

WHAT'S HAPPENING: A PRE-MIDWINTER 2017 UPDATE

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This is a personal, curated, guide to the ALA Midwinter Meeting, compiled by staff across ALA. There is more – much more. For additional information and more events, check the following sources:

- The ALA Midwinter website: <http://2017.alamidwinter.org/>
- Get the latest information on the 2017 Midwinter Meeting sessions – and create your own schedule: <http://2017.alamidwinter.org/scheduler> , also available through the mobile app at www.alamidwinter.org/mobile-app .
- COGNOTES on the website: <http://2017.alamidwinter.org/news>
- *American Libraries* dining guide: <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2017/01/03/midwinter-dining-guide-eating-in-the-atl/>
- Twitter: @alamw and #alamw17
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WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR?

Learn about the Muscogee and Cherokee Tribes of Georgia. Information is on the ALA Midwinter site under “Hotels, Travel, and Local Information.”

<http://www.ala.org/offices/muscogee-and-cherokee-tribes-georgia>

Change and Challenge

- **ODLOS Town Hall Meeting, “Explore Identity and Healing in Challenging Times,”** Friday, January 20, 12:30-2:00pm, Georgia World Convention Center (GWCC) B203, sponsored by the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services. This past year has been extraordinarily hard on communities of color and marginalized identities. In this challenging time, ODLOS will hold a Town Hall to explore how we can come together and start healing within our organization, and to connect and explore how our personal identities impact our work and our profession. ODLOS will also share progress on initiatives in the Office. Copies of the TFEDI Report will be available. Join your colleagues in this space to reflect together.

- Hear **W. Kamau Bell** at the first-ever **Midwinter Opening Session**. Described by the New York Times as “the most promising new talent in political comedy in many years,” Bell’s memoir and political manifesto will be published in May, 2017. Bell is ACLU’s Ambassador of Racial Justice and serves on the advisory boards of Race Forward, a racial justice think tank, and Hollaback, a non-profit movement to end street harassment. The session is sponsored by Penguin Random House. Friday, 4:00-5:15pm, GWCC Sidney Marcus Auditorium.
- The **Atlanta March for Social Justice & Women**, will be a peaceful demonstration of solidarity, bringing together members of underrepresented communities, women, and their allies in Georgia and nationally. Additional information can be found at:
 - <https://atlantamarch.com/home/event-details/>
 - Library Workers of Atlanta for Social Justice & Women Facebook Group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1846100042303729/>
 - And on the ALA Midwinter site under “Hotels, Travel and Local Information.”
 Want to make a poster or meet up with other marchers? Join the **Poster-Making Session**: Saturday, January 21, 10:30am-12:30pm, GWCC Hall A3 (near the Placement Center). You do not have to be registered to join the poster-making session. A limited amount of poster supplies will be available. Printed maps of the March route and directions to the Center for Civil and Human Rights will be available onsite.
- The ALA Executive Board invites the ALA membership to join a **Town Hall**-style conversation on **Sunday, January 22, 9:30-11:00am, GWCC Thomas Murphy Ballroom 3-4**, immediately following ALA Council I. Many members have expressed concerns about the effects of the recent election on the positions and advocacy efforts of the Association. Although it follows the first meeting of ALA’s governing council, this is a separate forum intended for all interested attendees. Please join this professionally-facilitated session to share your feedback, concerns, ideas and aspirations for ALA. <https://www.eventscribe.com/2017/ALA-Midwinter/fsPopup.asp?Mode=presInfo&PresentationID=244763>
- How can ALA prospectively best pursue its Council-defined policy priorities at the federal level? On Friday, January 20, the second half of the ALA Committee on Legislation’s regularly scheduled joint meeting with the Legislation Assembly will be a 90-minute open discussion of this topic and COL and LA members – Friday, January 20, 2:30-4:00pm, GWCC B214. In addition, the Chair of the **ALA Committee on Legislation**, Ann Ewbank, will hold two “**Fireside Chats**” during the Midwinter Meeting. These are informal opportunities for dialogue around legislative issues, COL processes and other topics. Both Chats will be in the Council Suite (Presidential Suite) at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.
 - Friday, January 20, 6:30-7:30pm
 - Sunday, January 22, 6:30-7:30pm
- Conflict is ubiquitous. Think of the language of conflict resolution” as a foreign language that can be learned. The **Conflict Resolution Advanced Questioning Seminar** focused on the questioning strategies needed to collect conflict information, understand sources and context, and seek options for resolution. The workshop with conflict resolution professional Jetta Todaro is scheduled Sunday, January 22, 8:00-11:00am, GWCC B313.

