This has been a year of moving forward, reaching out, and giving back for the Association for Library Service to Children. From the children’s rooms of libraries in communities of all sizes across the United States, to the White House, and across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, ALSC members and leaders are doing transformative work and communicating the impact of our essential library services to the world. The amazing accomplishments outlined in this report are the direct result of an engaged board, a hardworking staff, and dedicated members, all of whom are committed to education, advocacy, and access. Our ALSC community is, together, evolving our roles as Media Mentors, strengthening our support for young people during their out-of-school time and in their engagement with digital media, and standing up for diversity and inclusion, and, together, we truly are creating a better future for children through libraries.

**Membership**

**Statistics & Involvement**

2015-2016 has been a good year for growth in terms of membership. Overall ALSC membership is at its highest level in nearly five years, standing right around 4,200. Through April 2016, ALSC is about 5% above the same point in April 2015 in terms of overall personal membership. This growth can be attributed to a variety of factors including the popularity of our grants/awards, strong online learning opportunities, publications/journals, advocacy efforts, and the variety of ways to get involved.

**Emerging Leaders**

In October 2015, ALSC chose Meredith Steiner as its representative in the 2016 Emerging Leader program. For the past year and a half, Steiner has worked as a children’s librarian at the San Francisco Public Library. In addition to being an ALSC member, she is also president of the Association of Children’s Librarians of Northern California (ACL), and a member of the California Library Association and REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking. Steiner is currently working with the ALSC-sponsored Emerging Leader team, creating an environmental scan for the ALSC Board of Directors.

**Mentoring Program**

In 2015-2016, the ALSC Mentoring Program matched more than 100 mentors and mentees. The program offers two application periods every year – spring and fall – and provides online training opportunities via the twice-yearly ALSC Mentoring Forum. This year, the program has focused on adding resources and offering education for those interested in mentoring. Mentors and mentees receive a monthly email with tips and suggestions. At the end of their term, mentors and mentees are honored on the ALSC Blog.
Roadshow
The ALSC Roadshow provides funding for members to represent the association at conferences and alumni events around the country. All requests that seek reimbursements of funds must be approved by the Membership Committee. In 2015-16, ALSC supported members with funds and materials at over eight conferences in states such as Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New York, and Louisiana.

Professional Awards and Scholarships

**ALSC Distinguished Service Award**
This award honors an individual member who has made significant contributions to, and had an impact on, library services to children and ALSC. The 2016 winner is:

- Pat Scales, Greenville, South Carolina

**Bookapalooza Award**
Each year the ALSC office receives almost 3,000 newly published books, videos, audiobooks, and recordings from children’s trade publishers for award and notables consideration. At the end of the year, after the award winners have been chosen and announced, ALSC selects three libraries to receive a collection of these materials to use in an innovative way in their communities. The recipients for 2016 are:

- Bezhigoogahbow Library, Cass Lake, Minnesota
- David A. Howe Public Library, Wellsville, New York
- Nora Sparks Warren Library, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

**Baker and Taylor Summer Reading Program Grant** (Donor: Baker and Taylor)
This $3,000 grant provides financial assistance to a public library for developing an outstanding summer reading program for children. The 2016 recipient is:

- Madison County Public Libraries, Marshall, North Carolina

**Bechtel Fellowship** (Donor: University of Florida’s Endowment in memory of Louise Seaman Bechtel and Ruth M. Baldwin)
This fellowship provides a $4,000 stipend to allow a qualified children’s librarian to spend a month or more reading at the University of Florida’s Baldwin Library of Historical Children’s Literature, which contains a special collection of 85,000 volumes of children’s literature published mostly before 1950. The recipients for 2016 are:

- Bridgid Mangan, Petworth Neighborhood Library, D.C. Public Library, Washington, D.C.
- Wendy Stephens, Jacksonville State University, Alabama

**Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Visit Award** (Donor: Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing)
This $4,000 award was established with funding from Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing, in honor of Maureen Hayes, to bring together children and nationally recognized authors/illustrators by funding an author/illustrator visit to a school or public library that has never had the opportunity to host one. The 2016 recipient is:

