Erickson)
 - Approval of 2015 Midwinter and Annual Conference Skeleton Schedules
 - Follow-up Discussion to Executive Board Planning Retreat
 - Executive Board Liaison Reports

DIVISION BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

- **American Association of School Librarians (AASL)**
 - Board of Directors Workshop, Friday, 8:00a.m. – 4:00p.m., PCC-120C
 - Board of Directors Meeting, Saturday, 8:00a.m. – 10:00a.m., PCC-115B
- **Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)**
 - Saturday, January 25, 1:30-5:30p.m., LOEWS – Congress C
 - Monday, January 27, 1:30-4:30p.m., LOEWS – Congress C
- **Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)**
 - Friday, January 24, 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m., PCC-111 A
 - Monday, January 27, 1:00p.m.-5:30p.m., PCC-202 A

The ALCTS Board of Directors will be discussing open access, planning, publications funding, and the Kitchen Table Conversations.
- **Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)**
 - Saturday, January 25, 1:00p.m.-5:30p.m., PCC 109 A
 - Monday, 1:30p.m.-5:30p.m., PCC 109 A
- **Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)**
 - Saturday, 8:00a.m. – 11:30a.m., PCC 115 A

- Monday, 8:00a.m.-10:00a.m., noon-1:30p.m., PCC 115 B
- **Library & Information Technology Association (LITA)**
 - Saturday, January 25, 1:30p.m.-4:30p.m., PCC-107 A
 - Monday, January 27, 1:30p.m.-4:30p.m., PCC-115A
- **Library Leadership & Management Association (LLAMA)**
 - Friday, January 24, 3:00p.m.-4:00p.m., PCC-304
 - Monday, January 27, 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m., PCC-103 C
- **Public Library Association (PLA)**
 - Saturday, January 25, 1:00p.m.-5:30p.m., PCC-111 A
- **Reference & User Services Association (RUSA)**
 - Saturday, January 25, 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m., PCC-118 A
 - Monday, January 27, 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m., PCC-115 A
- **United for Libraries (UNITED)**
 - Saturday, January 25, 10:30a.m.-noon, PCC-118 A
- **Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)**
 - Saturday, January 25, 1:00p.m.-5:00p.m., PCC-105 A
 - Sunday, January 26, 4:30p.m.-5:30p.m., PCC-105 A
 - Monday, January 27, 1:00p.m.-2:30p.m., PCC-105 A

ROUND TABLE COORDINATING ASSEMBLY

Friday, January 24, 10:30a.m.-noon

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (MAR) Franklin 08

- Roundtable Brochures (Ron Jankowski, ALA Membership Director)
- How to Submit Information to AL Direct
- ALA Presidential Candidates
- Bylaws Review and Update
- Update on ALA Activities (Maureen Sullivan, ALA Immediate Past President)
- Additional Business (as time allows)
- Roundtable 1-Minute Round Robin

NETWORKING EVERYWHERE

Track the Tag: Stay in touch and get updates at the [Midwinter website](#), by tracking the tag-- #alamw14, by joining the [Facebook Event](#), or on [Google+](#), [Tumblr](#) and [Pinterest](#).

Also: ALSC & YALSA Joint Youth Reception -- #youthmember14
 Leadership & ALSE -- #leadalsc
 Children's literature -- #kidlit

Once again, ALA is providing Wireless in the Philadelphia Convention Center – except in the Exhibit Hall.

The Internet Café is available in the PCC Grand Hall & Bridge Area 6:00a.m.-10:00p.m., Friday-Monday and 6:00a.m.-1:00p.m., Tuesday.