- **ALA President's Program speaker Kwame Alexander** believes that poetry can change the world. The author of 24 books for children of all ages – and winner of the 2016 Newbery Medal-winning *The Crossover*, will headline the ALA Presidents Program, with **ALA President Julie B. Todaro**, on Sunday, January 22, 3:30-5:30pm, GWCC Sidney Marcus Auditorium.
- Don't miss the annual **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Observance and Sunrise Celebration** on Monday, January 23, 6:30am-7:30am, featuring acclaimed historian Dr. Daina Ramey Berry. Her forthcoming book *The Price for their Pound of Flesh: The Value of the Enslaved, from the Womb to the Grave, in the Building of a Nation* is published by Beacon Press. GWCC B302-305
- Patronize **Women-and Minority-Owned Businesses**. Use the list compiled by the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services, on the ALA Midwinter Site under "Hotels, Travel, and Local Information." <http://www.ala.org/offices/minority-and-women-owned-businesses-atlanta>

Explore the Future of Libraries

The **Symposium on the Future of Libraries** takes place Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Midwinter. Each day begins with a plenary session, continues with concurrent sessions throughout the day, and ends each day with a wrap-up session where participants can bring their thoughts together. Each day's opening plenary will focus on a different area of innovation, but the concurrent sessions during the day will cover all three areas. For additional details, go to <http://2017.alamidwinter.org/symposium-on-future-libraries/schedule>

- *Plenary Sessions (Georgia World Congress Center, A411/A412b)*
- Social Innovation
Saturday 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Darlene Gillard Jones, Chief Community Officer, [digitalundivided](#) / [BIG Innovation Center and BIG Accelerator](#), and Isha Lee, Chief Network Officer, [Welcoming America](#)
Moderated by Charlotte Roh
- Civic Innovation
Sunday 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Marian Liou, Founder, [We Love BuHi](#), and Kyle Kessler, Community Program Manager, [Atlanta Center for Civic Innovation](#)
Moderated by PLA President Felton Thomas
- Education Innovation
Monday 8:30 am – 10:00 am
Dr. Stephen Harmon, Director of Educational Innovation, [Center for 21st Century Universities \(C21U\)](#), [Georgia Tech](#), and Jeffrey Martín, Founder and CEO, [honorCode](#)
Moderated by AASL President Audrey Church and ACRL Past President Ann Campion Riley

- *Concurrent Sessions (Georgia World Congress Center, A411/A412b, A402, A403, and A404)*
The concurrent sessions represent several broad themes for considering the future of libraries. Specific program details, including room locations, are available via the links to the sessions' listings in the Scheduler.

- *New Visions from Library Leaders*

- [The Library's Evolution into Centers of Innovation and Learning](#)
Saturday 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- [Thinking Broadly and Creatively: MIT's Future of Libraries Report](#)
Sunday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- [Collaborating on Libraries' Digital Futures: A Conversation with New York Public Library's Dr. Anthony Marx](#)
Sunday 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- *Our Values in Times of Change*

- [The Future of Librarian Labor](#)
Saturday 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- [Building Community, Leading Change: Libraries Transforming Communities](#)
Sunday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- [Think Universal...To Design Accessible Services for All](#)
Saturday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Recommendations: An Equitable Future for ALA and the Profession](#)
Sunday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- [Sustainable Thinking for the Future of Libraries](#)
Sunday 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- [21st Century Library Ethics](#)
Monday 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- [Building Civic Engagement with a Civic Lab](#)
Sunday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- [Crafting Successful Youth Civic Engagement in Information Spaces](#)
Monday 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- [Towards A Less Normative Future in Library Services to Children/Teens](#)
Sunday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- *Innovating Library Services and Programs*

- [Enhancing Public Library Programs Through a Family Engagement Framework](#)
Saturday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- [TEDx and TED Ed: How Kids & Communities Can Create an Innovative Event to “Learn Forward” Forever](#)
Saturday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- [The Creative Edge: The Art of Creativity Programming in Libraries](#)
Saturday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- [Building the Future: Public Library Directors and Their Trustees Making Future Policy Decisions Together!](#)
Sunday 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- [The Future of Innovation: How Libraries Support Entrepreneurs](#)
Saturday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- [School Libraries as Global Educators](#)
Sunday 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- *What's Next – E-Books, Virtual Reality, Placemaking, and More*