- Thibodaux Public Library, Thibodaux, Louisiana
Light the Way: Library Outreach to the Underserved Grant
This $3,000 grant is sponsored by Candlewick Press in honor of author Kate DiCamillo and the themes represented in her books. The grant is awarded to a library with exceptional outreach to underserved populations. The 2016 recipient is:

- Bezhigoogahbow Library, Cass Lake, Minnesota

Penguin Young Readers Group Award (Donor: Penguin Young Readers Group)
This award provides a $600 stipend, provided by Penguin Young Readers Group, for up to four winners to attend their first ALA Annual Conference. Applicants must have fewer than 10 years of experience as a children’s librarian and work directly with children. The four 2016 recipients are:

- Elizabeth Esposito, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, New York
- Kristel Sexton, Ypsilanti District Library, Ypsilanti, Michigan
- Kelly Shea, Paoli Library, Paoli, Pennsylvania
- Caryn Wilson, Three Rivers Public Library, Three Rivers, Michigan

Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship (Donor: Bound to Stay Bound Books, Inc.)
The Bound to Stay Bound Books (BTSB) Scholarship provides financial assistance in the form of four $7,000 annual awards for the education of men and women who intend to pursue an MLS or advanced degree and who plan to work in the area of library service to children. This work may be serving children up to and including the age of 14 in any type library. The scholarship is made possible through the generous contributions of Bound to Stay Bound Books, Inc. The BTSB winners for 2016 are:

- Luz Flores (Attending: University of Maryland)
- Marissa Guidara (Attending: Valdosta State University)
- Heather Harden (Attending: East Carolina University)
- Amanda Neace (Attending: University of Kentucky)

Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship
The Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship provides financial assistance for the professional education of men and women who intend to pursue an MLS degree and who plan to work in children's librarianship. This work may be serving children up to and including the age of 14 in any type library. Two $6,000 scholarships are awarded annually. The Melcher winners will be announced by the end of June.

ALSC Spectrum Scholarship
The ALSC Spectrum Scholarship is awarded to a Spectrum applicant who expresses an interest in library service to children. Since its founding, Spectrum has provided more than 600 scholarships to qualified applicants enrolled in an ALA-accredited graduate program in library and information studies or an ALA-recognized NCATE School Library Media program.

The 2016 ALSC Spectrum Scholars will be announced by the end of June.

ALSC Past President (2005-06) Ellen Fader, Portland, Oregon, has provided a generous donation to the Spectrum Scholarship for a third year. Her contribution will support a student through the 2016-2017 school term and provide for a follow-up grant for a Spectrum Scholar alumnus entering the final semester of work in Fall 2016, including discretionary funds to use towards job interviews.
Literary & Related Awards

Although ALSC is best known for its landmark awards, the Newbery and Caldecott Medals, the association administers a wide range of book and media awards, including the Arbuthnot Honor Lectureship; the Batchelder Award for distinguished translated books; the Belpre Awards for books that best represent Latino culture, co-sponsored with the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking (REFORMA); the Carnegie Medal for outstanding children’s video; the Geisel Award for the most distinguished book for beginning readers; the Odyssey Award for excellence in audiobook production, jointly administered with the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and sponsored by Booklist magazine; and the Sibert Medal for the most distinguished informational book.

ALSC’s Wilder Award honors an author or illustrator whose books, published in the United States, have made a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children.

ALSC member evaluation committees also produce lists of recommended children’s media: Notable Children’s Books, Notable Children’s Recordings, Notable Children’s Videos, and Great Websites for Kids. ALSC’s award winners and notable lists are available at www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants.

