

**A TRIBUTE RESOLUTION HONORING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION (APALA)**

Whereas the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) was founded in 1980 and became formally affiliated with the American Library Association (ALA) in 1983;

Whereas APALA was organized by librarians of diverse Asian Pacific ancestries committed to working together with a common commitment to support and provide greater visibility for Asian American/Pacific Islander librarians and to advance services to Asian American/Pacific Islander communities;

Whereas APALA celebrates its 35th anniversary in 2015;

Whereas APALA provides opportunities for networking for professional librarians to meet, communicate, and collaborate with ALA and other ethnic associations;

Whereas APALA is dedicated to enhancing the quality of leadership through informed dialogue and forums that address the needs of Asian American/Pacific Islander Librarians and those who serve the AAPI communities, by supporting and promoting library and information services to the AAPI communities;

Whereas the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association provides a forum to advance the leadership role of APALA members in putting knowledge to work for the benefit of Asian American/Pacific Islander Librarians and AAPI communities as well as for the framework of our information literacy in our nation's diverse society;

Whereas APALA is also committed to the use of technology to enhance our jobs, our Association and the AAPI community through the creation of new paradigms of information service and delivery;

Whereas the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association has accomplished the following major milestones:

- Developing the Talk Story literacy program as part of Past-ALA President Camila Aire's presidential initiative, which reaches out to Asian American/Pacific Islander (APA) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) children and their families in partnership with the American Indian Library Association while supporting libraries and community partners with literacy resources and grants provided by Toyota Financial Services.

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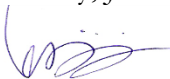
- Supporting ALA Emerging Leaders: Since 2007, APALA has provided financial support to 12 members to participate in the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders program. These participants have worked on a variety of projects for ALA's Divisions, Round Tables, and Ethnic Affiliates and have gone on to many leadership roles within the library community and profession.
- Providing Scholarships to MLIS students and support to the ALA Spectrum Initiative.
- Proudly co-sponsoring and participating in the 2006 and 2012 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC).
- Recognizing Asian American/Pacific Islander Literature through its annual Asian/Pacific American Awards for Literature (APAAL). The Literature Award also celebrates its fifteenth year anniversary this year by continuing to recognize and honor authors and illustrators who publish and promote Asian/Pacific American literature for adults, young adults and children.
- Organizing and presenting in partnership with the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), the first National Conference of Asian Pacific American Librarians (NCAPAL) in 2001 in San Francisco, a precursor to the collaborative concept of the JCLCs.
- Awarding Travel & Research grants to APALA members; and.

Whereas the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association is an affiliate member of the American Library Association; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members:

congratulates and commends the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association for its 35 years of excellence in the development of Asian/Pacific American librarianship.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in San Francisco, California



Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director
and Secretary of the ALA Council