GET ACQUAINTED SESSIONS, SOCIALS AND CELEBRATIONS

- ALA/**Association for Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)** will have an informal social hour, Friday, January 24, 7:00-8:00p.m., in the Lobby Bar at the Sheraton.
- The **RUSA Membership Social** will be held on Saturday, January 25, 5:30-7:00p.m., Sheraton, Liberty Ballroom B.
- The **ALCTS Member Reception** is Saturday, January 25, 6:00-8:00p.m., Sheraton, Liberty Ballroom, sponsored by YBP.
- Tickets are still available for **APA Networking Reception**, Saturday, January 25, 8:00-10:00p.m., MAR – Grand D. Tickets are priced at \$50; individuals may pay at the door by cash or check. To learn about the APA and its programs visit: <http://youtu.be/VUO-pbPk4PY> To make a donation to APA, go to <http://ala-apa.org/donate/>
- Check out the newest section of the ALA/Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA), the **LLAMA New Professional Section**, holding its organizational meeting on Sunday, January 26, 3:00-4:30p.m., PCC-304.
- **LLAMA's Midwinter Meeting Happy Hour** is Sunday, January 26, 6:30-7:30p.m., at Smokin' Betty's, just down the street from the convention center.
- You are invited to join the **LITA Membership Development Committee and members from around the country** for networking, good cheer, and great fun at Bar-ly, Chinatown, 101 N. 11th Street, Sunday, 6:00-8:00p.m.
- Join in the **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance and Sunrise Celebration**, sponsored by the ALA/Social Responsibilities Round Table and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Monday, January 27, 6:30-7:30a.m., PCC 113-AB. The celebration will be keynoted by Dr. Sheryll Cashin (Georgetown University), with support from Beacon Press.
- LITA President-Elect Rachel Vacek will host the **LITA Town Meeting**, Monday, January 27, 8:30a.m.-10:00a.m.
- **United for Libraries Gala Author Tea**, sponsored by ReferenceUSA, will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Liberty A-C, Monday, January 27, 2:00-4:00p.m. Onsite tickets (if still available) are \$60. Authors include Lisa Scottoline, Sue Monk Kidd, Laura Lippman, Cristina Henriques, Alice Greenway, and Gabrielle Zevin. Author signings will follow.
- The **ALSC and YALSA Joint Member Reception** is Monday, January 27, 2014, 6:00-7:30p.m., Marriott Liberty A. ALSC and YALSA Members, come here to unwind, mingle with your peers and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres as well as a cash bar. The event is sponsored by 3M Cloud Library.

JOB-HUNTING?

The ALA JOBLIST Placement Center will be open Saturday-Sunday, January 25-26, 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m., Hall C, Pennsylvania Convention Center. For information on conducting interviews at the conference, contact Beatrice Calvin, (800) 545-2433 x4280.

- **Orientation**, Saturday, 8:30a.m. in the Placement Center.
- **Career Counseling** --Recharge your career by meeting with a professional counselor, free, during Placement Center hours.
- **Open House** – Employers will be available to talk to conference attendees about their institutions, Sunday, 10:30a.m.-noon. No appointment is necessary. Employers should request a table in advance of the conference; contact Beatrice Calvin.

- **Résumé Critiques** – If you need help polishing your résumé, take advantage of this free service during Placement Center hours.
- **Workshops** – A variety of career-guidance workshops will be held on Saturday and Sunday. The current list of sessions can be found on the Conference Workshops page of JobLIST.

VISIT THE EXHIBITS: Over 400 Booths of New Ideas

Exhibits Hours: **Friday, 5:15 opening ceremony; open 5:30-7:00p.m.**
 Saturday-Sunday, 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
 Monday, 9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Where? **Pennsylvania Convention Center Exhibit Halls A and B**

Special Features and Events in the Exhibit Hall:

- **Book Signings, ARCs and more...**
 - Don't miss the **Spotlight on Adult Literature**, co-sponsored by United for Libraries and ALA Conference Services, Saturday, 2:00-4:00p.m. See page 20 in the Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory for a complete list of participating publishers and their booth numbers.
 - Meet ACRL authors – Booth #1045
 - Nancy Foster (ITHAKA), *Studying Students: A Second Look*
 - John Shank (Pennsylvania State University) , *Interactive Open Educational Resources: A Guide to Finding, Choosing, and Using What's Out There to Transform College Teaching* (co-published by Jossey-Bass)
- **Catch the PopTop Stage** – next to booth 430 – See page 21 in the Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory for a complete list of participating authors.
- Pick up your free issue of *Booklist* magazine – the one containing the **2013 Editors' Choice** titles – at the *Booklist* booth (#821).
- **What's Cooking @ ALA Stage** – next to booth 1855 – See page 22 in the Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory for a list of participating author/chefs.
- For more information on **Preservation Week**, stop by the Preservation Week booth (971). Visit the Preservation Week website at www.ala.org/alcts and at the @ your library site at www.atyourlibrary.org
- Stop by the **Teen Tech Week™** booth (#439) to pick up your **YALSA** member ribbon and find resources to help you plan great DIY activities for your library.
- See pages 106-108 in the *Meeting Guide & Exhibits Directory* for a complete list of special events.