- [Going Fully Mobile: Eliminate the Desk, Eliminate Barriers, Improve Service](#)
Saturday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- [Collude! Resist! Collaborate! ebook Strategies for the Modern Revolutionary](#)
Sunday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- [Bridging the Digital Divide with Open eBooks](#)
Sunday 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- [Placemaking and the Public Library](#)
Sunday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- *Innovators, Entrepreneurs, and Experts*

- [Knowledge Discovery: The Next Generation](#)
Saturday 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- [Environment](#)
Sunday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- [Taking the Library Viral](#)
Saturday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- [Library Exhibitions Unbound: Lessons for the Future from a Decade of Special Projects at the Boston Public Library](#)
Monday 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- [Immersive and Interactive: Virtual Reality In a Contextually-rich Learning](#)

Want a tour of Atlanta libraries?

The **Georgia Library Association** and **Special Libraries Association-Georgia Chapter** are offering a series of library tours, January 20-24. Conference attendees and local library professionals are invited to tour a selection of the city's new and unique libraries, including the CNN Library, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Gensler, and the Auburn Avenue Research Library. RSVP for tours online at <https://goo.gl/forms/eePbUI23bt3OGhou1>

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Begin Midwinter Meeting in Conversation – and Keep Going:

Midwinter Unconference, Friday, January 20, 9:00am-noon, GWCC A305. Join colleagues for a crowd-organized experience to share knowledge and discuss the profession. Talk with your peers and colleagues about the conference sessions you're excited to attend, how you see the profession changing the world, and more.

Use the Networking Uncommons.

Have an impromptu meeting, follow-up on a discussion – or just take time to recharge your batteries (figurative or literal). The Networking Uncommons is your space – with tables, chairs, convention center WIFI, power cords, a projector and screen, and even some gadgets. You can sign up for a time slot if you want to plan ahead – or just show up. Check online for available time slots: <http://2017.adamidwinter.org/networking-uncommons>

Friday: 8:00am-4:00pm

Saturday-Sunday: 8:00am-5:00pm

Monday: 8:00am-5:00pm

You're also invited to leave your mark in various ways in the Uncommons by adding to the **Idea Exchange** or tagging the **Graffiti Wall**. Or, if you're in a creative mood, there will be a ukulele to strum, button machines, sewing machines, craft supplies, and coloring supplies. Or, pick up a board game and make some friends.

Need another place to meet friends and colleagues? Stop by the **ALA Lounge** in the GWCC Main Lobby. You can participate in the first-ever ALA Conference Bingo, just stop by and pick up a card.

Friday, 10:00am-6:00pm

Saturday-Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Monday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Get “News You Can Use”:

“News You Can Use” sessions are clustered topically here. See pages 26-30 in the *Midwinter Meeting Guide & Exhibits Directory* for a chronological list or use the Scheduler at:

<https://www.eventscribe.com/2017/ALA-Midwinter/agenda.asp?h=Saturday++January+21&BDFO=S>

Data, Research and Standards

- The Public Library Association (PLA) is sponsoring a session at the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting, Saturday, January 21, 10:30-11:30am to update attendees on **Project Outcome**, PLA's field-driven outcome measurement initiative. Hear the latest about Project Outcome, a free online

toolkit designed to help libraries measure outcomes with patron-facing surveys, easy-to-use tools for collecting and analyzing data, and practical guidance on using the results to take action. GWCC, B405.

- The Aspen Institute Action Guide for Re-Envisioning Your Public Library, a companion to the Rising to the Challenge report, has been downloaded 1,700 times by librarians, educators and community leaders in 27 countries. At **Aspen Institute Action Guide and ICMA Library Survey: Insights for Developing Community Engagement Strategies**, learn how communities are using the framework in a variety of contexts for strategic planning, community engagement and other purposes, and discuss results of the nationwide ICMA-Aspen Institute survey of city/country administrators on the role of public libraries in advancing community goals. Sunday, 3:00-4:00pm, GWCC B406.
- **Developing a Research Agenda for 21st Century Libraries.** The ALA Office for Research and Statistics is creating a research agenda for libraries. During this session participants will brainstorm about research issues that are of pressing concern for 21st century librarians. Librarians representing all types of libraries are encouraged to participate. Saturday, 10:30-11:30am, GWCC, B406.
- **How People Fit Information and Libraries into their Lives.** Lee Rainie, Director of Internet/Science/Technology Research at the Pew Research Center will discuss the Center's latest research showing how people have a range of behaviors when it comes to using information in their lives. Different people use information in different ways and their disposition towards information is a key thing that librarians need to understand. In many cases, it is this "information mindset" that is a major determinant of how people use libraries, more so than their demographic differences. Monday, 10:30-11:30am, GWCC B407.
- **OCLC Research Update.** OCLC Research will present overviews of several active research projects. There will be time for questions and answers. Monday, 10:30-11:30am, GWCC B406.
- **Programs and Instructional Sessions – Impacts and Outcomes.** What does the data say about the implications of increased emphasis on delivery of program and instructional sessions. What might it mean for your library? Sunday, 10:30-11:30am, GWCC, B406.
- **School Library Research (AASL ESLS) –News You Can Use.** Hear the latest research and updates from the school library community. Sunday, 3:00-4:00pm, GWCC B405.
- **Update on Value of Academic Libraries Initiative.** Hear about ACRL's forthcoming "Action-Oriented Research Agenda on Library Contributions to Student Learning and Success." Sunday, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC B407.

