Leverage ALA Membership to Achieve Your 2021 Goals

ALA members gain valuable skills and build lasting relationships that advance careers and open new opportunities for progress, both as a professional and as a profession. Members can create their own ALA experience by connecting with others with similar interests and goals, exploring something new, and getting involved. ALA draws its strength from its members because together we can do more for libraries and communities than we could do individually.

Join us on ALA Connect

ALA Connect is a centralized space for members to communicate online with each other and crowdsource ideas from a community of 55,000 library workers. Talk with other members on discussion boards, download shared resources from community-generated libraries, and collaborate as a member of volunteer committees and other groups.

The ALA Member Community is a great space to begin – check out the discussion threads and join the conversation at connect.ala.org!

Take advantage of your ALA Member Benefits and Discounts

Have you checked out the most recent resources to move your career and your library forward? In addition to assets like the Public Policy and Advocacy Office’s Advocacy Toolkit and ALA’s COVID-19 Recovery microsite, your membership offers access to tools from across the association, including:

- The ALA – APA Library Salary Database features salary information from the 2019 ALA-APA Salary Survey and is now available at no additional cost to all ALA members. Hiring managers and jobseekers, directors and HR professionals, students and professionals — the ALA-APA Salary Survey Database will provide you with information critical to your career.
- Exclusive access to the ALA eLearning courses - Mindfulness for Librarians: Handling Stress and Thriving Under Pressure and Fighting Fake News with Information Literacy – a $300 value! (*Member login required)

Plus take advantage of our ALA Member affinity programs and external benefits to help you save on office supplies, car rentals, home and auto insurance and more.

Find out more about your ALA member benefits and affinity programs!

(Organizational members of ALA are also eligible for unique benefits and discounts that they can pass on to their staff as well – ask your Director if your library or institution is an ALA member, too.)

Not an ALA Member? Join today!
ALA is an exciting place to be these days — and for good reason. Thanks to improved programming, a focus on advocacy, professional and leadership development, and information policy, combined with exciting online courses members are involved, making a difference for their libraries and their careers. ALA membership instantly connects you to a network of dedicated library professionals.
ALA membership is open to individuals, organizations and non-profits, and businesses interested in working together to change the world for the better through libraries and librarians. There are a variety of memberships and dues rates to meet the needs of any individual – including discounted rates for students, support staff and non-salaried library staff.

Customize your ALA experience by joining one of our eight Divisions, where you’ll build a network and have opportunities to collaborate with a targeted focus on your library environment and your professional role. Through career development, specialized resources, opportunities to lead and learn – ALA Divisions will connect you to the professional community you want.

- American Association of School Librarians
- Association for Library Service to Children
- Association of College and Research Libraries
- Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures
- Public Library Association
- Reference and User Services Association
- United for Libraries
- Young Adult Library Services Association

Join a Round Table to network with your peers around issues and ideas that are impacting your library, your community and your career. Get involved and work with other members to build the resources and tools the profession needs, share your expertise, and learn from your colleagues.

- Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table
- Film & Media Round Table
- Games & Gaming Round Table
- Graphic Novel & Comics Round Table
- Government Documents Round Table
- Intellectual Freedom Round Table
- International Relations Round Table
- Learning Round Table
- Library History Round Table
- Library Instruction Round Table
- Library Research Round Table
- Library Support Staff Interests Round Table
- Map and Geospatial Information Round Table
- New Members Round Table
- Rainbow Round Table
- Retired Members Round Table
- Social Responsibilities Round Table
- Staff Organizations Round Table
- Sustainability Round Table
The ReMember Fun can help you stay connected.

The ReMember Fund has been established to ensure that library worker members can maintain ALA membership during times of financial insecurity. Keeping members connected to fellow library workers and the resources available from ALA, is so important during challenging times.

Recipients will receive a non-renewable sponsorship to cover ALA basic membership dues for one year.

Eligibility requirements and application instructions are available online.

ReMember Fund is supported by donations and contributions from fellow members. Want to add your support? Donate today! (Donor contributions are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.)

We are here to help!

Have questions about ALA Membership? Please take a look at our F.A.Q. page about becoming a member, managing your member account, and renewing your membership. If you don’t see the answer to your question there you can email us at membership@ala.org.