Check out **Walking the Exhibit Hall like a Pro**, a planning tool and tips from your YALSA colleagues. <http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2012/02/21/ala-annual-walking-the-exhibit-hall-like-a-pro/>

...and on Tuesday, end your conference at **Wrap Up/Rev Up**, the exhibits-closing celebration featuring **2013 National Book Award-winning author James McBride** and his band.

Postal Services

Don't want to stuff all those books and posters in your suitcase? The U.S. Post Office will provide shipping services, located in the Exhibit Hall next to booth 462.

Post Office Hours: Saturday-Sunday, 9:00a.m. – 4:45p.m.
Monday, 9:00a.m. – 1:45p.m.

Internet Room

Need to check email while you're visiting the Exhibits? The Internet Room will be in the Exhibit Hall beyond the 1800 aisle. The Internet Room is organized by the Internet Room Steering Committee and staffed by volunteers and is open during Exhibit hours.

Please note: No luggage carts or other carts with wheels are allowed on the exhibit floor during the Exhibition. If you need a cart for a medical reason, please present a doctor's waiver at Registration. Strollers are permitted only if there is a child in them at all times. Unescorted children are not permitted on the exhibit floor.

Remember to thank our donors, corporate members and Library Champions. See pages 28-30 in the *Meeting Guide & Exhibits Directory*.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 23-28, 2014	ALA Midwinter Meeting , Philadelphia [PA]
March 7, 2014	Deadline for applications for participation in Year Two of "Assessment in Action: Academic Libraries and Student Success (AiA), http://www.ala.org/acrl/AiApplication
March 9-15, 2014	Teen Tech Week™
March 11-15, 2014	PLA 2014 Conference , Indianapolis [IN]
April 2014	School Library Month , http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm
April 17, 2014	Celebrate Teen Literature Day . Watch for YALSA's announcement of Teens' Top Ten nominees
April 27-May 3, 2014	Preservation Week , an initiative of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), http://www.ala.org/preservationweek
April 30, 2014	El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)
May 5-6, 2014	National Library Legislation Day , for registration go to: http://www.ala.org/nlld
June 26 – July 1, 2014	ALA Annual Conference , Las Vegas [NV]
September 18-20, 2014	ALSC National Institute , Oakland [CA]
October 17-18, 2014	AASL Fall Forum: School Librarians in the Anytime, Anywhere Learning Landscape , St. Louis [MO]
October 19-25, 2014	National Friends of Libraries Week
October 31 – November 2, 2014	YALSA's 4th YA Lit Symposium , Austin [TX]
November 5-8, 2014	LITA Forum , Albuquerque [NM]
January 29-February 2	ALA Midwinter Meeting , Chicago [IL]

March 25-28, 2015	ACRL 2015 Conference, Portland [OR] -- and don't miss the call for participation http://conference.acrl.org/program-pages-166.php
May 4-5, 2015	National Library Legislation Day
June 25-30, 2015	ALA Annual Conference , San Francisco [CA]
January 8-12, 2016	ALA Midwinter Meeting , Boston [MA]
March 5-9, 2016	PLA 2016 Conference , Denver [CO]
June 23-28, 2016	ALA Annual Conference , Orlando [FL]

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CHECKING IN AND GETTING ORGANIZED

For more complete information see the *Midwinter Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory*. General Information starts on page 35.

Midwinter Registration – OR, Checking in and Picking Up Materials

Please Note: A photo ID is required to pick up your materials onsite.

Registration Hours: Grand Hall of the Pennsylvania Convention Center (PCC)

Thursday, January 24, 10:00a.m.—5:00p.m. (Exhibitor Registration Only)

Friday, January 25, 7:30a.m.-7:00p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, January 26-27, 7:30a.m.-5:00p.m.

Monday, January 28, 7:30a.m.-2:00p.m.

MAKING IT WORK FOR YOU

Traveling with an infant? The New Mother's Room is located Room 310 of the Convention Center.

Need First Aid? First Aid is located next to Room 202B – Monday, January 20 to Wednesday, January 29; or in Exhibit Hall D Lobby – Friday, January 24 to Tuesday, January 28.

MAKING SENSE OF IT ALL?

What do all those acronyms mean? For a list of acronyms and what they mean, see pages 38-39 in the *Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory*. (Yeah, it takes that much space!)

WANT TO STAY CONNECTED?

- **Wireless Access**—Once again ALA will be offering Wi-Fi Internet access to all attendees of the Midwinter Meeting at no charge in the Convention Center, except in the Exhibit Hall.