Additional Related Session:

- **"I wish someone had taught me to _____"; An interactive session for children and youth librarians.** What does the youth librarian of the future need to know? What are the skills you wish you had to empower children and teens in your community to voice their interests and needs? This interactive session, hosted by OITP, will help guide the development of post-MLS continuing education for youth and children's librarians. Share your experience and enthusiasm with a team of researchers and library educators to re-envision the next generation of professional education. Sunday, 10:30am-noon (GWCC A410) and Monday, January 23, 10:30am-noon (GWCC A406).

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- Discuss the best technology training resources available to support your library's digital literacy efforts, including GCFLeanFree.org, Microsoft Digital Literacy, JobScout, and DigitalLearn.org on Sunday, January 22, 4:30-5:30pm, GWCC B405. Interested in basic computer literacy classes in Spanish? Need resources for entry-level learners? Interested in getting help to develop your own courses? Join this **Digital Literacy Training Resources Update**, sponsored by PLA, to both learn from experts and share your experiences. Learn how PLA's DigitalLearn.org can be personalized for your library to reduce one-on-one time with learners, help you create your own training and enable you to collect learner data.
- Hear from John Wodatch, a retired, 40-year veteran of the Justice Department and a Disability Rights pioneer, at **The Past, Present, and Future of Disability Rights in the United States and why it Matters to Libraries**, Sunday, January 22, 3:00-4:00pm, GWCC B407. The session is sponsored by ASCLA's Accessibility Assembly and the Conference Accessibility Task Force.
- With the award (2015) of an IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant, ALA's Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services and ProLiteracy have partnered to further the work of "Adult Literacy Through Libraries: An Action Agenda." In this phase of the project, ALA and ProLiteracy are developing an openly accessible online training and collection of resources based on Action Agenda recommendations. These resources will help libraries across the country create tailored action plans for serving their communities' adult learners. **Adult Literacy through Libraries: Resources and News You Can Use**, Saturday, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC B405.
- **Diversity Research Grants Update**. Join the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services to learn about undertaking research on diversity within library and information science across all library types. Get an update on the 2016-2017 application cycle. Saturday, 3:00-4:00pm, GWCC B407.
- **Racial Justice at Your Library hosted by Libraries4BlackLives**. Join a dialogue about libraries and the movement for racial justice. Participants will be encouraged to share strategies, resources, and questions about how to engage communities and institutions in social justice work. Monday, 10:30-11:30am, GWCC B405.
- **Supporting Diversity and Inclusion in the Current Social Climate: Why, How and What Happens When....** Since the November 2016 election, the Southern Poverty Law Center cataloged hundreds of incidents of harassment, including intimidation and hate speech aimed at people of color, Muslims, LGBTQ+ persons, immigrants, and women. Librarians hold inclusion and equity as core professional values, but may need help building understanding as to the difference between social justice and politics before engaging in social justice work. Led by an academic researcher and a public school attorney [Casey Rawson and Stephen Rawson], this session introduces new resources that library staff can use to support diversity and inclusion, and provides guidance on legal issues that may arise when working toward social justice. Saturday, 4:30-5:30pm, GWCC B405.

