

Social Responsibilities Round Table

OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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SRRT works to make ALA more democratic and to establish progressive priorities not only for the Association, but also for the entire profession. Concern for human and economic rights was an important element in the founding of SRRT and remains an urgent concern today. SRRT believes that libraries and library workers must recognize and help solve social problems and inequities in order to carry out their mandate to work for the common good and to bolster democracy.



SRRT gives ALA members an opportunity to work on **social justice issues** at a grassroots level within the association. As members of one of SRRT's four Task Forces you can choose your level of involvement and focus. SRRT also has Regional Affiliates and State SRRT's where you can get involved.



The SRRT Newsletter is a quarterly publication that encourages library and information workers, students, educators and all others who recognize the critical importance of libraries in addressing community and social issues.



The Herb Biblo Conference Travel Grant supports ALA Annual Conference attendance and active participation of SRRT members and leaders.

BECOME A MEMBER OF SRRT!

Student: Free

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Retired/Unemployed: \$5

Personal: \$15

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At ALA annual in June of 2019, SRRT will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary. We will hold a celebration event with the Alternative Press Index in Washington DC. Please come and join us there in reflecting with other SRRT members on the accomplishments of the association. Event details will be shared closer to the date.



Areas of Focus within SRRT:

- **The Feminist Task Force (FTF)** was founded in 1970 by women determined to address sexism in libraries and librarianship. The Feminist Task Force continues to be one of SRRT's largest and most active groups, concerned with a broad, evolving set of feminist issues.
- The charge of **the Hunger, Homelessness & Poverty Task Force (HHPTF)** is to foster greater awareness of the dimensions, causes and ways to end hunger, homelessness and poverty in our communities. HHPTF creates resources, engages in meaningful and thoughtful conversations, and takes action related to these challenges.
- **The International Responsibilities Task Force** provides a forum for discussion and work on the international dimensions of SRRT issues, including organizational alliances. As globalization proceeds, it is imperative that SRRT understand its mission in the international context, and work with sister organizations in other countries to address common concerns and problems.
- The charge of **the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Task Force** is to support and advance the observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday as an American celebration through collaborative relations with the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services (ODLOS) and in cooperation with the ethnic and diversity caucuses, and all other ALA units for a broad spectrum of academic, public, school, and special library participation. 2019 marks the 20th Annual MLK Sunrise Celebration.

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