- The ALA Youth Media Awards (YMA) Press Conference at Midwinter in Boston was Webcast live and the archive presentation is at http://ala.unikron.com/2016/. In the weeks and months following the press conference, numerous award winners and honorees shared their feelings and expressed their gratitude in reaction videos. Their heartfelt, funny, and creative messages are posted on the ALA YMA Youtube channel (http://bit.ly/2016-reaction-vids). Among the featured award recipients are Sibert Medalist and Belpre Honoree Duncan Tonatiuh; Caldecott and Geisel Honoree Kevin Henkes; Belpre Medalists Margarita Engle and Rafael Lopez; and Caldecott Honoree Christian Robinson.

- The May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture was delivered on April 15, 2016, by pioneering author and literacy advocate Pat Mora. The lecture, titled “Bookjoy! ¡Alegria en los libros!,” was hosted by Santa Barbara Public Library System in California. The archived webcast is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvwOZvgXHis.

2014 National Book Award Winner for her New York Times bestselling memoir, “Brown Girl Dreaming.” The author of more than two dozen books for young readers, she is a four-time Newbery Honor winner, a recipient of the NAACP Image Award, the 2014 National Book Award winner for young people’s literature, a two-time Coretta Scott King Award winner and was recently named the Young People’s Poet Laureate by the Poetry Foundation.

The 2017 Arbuthnot Lecture will be delivered by Jacqueline Woodson, 2014 National Book Award winner for the New York Times bestselling memoir, Brown Girl Dreaming, and author of more than two dozen books for young readers. A host and location for the event will be announced at the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando.

Initiatives

ALSC is home to three major national initiatives, each with a unique focus. Several ALSC committees, including Public Awareness, Every Child Ready to Read Oversight, Early Childhood Programs and Services, Advocacy and Legislative, and Quicklists Consulting, help develop and implement the initiatives, with the ALSC Board of Directors providing oversight.

Día – Children’s Day/Book Day
This year marked the 20th anniversary of the celebration of El día de los niños/El día de los libros - Children’s Day/Book Day. As the National Home of Día, ALSC has continued to work to encourage the widespread incorporation of this multicultural initiative into libraries’ daily programming. For the 20th anniversary, ALSC celebrated with a special story time on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., including Día’s founder, children’s author Pat Mora, three U.S. Congressmen who served as readers, and children from Payne Elementary School and CentroNia’s bilingual early learning program. In coordination with the D.C. event, ALSC challenged libraries to invite legislators to literacy events in their own communities to share diverse books with children and their families.

In September 2015, ALSC and YALSA were awarded a sixth year of funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. ALSC used its $124,000 of support to provide two rounds of minigrants: 10 Building STEAM with Día grants of $2,000 each to help libraries provide culturally diverse STEAM programming, and 20 grants of $2,000 each to support recipients’ celebratory Día programming for the 20th anniversary.

In addition to the minigrants, ALSC also used the funding to improve the user experience and functionality of the National Día Program Registry. The improvements include a streamlined data entry process for program coordinators inputting multiple programs; expanded choices in event descriptions, including languages featured; an easily searchable map to help community members locate Día programs; and tickers to track the number of states and estimated participants nationwide. As of May 12, the National Día Program Registry had 575 registered programs with an estimated 104,000 program participants.

ALSC’s Quicklists Consulting Committee developed two new sets of booklists with engaging titles that embrace diversity. These booklists, along with toolkits, activity pages, and promotional materials developed in previous years with Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant funds, are available for free download on the Día website.

Every Child Ready to Read
ALSC and the Public Library Association (PLA) continue to administer this popular early literacy initiative. The Every Child Ready to Read® @ your library® 2nd Edition (ECRR2) curriculum launched in 2010 and continues to enjoy great success. The ECRR2 toolkit for Spanish-Speaking communities, a digital download, was released in 2014 and is available in the ALA Store. An ECRR2 toolkit geared toward training childcare providers is in the editing phase and is scheduled to be finalized in Summer 2016.