And for Additional Related Sessions:

- Register on site for the **ALCTS Symposium: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Creating a New Future for Library Collections**, Friday, January 20, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Symposium will explore this critical topic from the perspective of acquisitions, access, management and preservation as library collections evolve to support our ideals of equity, diversity and inclusion. Furthering discussions on metadata, open access, and preserving diverse voices in collections

are critical as libraries face challenges in a changing society. The symposium explores work underway and what the future brings. On-site registration is available. For more information, including full session topics and registration information, go to:

<http://www.ala.org/alcts/events/mw/2017/symposium>

- **CaMMS Forum: Working Within and Going Beyond: Approaches to Problematic Terminology or Gaps in Established Vocabularies**, Sunday, January 22, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC B207. This Forum will feature three papers: “The Ethics of Maintaining LCSH” (Janis L Young, Library of Congress), “Examining the Library of Congress Subject Heading “Illegal aliens” (Tina Gross, St. Cloud State University), and “Problems with Subject Access to Indigenous Knowledge” (Heather Moulaison Sandy, iSchool, University of Missouri).
- **Getting Connected: Libraries Leading the Way to Digital Inclusion.** Digital Literacy is important in education, the workforce, and for every internet user. What it means to be digitally literate changes with each new technology innovation. Google Fiber will moderate a discussion with a panel of digital inclusion partners and practitioners working in libraries. Panelists will discuss how libraries are serving as hubs for digital inclusion and developing partnerships promoting digital literacy. Speakers will include representatives from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library, Google Fiber Community Impact Managers and Digital Inclusion Fellows working in public libraries. Sunday, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC A315.

Information Policy and Advocacy

- **Coalition & Resource Sharing: Using the “June is GLBT Book Month” Campaign to Build Advocacy and Relationships**, Saturday, January 21, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC B406. ALSC, GLBTRT and the LGBT Institute will have a connected conversation focusing on how “June is GLBT Book Month” can be a conversation starter and an entry point for many different populations. This discussion will include how campaigns like GLBTRT’s “June is GLBT Book Month” can support intersections of oppression and strengthen coalition and advocacy for underrepresented voices.
- During a lecture titled “Truman and Israel” at the Kansas City (MO) Public Library in spring 2016, Steve Woolfolk, the library’s Director of Public Programming, was arrested and injured by off-duty police when he intervened when off-duty police, providing security, arrested an audience member who was asking the speaker a question. The incident made headlines in September when Woolfolk and the patron still faced charges. The controversy over the arrests raises questions of intellectual freedom and norms of public discourse in the context of libraries’ ongoing role in hosting public programs and civic discussions. Join Steve Woolfolk and Crosby Kemper III, executive director of the Kansas City Public Library, as they discuss private security entanglements and a library’s role in fostering difficult conversations during the IFC/FTRF News You Can Use session, **Private Security and Civic Engagement: Tips from the Kansas City Public Library**, Saturday, January 21, 3:00-4:00pm, GWCC B405.
- **Building the Infrastructure for Advocacy based on Value and Impact Using Social Media: The FOPL Project.** The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries has built a province-wide initiative to harness the power of the network – affordably – to communicate the value and impact of libraries in their communities. It encompasses scalable training of all public library systems (over 300) in the province to engage in narrative storytelling using social media of all types. This is based in an OpenMediaDesk™ of professional journalists who also create content and engage end-users to share stories about the role public libraries played in their lives. Learn more Monday, 8:30-10:00am, GWCC B405.

- **Libraries Transform Training Session**, Sunday, January 22, 10:30-11:30a, GWCC, B201.
At this session, you will hear updates on the Libraries Transform campaign, ALA's multi-year public awareness campaign to increase funding support for libraries and advance information policy issues in alignment with ALA advocacy goals. You will preview new (free) tools, and join group discussions with current users of the campaign to learn how they are encouraging, implementing, and showcasing transformation at their libraries. This session is co-sponsored by the Office of Library Advocacy and the Chapter Relations Office.

Other Related Session:

- **Improving Federal and State Policy to Support Family Engagement in Libraries.** Policymakers need to recognize libraries as critical partners in advancing learning opportunities and family engagement. Join OITP and PLA as they discuss opportunities for federal and state policymakers to better support inclusion of public and other libraries in a holistic approach to children's healthy development and education. Saturday, 10:30-11:30am, GWCC B217.

