

Government Information Next Initiative (GINI)

A Framework in Four Phases for the Future Goals of the Legislative Committee of the Government Documents Round Table, American Library Association

Purpose: To facilitate existing and future long-term collaborative efforts in advocacy, education and practice among the American Library Association's various communities that share a common purpose to ensure the sustainability of library-based expertise that directly supports active community civic engagement and government information resources/services at all levels of government. Particular emphasis will be placed on the impacts and changes unleashed by the rapid evolution of e-governance and digital public information resources over the last over the last 15 years.

Goal 1: identify issues requiring legislative or advocacy action at all levels of government and through the use of library programs, services, resources and material;

Goal 2: Prepare or advise on relevant resolutions about government information for the GODORT membership, Steering Committee, task forces and committees, and other ALA bodies;

Goal 3: work with ALA Washington Office on issues affecting federal government information legislation/policy/programs; and

Goal 4: work and coordinate on specific legislative and advocacy actions with other ALA bodies

Goal 5: Implement Goals 1 through 4 by specific actions taken through Government Information Next Initiative (GINI) (2016-2021):

- Identify relevant ALA policy statements, advocacy efforts, expertise resources and best practices that prepare libraries, librarians and their communities to take advantage of government information resources at all levels of governance.
- Identify comparable efforts and resources within Library associations at the national, state and regional levels that can work with relevant groups in ALA through GINI.
- Building on the connections and levels of expertise outlined during the Initiative's first two phases, propose at least three specific projects/efforts from interested ALA groups, along with possible working partners from state/regional/national associations that emphasize the library's critical role in facilitating civic engagement, government information accessibility and preservation, as well as build on existing systems of advocacy within the associations that encourage a robust national ecosystem of library services and collections that deliberately engage the basic civic rights/mechanisms to government information and access. Announce the three projects at a future ALA annual conference. Present the three projects the following year.