The National Leadership Grant awarded to ALSC and PLA in 2013 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services continues to provide insight on the impact of the initiative. By comparing a cohort of libraries using Every Child Ready to Read to a group of libraries that are not using ECRR, the grant’s researchers aim to quantify the impact that is being made through its implementation. Dr. Susan Neuman and Dr. Donna Celano have written articles for Phi Delta Kappan and Educational Leadership, discussing the effect that teaching the “five principles” has on the ongoing literacy behaviors of parents, and the specific implications that ECRR2 has for children and families who are English Language Learners (ELL).

Everyday Advocacy
The Everyday Advocacy (EA) website is a member-driven resource providing straightforward, effective ways librarians and others can advocate for children and libraries. Everyday Advocacy features resources and tips for engaging community supporters, legislators, and stake-holders and for effectively communicating the value of libraries and librarians, with emphasis on librarians serving youth.
The EA initiative also includes a quarterly electronic newsletter, *Everyday Advocacy Matters*, which highlights advocacy stories, tips, and ideas. A weekly ALSC electronic discussion list post titled, “Take Action Tuesday,” invites readers to try one quick advocacy activity.

An inaugural Everyday Advocacy Challenge (EAC) kicked off in September 2015. A cohort of 18 participants committed to the 4-week challenge during which they completed four consecutive Take Action Tuesday challenges; collaborated with one other, sharing successes and trials on ALA Connect; wrote posts about the experience for the ALSC blog; and contributed their reflections in *Everyday Advocacy Matters*. Based on the success of the first cohort, a quarterly, seasonal challenge was subsequently established.

Through Take Action Tuesdays and seasonal EA Challenges, librarians have been encouraged to set advocacy goals, to realize the range of ways in which they are already advocating, and to share their successes and challenges with peers.

**Projects, Partnerships & Letters of Support**

**The Lunar and Planetary Institute**

ALSC co–sponsored and provided promotional support for a Deep Dive Session, “Creating Out-of-This-World Children’s Science Programming with Free NASA Resources,” during the 2016 Midwinter Meeting in Boston. The session was co-sponsored with the ALA Public Programs Office and was led by Keliann LaConte of the Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI). Attendees received guides to upcoming celestial, Earth, and NASA mission events, and were guided through ways to incorporate these and other NASA resources into their programming.

LPI sought ALSC’s support for a grant to fund a second proposed Public Libraries & STEM conference. After an affirmative vote, the ALSC Board of Directors provided a letter of support and LPI awaits news on the funding of its proposal. If the grant is approved, ALSC has agreed to promote the conference and suggest members for participation.

**Take your Child to the Library Day**

At the 2014 ALA Annual Conference the ALSC Board of Directors voted to support the Take Your Child to the Library Day initiative. ALSC assisted in promoting this program in 2015 and 2016 and has been listed as a named partner on the initiative’s website.

**WGBH Boston**

ALSC provided a letter in support of WGBH Boston's proposed Bringing Science Home with PEEP materials, aimed at developing family engagement tools to support STEM learning. ALSC will inform its membership about the availability of these tools, if funded.

**Babies Need Words Every Day**

ALSC’s Early Childhood Programs and Services Committee developed this set of materials in 2015 in response to a call to action on bridging the 30 million word gap. Babies Need Words Every Day (BNWED) resources include eight visually striking posters that deliver simple, effective rhymes, games, and other suggestions for immediate, enriching ways to communicate with babies. The free posters are available in English and Spanish, and are ideal for posting above changing tables in child care centers, in doctors’ waiting rooms, and anywhere else children and their caregivers have a moment to talk, read, sing, and play. The BNWED booklist suggests titles aligned with children’s developmental skills. The BNWED media kit
contains press release and partner letter templates and talking points to support librarians with community outreach. All of these resources are available for free download on the ALSC website.

ALSC continues to position the Babies Need Words Every Day materials for broad promotion and distribution, while ensuring that potential partners and target audiences understand that their local libraries offer resources and support to extend highlighted practices.