- **The Internet Café** – Need a comfortable place to check email? The Internet Café is located in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, in the Grand Hall and Bridge Area, and is open from 6:00a.m. to 10:00p.m., Friday through Monday, and on Tuesday, from 6:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

HAVE A REPORT TO WRITE?

- **Computers**—Windows and Mac computers and printers will be available for members and staff in the ALA Office located in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Hall C. Standard Microsoft software will be provided, but please bring your own flash drives and any necessary special software. Paper will be provided for the printers. These computers are not wireless enabled.
- **Need to make some actual paper copies for that meeting?** ALA Reprographics will be operating in the ALA Office, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Hall C.

Hours: Friday, January 24	10:00a.m. – 10:00p.m.
Saturday-Monday, January 25-27	7:30a.m. – 10:00p.m.
Tuesday, January 28	7:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.

MEETING SOMEONE?

Trying to meet someone in the Pennsylvania Convention Center? Suggest they meet you at the **Meeting Point Sign**, located in the PCC Grand Hall.

RESCHEDULING OR CANCELLING A SESSION?

Need to make meeting schedule changes on-site?

Contact Yvonne McLean in the Conference Service Office, Hall C. The *Cognotes* (conference daily) deadline is 2:00p.m. – so, timeliness is important.

NEED A RIBBON? LOST AND FOUND? DOCUMENTS?

The ALA Office and Conference Services Office are Hall C/ And if you’re looking for a particular division or office table, a diagram of the ALA Office is on page 42 in the *Meetings Guide and Exhibition Directory*.

GETTING AROUND: SHUTTLE BUSES & OTHER TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

For complete information on bus routes and schedules, see page 40 in the *Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory*. And, please, remember to thank Gale Cengage (booth 707) for its continuing support of this important service to conference attendees. See page 37 in the *Meeting Guide* for information on public transportation, parking and taxi service.

FIGURING OUT WHERE IT IS: MEETING ROOM LOCATIONS

Want a map of the conference campus? See page 46 in the *Meeting Guide*. Then, pop over to pages 43-45 and 47-52 in the *Meeting Guide* for maps of the Convention Center and hotels in which ALA is using meeting rooms.

Download the hotel map at: http://alamw14.ala.org/files/alamw14/Phil_Map.pdf

SOME KEY PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP AT HAND

Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch Street, Philadelphia PA 19107 -- 215-447-5000

To reach the following ALA Desks and other service points use the phone numbers listed below. See also page 35 in the *Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory*.

ALA Conference Services –	215-418-2400, 2401	FAX: 215-418-2406
COGNOTES	215-418-2408	
Divisions or Reprographics	215-429-2409	
ALA Exhibits Office	215-418-2421	
Exhibitor Registration	215-418-2412	
Registration Desk	215-418-2410	
Housing (OnPeak)	215-418-2417, 2418	
ALA Public Information Office/Press Room	215-418-2427	
Placement Center	215-418-2425	

EMERGENCY NUMBERS & FIRST AID AT THE CONVENTION CENTER

In the event of a medical emergency at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, please contact Security Control immediately. Dial x4911 from any house phone. In addition, there are beige “hot line” phones around the facility; these ring directly into the Security Control office.

First Aid in the Pennsylvania Convention Center: Next to Room 202B (January 20-29) or Exhibit Hall D Lobby – January 24-January 28

Hospital: Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, 111 S. 11th Street, Philadelphia 19107
215-955-6000

Pharmacy: CVS, 1046 Market St., Philadelphia 19107
215-592-1543

HOTEL NUMBERS (and Meeting Schedule Abbreviations): * = Headquarters Hotel / ^ = Hotel with Meeting Space See pages 46-52 in the Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory for the Hotel Room Locator for a hotel map and meeting room diagrams

^ Courtyard by Marriott (COURT)	215-496-3200
^Doubletree by Hilton (DOUB)	215-893-1600
Embassy Suites	215-561-1776
Four Points by Sheraton	215-496-2700
Hampton Inn	215-665-9100
Hilton Garden Inn	215-923-0100
Holiday Inn Express Midtown	215-735-9300
Home2Suites by Hilton	855-239-9397
Hyatt at The Bellevue	215-893-1234
Le Meridien	215-422-8200
^Loews* (LOEWS)	215-627-1200
^Mariott* (MAR)	215-625-2900
Radisson Blu	215-735-6000
Ritz-Carlton	215-523-8000
^Sheraton (SHER)	215-448-2000
Sofitel	215-569-8300
Sonesta Hotel	215-561-7500
Westin	215-563-1600