Innovating the Future

- **An Archivist, Librarian and Museum Professional Walk into a Conference....** The Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries and Museums articulated a national agenda for strengthening our collective workforce, and has piloted cross-sector projects that demonstrate how the agenda can inspire action. Hear about these ground-shifting experiences and share your thoughts on how this work might be relevant to your institution. Sunday, 10:30-11:30, GWCC B405.
- **From Passion to Purpose: Designing Playlists for Learning.** A Playlist is an approach to informal learning where curated groups of digital or local experiences and resources (e.g., websites, books..) are woven together into sequenced pathways centered on a common theme. During this workshop, participants will learn about the playlist genre, explore how to integrate playlists into programming and develop their own playlist. Sunday, 4:30-5:30pm, GWCC B406.
- **Libraries Transforming Communities: Models for Change.** Starting in January 2017, public and academic libraries across the country will be invited to learn community engagement techniques—such as coalition building and dialogue facilitation – through a series of free web-based and in-person trainings, through a project of ALA's Public Programs Office with support from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. Saturday, 8:30-10:00am, GWCC B406.
- **Libraries: A Powerful Platform for Change.** New York Library Association's Sustainability Initiative is helping libraries of all types understand their role as catalyst and convener to create sustainable, resilient and regenerative communities. Employ whole systems thinking, using the Triple Bottom Line. Sunday, January 22, 4:30-5:30pm, GWCC B407.
- **LITA Top Technology Trends.** You won't want to miss LITA's premier program on changes and advances in technology. Panelists will describe changes they see having an impact on libraries and talk about what libraries might do to take advantage of these trends. Sunday, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC B405.
- **Mapping the Landscapes: Professional Development for Cultural Heritage.** The Coalition to Advance Learning in Archives, Libraries and Museums will present an update focusing on the

Mapping the Landscape project, documenting the continuing education and professional development needs of staff in and across cultural memory institutions. Sunday, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC B406.

- **New Initiatives and Milestones at the Digital Public Library of America.** DPLA Executive Director Dan Cohen and Director for Content Emily Gore will highlight some of the recent new initiatives and milestones at DPLA, including launch and progress on RightsStatements.org , an international standard for rights statements for libraries. There will be ample time for questions and answers. Saturday, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC B407.
- **RDA Forum** will present a report on the November meeting of the RDA Steering Committee and the RSC's response to the FRBR-LRM and a full review and update on the RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign Project that will "break ground" in 2017. Saturday, 10:30-11:30am, GWCC B407.
- **RDA Tech Forum** will be conducted like a Town Hall meeting regarding the RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign Project. Come with your ideas, concerns, and complaints. A panel of RDA leaders will be on hand to respond. Monday, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC B405.
- **ACRL/SPARC Forum.** Libraries have begun rethinking the strategic implications of how many of their operations – in particular, their collections budgets – could be leveraged within the organization. Notably, some libraries are experimenting by moving their collections budgets under their scholarly communications programs. Hear about these and other experiments. Saturday, January 21, 3:00-4:00pm, GWCC B406.

And for Additional Related Sessions:

- The **Libraries Ready to Code project** is a collaboration between ALA OITP and Google to better understand the coding activities currently underway in public and school libraries, in order to expand opportunities for youth to learn coding and other 21st century digital skills. Interested in learning how to start and run a computer science program for youth at your library? Join Google for a hands-on training session on their **CS First** program. CS First is a free program that increases student access and exposure to computer science (CS) education through after-school, weekend, and summer programs. Clubs can be run by librarians or community volunteers. The session is offered twice on Friday, January 20, 1:00-2:20pm and 2:40-4:00pm. Laptops will be available at the session for hands-on activity.
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- **Are Libraries Ready to Code?** What does it mean for a library to be "Ready to Code"? Find out during an interactive discussion focusing on the themes, opportunities and challenges that surfaced through a yearlong investigation of the nature and scope of coding activities for youth in school and public libraries. Panelists will challenge participants to rethink how they deliver youth programming through the lens of "computational thinking" and coding concepts. Saturday, January 21, 3:00-4:00pm, GWCC B215.
- **LLAMA Leadership Development Seminar: "Failure as Opportunity: Leading Your Organization Through Crisis (Including Change)."** Sunday, 8:30-10:00am, GWCC B207. How do we empower our organizations and staff to risk failure to have a greater impact on our communities? Culturally, how do we move from the belief that failure of any kind is bad, to a culture that encourages "risk" and makes it safe to admit and report on failure? How do we see failure not as just taking the blame but as an opportunity to learn from mistakes and make them part of the

process of improving our organizations? Maureen Sullivan, ALA Past President, will lead the session.

- **Ryan Gravel**, urban visionary, planner, designer, and author of **Where We Want To Live: Reclaiming Infrastructure for a New Generation of Cities**, will deliver the **Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture**, Saturday, January 21, 4:00-5:00pm, GWCC Sidney Marcus Auditorium.

...and Talk with Library Innovators at the Masters Series

Bring your lunch and join in conversation with library leaders.