Curiosity Creates
Thanks to a generous donation from Disney, ALSC issued 79 Curiosity Creates grants to public libraries in support of creativity programming. Preliminary feedback underscores the pivotal role that libraries serve in their communities. Responses have ranged from parents and caregivers remarking on how the programs have shown them a different side of their children to patrons noting that they view the library itself differently after their participation. During the 2016 Midwinter Meeting News You Can Use session, “Research and Best Practices in Creativity Programming for Children,” grant recipients shared the outcome trends they have noticed and tips they would pass along to others seeking to replicate their programs. A Best Practices document, compiling anecdotal feedback and qualitative data on the impact of the grants, is in development.

Publications & Communications
ALSC reaches out to its members in various ways. Resources like ALA Connect, the ALSC Blog, Facebook, Twitter, and electronic discussion lists like ALSC-L allow for interactive, two-way communication with and among members. We also continue to provide traditional print resources: Children and Libraries: The Journal of the Association for Library Service to Children and the ALSC Matters and Everyday Advocacy Matters electronic newsletters. Notable news of the year in publications and communications is shared below.

Newbery and Caldecott Awards: A Guide to the Medal and Honor Books, 2016, written by ALSC and published by ALA Editions, was released in May. The annual guidebook is a resource for quick reference, collection development, and readers’ advisory, and includes author/illustrator and title indices as well as information about the media used to create the art in Caldecott Medal and Honor Books. This year’s edition features an essay by ALSC member Allie Jane Bruce, addressing diversity and ALSC book award evaluation.

Great Websites for Kids
The Great Websites for Kids (GWS) Committee reviews and evaluates hundreds of websites each year for the popular website at http://gws.ala.org. So far this year, committee members have selected, annotated, and added 24 sites to the GWS database.

- ALMA Kids - http://kids.alma.cl/
- Bystander Revolution - http://www.bystanderrevolution.org/
- Center for Game Science, University of Washington - http://centerforgamescience.org/games/
- Clic Clic Cuentos Interactivos (Spanish) - http://www.cuentosinteractivos.org
- Disney Junior: Disney Latino (Spanish) - http://disneyjunior.disneylatino.com/
Winter & Summer Reading Lists
Chipotle (September 2015 AND February 2016) – ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee (Quicklists) completed a Winter Reading list and Summer Reading List to accompany Chipotle’s reading program. Lists are to be distributed to schools by Chipotle.

Graphic Novels Reading Lists
Updated in January 2016 by Quicklists, the Graphic Novels reading lists include engaging titles to add a children’s graphic novel collection.

Building STEAM with Día Book Lists
In March 2016, Quicklists released four lists for children from birth through 8th grade. Intended to accompany Día programming, the lists are comprised of multicultural titles that showcase STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) topics. This year with the help of our Official Día Supporter, First Book, the Día lists indicate titles that are available on the First Book Marketplace free or at low-cost to children in areas of high poverty.

20 Years of Día: Share the Gift of Reading
Also produced in March 2016 by Quicklists, this set of four lists, for children from birth through 8th grade, provides a broad range of titles offered in a variety of languages to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Día.

Building a Home Library Lists
The lists are updated every two years at the request of the ALA-CBC Joint Committee. Quicklists provided a variety of titles from which the joint committee then developed a final list. The Building a Home Library lists are intended to present a balance of new titles and diverse content that families would enjoy exploring with their children.

2016 Summer Reading Lists
This spring, Quicklists updated the Summer Reading Lists with new titles. The lists are full of book titles to keep children engaged in reading throughout the summer. Four customizable book lists are available for birth to preschool—newly added this year at the suggestion of the Early Childhood Programs and Services Committee; K to 2nd; 3rd to 5th; and 6th to 8th grade students.

2016 President’s Program Book List
Quicklists developed a dynamic list of resources including books, videos, articles, and links to relevant research to compliment the 2016 ALSC President’s Program.

Social Media
Facebook
The ALSC Facebook account is used to post relevant and timely information related to library service to youth. With more than 7,000 followers, the account has successfully made the case to members and prospective members that the Facebook account is a safe space to come for information and dialog. Over the past few months, ALSC has also created Facebook events to inform and remind members of upcoming opportunities, such as the happy hour event at the 2016 PLA National Conference.

Twitter
In 2015-2016, ALSC grew its Twitter presence using a combination of curation, resharing, and cultivating conversation. In February, the account surpassed 10,000 followers! It continues to grow with the help of involvement by ALSC leadership. For example, ALSC President Andrew Medlar has created specific hashtags in order to engage members in conversation. In connection with the 2016 ALSC Charlemae Rollins President’s Program, Medlar invited members to share images of their own library spaces and how they spark joy in the lives of children and their families by using #ALSCprez on Twitter. ALSC also continues to host a monthly #alscchat on topics related to children’s services. April’s chat was co-hosted with FirstBook and addressed the topic of maintaining a diverse children’s collection.

ALSC Blog
The ALSC Blog is a great destination for those interested in issues facing youth services librarians. The blog provides daily posts on subjects such as programming, collection development, and partnerships. In 2015-2016, the blog has averaged around 19,000 visits per month. The blog is also a place for fun and engagement. In April and May 2016, the blog held a Top Ten Contest, inviting members to submit their top ten lists on any subject. Prizes include ALSC online education gift certificates and tickets to the 2016 Newbery-Caldecott-Wilder banquet.

ALSC Events and Continuing Education
Cancellation of the 2016 ALSC National Institute
On Monday, April 18, 2016, the ALSC Board of Directors voted to cancel the ALSC 2016 National Institute scheduled for September in Charlotte, N.C.

The cancellation was in response to the passage of North Carolina’s Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act (House Bill 2), which repealed all GLBT-inclusive nondiscrimination ordinances across the state. The law contradicts the core values, purpose, and diversity work of ALSC and undermines civil rights and the fundamental principles upon which libraries are founded. While N.C. Governor Pat McCrory did release an
executive order addressing the controversial HB2, the action did not restore cities’ right to establish local non-discrimination ordinances that apply to the private sector.

ALSC has begun planning educational offerings in online and face-to-face format to take the place of the Charlotte Institute.

2016 ALSC Charlemae Rollins President's Program
On Monday, June 27, ALSC will host the 2016 Charlemae Rollins President's Program: “Libraries: The Space to Be.” One of the most transformative services libraries provide children is that of place, whether size and budget allow for a single bulletin board or thousands of futuristic square feet. The program keynote will be given by Marty Sklar, former president of Walt Disney Imagineering, and the man behind the creative development of EPCOT and design supervisor for Tokyo Disneyland and Disneyland Paris, among many other magical spaces. Following the keynote, there will be a panel on how child development, architecture, and stories all work together to create spaces that are vital to children and the communities that support them. The program also will feature an interactive show-and-tell of inspiring libraries from across the globe and everyone has been invited to share their own spaces by tweeting photos using #ALSCprez. The president’s program honors Charlemae Hill Rollins, the first African American president of ALA’s Children’s Services Division (which became ALSC), and is generously supported this year by Disney Publishing Worldwide.

Educational Programs – 2016 ALA Annual Conference
ALSC is presenting the following programs during Annual Conference in Orlando:

- Storytime Live! Improv Techniques that Work!
- Early Literacy beyond the Library: How to Engage Young Children and Parents in Your Community
- InbeTWEEN: Services and Programs for Tweens in Public Libraries
- Reaching the Pinnacle of Program Planning: Creating a Model for Standardized Program Quality and Delivery in Multi-Branch Systems
- Words, Words, Words: Increasing Young Children’s Exposure to Language through the Words at Play Vocabulary Initiative
- Not Your Granny’s Dinner Conversation: Diversity, Race, Sex, and Gender
- 52 Weeks of STEM @ Your Library

Online Courses
In 2015-16, ALSC offered 13 online courses, including a number of courses that were offered with continuing education units (CEUs), certified with the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET). Courses were offered via Moodle, ALA’s online learning platform, and included:

Summer 2015
- Storytelling with Puppets
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Programs Made Easy
- It’s Mutual: School and Public Library Collaboration