- On Saturday, 12:30-1:30pm, GWCC B313, talk with **Catherine Murray-Rust, Dean of Libraries at Georgia Tech**, about reimagining the research library for the 21st century, including (in their case) creating a shared collection with Emory University, renewing two library buildings and adopting portfolio management and supply chain thinking to reshape every job, process, program and service.
- On Sunday, 12:30-1:30pm, GWCC B313, join **Kelvin Watson, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice-President for the Queens Library**, to discuss the wide-ranging innovations that are transforming the Queens Library. Learn about their efforts to radically transform the way library patrons discover and access eResources through a Virtual Library System.

Celebrate Books, Their Creators and Their Champions

- **50 Years of YA.** Booklist will be kicking off its year-long celebration of “50 Years of YA” at the 2017 Midwinter. The novel commonly considered the first proper young-adult novel, *The Outsiders*, was the debut novel of 19-year-old S.E. Hinton, published in 1967 by Viking. Celebrations in Booklist magazine itself will include special features and spotlights, such as Booklists Top 50 YA Novels Ever, monthly guest appearances by top YA authors, a decade-by-decade retrospective with Michael Cart in his popular “Cart Blanche” column, love letters to YA from librarians and publishers, a Librarians’ Top 50, a fresh look at past YA reviews and more. Stop by the Booklist booth (#1925) during Midwinter to begin the celebration:
 - CAKE! On Friday the 20th during the Exhibits Opening Reception.
 - #50Yearsof YA badge ribbon – and more.
- **Outstanding International Books (USSBY): The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet**, Friday, January 20, 8:00-9:30pm, GWCC A302. Join storied *New York Times* best-selling author Carmen Agra Deedy as she presents a spirited defense of free speech and reads from her new book, *The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet*, illustrated by Newbery Honor Award-Winner Eugene Yelchin, published by Scholastic Press.
- Hear authors **LeUyen Pham, Susan Tan, and Scott Westerfeld**, with moderator Daniel Kraus, in the Auditorium series, Saturday, January 21, 10:00-11:00am, GWCC Sidney Marcus Auditorium.
- **Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and law professor Annette Gordon-Reed** (*The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family*) will speak in the Auditorium Series on Sunday, January 22, 10:00-11:00am, GWCC Sidney Marcus Auditorium.
- Join RUSA on Sunday, January 22, from 5:00-7:00pm, for the [Adult] **Book & Media Award Ceremony** as they unveil the year’s best in fiction, nonfiction, poetry, audiobook narration, and

reference materials, featuring the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction. Winners are hand-picked by RUSA's expert selection committees, which work closely with adult readers. Their tireless efforts narrow down hundreds of finalists to curate the highly-regarded "Best of" lists used by librarians, publishers and booksellers nationwide. All Midwinter attendees are invited to this free event. Sponsored by NoveList.

- Don't miss the **ALA Youth Media Awards**, Monday, January 23, 8:00-9:00am, GWCC, Sidney Marcus Auditorium. Join ALA in honoring books, videos, and other outstanding materials for children and teens at this high-profile event. Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, the ALA Youth Media Awards, including the prestigious **Newbery, Caldecott, Printz** and **Coretta Scott King Book Awards**, guide parents, educators, librarians and others in selecting the best materials for youth. Selected by committees composed of librarians and other literature and media experts, the awards encourage original and creative work in the field of children's and young adult literature and media. (Door open at 7:30am local time.)
- On Monday, January 23, 10:30am-noon, catch the Morris & Nonfiction Award Program & Presentation, GWCC B302. Celebrate the 2017 honorees and winners for the **Morris Award** and **the YA Nonfiction Award!** Enjoy coffee, tea and Danish and listen to the winners and finalists speak about their honored titles. Tickets are \$19 and include a continental breakfast and 2-3 free books, generously donated by publishers. A limited number of tickets for this YALSA event will be available at the door.

Find Your Niche, Build Your Network – and Share

There are over 200 discussion and interest group sessions at the 2016 Midwinter Meeting. Here is a **sample** to get you started. Find a list of Discussion/Interest Group meetings on pages 109-120 in the *Meeting Guide* – or go to the ALA Scheduler for the most up-to-date listing. Here are a few – to get started.