Fall 2015
- The Newbery Medal: Past, Present and Future
• Storytelling with Puppets
• It's Mutual: School and Public Library Collaboration

Winter 2016
• The Sibert Medal: Evaluating Books of Information
• Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Programs Made Easy
• It's Mutual: School and Public Library Collaboration

Spring 2016
• The Caldecott Medal: Understanding Distinguished Art in Picture Books
• Storytelling with Puppets
• Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Programs Made Easy
• It's Mutual: School and Public Library Collaboration

Webinars
ALSC is pleased to offer hour-long live webinars that have a youth-service focus. Webinars are free for all members and non-members. Topics included:

• "Making" Readers: How the Maker Movement Can Impact Literacy
• Supervising the Youth Services Department
• Managing Children's Services: Communication in the Youth Services Department
• Managing Financials in a Youth Services Department
• Managing Children's Services: Scheduling and Time Management in the Youth Services Department

Recorded Webcasts
ALSC offers archived webinars, which have already taken place, as on-demand video that can be watched at any time. In efforts to support ALSC's goal of continuing education in 2015-16, live webinars and archived webinars were offered free to ALSC members. Archived webinars were available to non-members for a small fee.

Board Actions
During the period of July 1, 2015, to present, the ALSC Board of Directors has taken the following action. Full details are available online.

Online
Approved, funding of the School-Age Programs and Services Committee proposal for bookmarks and a book list featuring tween nonfiction/fiction paired book titles, up to $1500 from the FY2017 Children's Library Services Endowment funds. (May 2016)


Endorsed, the ALA Office of Government Relations' letter to the U.S. Senate Rules Committee, regarding confirmation of Dr. Carla Hayden as the 14th Librarian of Congress. (April 2016)
Approved, a one-time donation of $5,000 to support REFORMA’s Children in Crisis Project, and tasked the Library Service to Special Population Children and Their Caregivers Committee with exploring other ways to contribute non-financially to the project. (February 2016)

Approved, an expenditure of $1,000 from the Carole D. Fiore ALSC Leadership Fund in Fiscal Year 2017 to support a speaker honorarium for the Big Idea Session at the National Institute in Charlotte, N.C. (November 2015)

Approved, a letter of support for WGBH’s Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL) National Science Foundation grant proposal, which will provide parents of preschoolers tools to engage their children around exploring the natural world. (October 2015)

Accepted, a motion to revise the composition statement of the Advocacy and Legislation committee to add "The 'Everyday Advocacy' member content editor serves as an ex-officio member." (September 2015)

Midwinter 2016 – Boston

Agreed, not to renew the Dia trademark as the initiative now emphasizes year-round “diversity in action” rather than a single day, April 30, which is shown on the current trademarked logo.

Approved, a change to the Policy for Service on Media Evaluation committees to read: members and chairs may not serve concurrently on an ALSC award or media evaluation committee and on the ALSC Board, or another ALA unit’s Board or media evaluation committee, or ALA/ALSC Council, to take effect beginning with the 2019 media evaluation committees.

Approved, the placement of an amendment to ALSC Bylaws Article XIII, concerning parliamentary authority, on the spring 2016 ALSC Ballot to be voted on by the ALSC membership.

Approved, the creation of a task force to explore opportunities for ALSC to support its members in their summer learning work.

Approved, support, in name only, of the BCALA Inaugural Walter Dean Myers Memorial Lecture.

Approved, writing a letter of support for Project LIFE, a 2-year National Leadership Research grant from IMLS.

Declined, a partnership opportunity with the University of Maryland on an IMLS Laura Bush program proposal.

**ALSC Finances**
**as of April 2016 (8 months of data)**

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Collectively, these accomplishments position ALSC to make even stronger connections with our members in supporting them as they serve their communities in the future. As work has already begun on ALSC’s next Strategic Plan, which will take effect in 2017, I am confident that our leadership, staff, and members are poised and empowered to continue to maintain our association’s best traditions and move us forward in today’s ever-changing world.

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