*** **Acronyms** got you down? There is a complete list on pages 62-63 of the *Meeting Guide*. ***

- Friday, January 20
 - **ALCTS CaMMS Competencies and Education for a Career in Cataloging Interest Group (CECC IG)**, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC, B215. There will be conversation-starting presentations on successful cataloging and metadata internship or fellowship experiences.
- Saturday, January 21
 - **Linked Library Data Interest Group (ALCTS/LITA)** will present "Linked Data for Real," 8:30-11:30am, GWCC B207. Speaker presentations and Q&A will cover three topics: "Linked metadata for 3D-models: From Dublin Core to Europeana Data Model" (Xiying Mi, University of South Florida), "A Linked Data Metadata Scheme for Clothing Collections" (Maura Valentino, Oregon State University), and "Collaborative Linked Data Project for BIBFRAME 2.0 for Library Information Spotlight" (Amanda Xu, University of Iowa).
 - **Cataloging Norms Interest Group (ALCTS CaMMS)**, 10:30-11:30, GWCC A312. The theme of the discussion will be "Best Practices for Digital Repositories." Presentations

include “Minnesota Digital Library’s Geospatial Metadata Work (Greta Bahnemann, University of Minnesota), “A lightweight Structured Data Implementation Using JSON-LD and Schema.org for Digital Repository (Lucas Mak, Lisa Lorenzo & Nicole Smeltekop, Michigan State University), “Metadata Migration Managed: Fixing Metadata That Was Up To No Good,” (Jeremy Myntti & Anna Neatrou, University of Utah), “XML MARCs the Spot: Mapping Multiple Metadata Standards for Consolidated Use in an Institutional Repository” (Jennifer Fagan-Fry & Sarah Davis, LAC Group at NOAA Affiliate), “Mapping a Digital Repository to Linked Data (Maura Valentino, Oregon State University) and “Getting Started with DOIs in the Institutional Repository” (Jeffrey M. Mortimore, Georgia Southern University & Ashley D. Lowery, East Tennessee State University).

- Join the **RMRT (Retired Members Round Table) Book Club**, 10:30-11:30am, for “a speed-dating book talk.” Come prepared to talk about three books you have read: something recently published, something older that you always meant to read and finally have, and something that was out of your usual “reading zone.” The list of recommendations will be compiled and posted by RMRT.
- **ALCTS Scholarly Communications Interest Group**, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC A312, will discuss “Providing Long-Term Resources and Support for Open Access.” Achieving sustainable support for campus OA initiatives can be challenging. This panel-led discussion will explore various issues surrounding the costs of building a sustainable scholcomm program, including redirection staffing resources, research networking services, research data, institutional repositories, open educational resources, copyright education, and open publishing. Panelists include Lisa Macklin (Emory University), Kevin Smith (University of Kansas) and Claire Stewart (University of Minnesota).
- Sunday, January 22
 - The **ALSE All-Discussion Group** session will be on Sunday, 4:30-5:30pm, GWCC A304. Groups meeting include:
 - **Preschool Services Discussion Group**, focusing on “Multi-age Storytimes: What works for a Mixed-Age Group?”
 - **ALSC Collection Management Discussion Group.**
- Monday, January 23
 - Join a **RUSA/United for Libraries Discussion Group**, 10:30-11:30am, GWCC A306, to discuss “Are you a Proactive or Reactive Advocate? Best Practices from Academic and Public Library Supporters.”

ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE ALA CONVERSATION

Since 2013, ALA has been holding a continuing series of “Kitchen Table Conversations,” small, informal sessions aimed at increasing our shared understanding of member and attendee aspirations for the “ALA community.” Feedback from the conversations has been shared back with members of the community and has been incorporated in planning at many levels of the Association. **This year, the Conversation will focus on a key aspect of inclusion: accessibility for people with physical, mobility, visual, auditory or cognitive disabilities. How do we create products, services and environments that are usable by people with the widest range of abilities, so that people with disabilities may participate fully in the life of the ALA community?** Plan on joining this vital conversation. GWCC B317

Sunday, 1:00-2:30pm
Sunday, 3:00-4:30pm
Monday, 10:30am-noon
Monday, 1:00-2:30pm
Monday, 3:00-4:30pm

Get Acquainted Sessions, Socials and Celebrations:

Friday

- Join in the **ASCLA/COSLA Happy Hour** on Friday, January 20, 7:00-8:00pm, to socialize with colleagues and build your network. All conference attendees are welcome. The event will be at the Omni Hotels and Resort's Latitudes Lounge, 100 CNN Center.
- PLA and its Membership Advisory Group invite you to eat, drink, and mingle with other public library professionals as well as learn more about how to get involved in PLA at the **PLA Happy Hour**, January 20, 7:00-8:30pm, STATS - Fight Room, 300 Marietta St. NW. Need an additional reason? One PLA 2018 Full Conference Registration will be raffled. The winner will be announced at 8:00pm – and you must be present to win.

Saturday

- **YALSA Happy Hour** will be at Sidebar, 79 Poplar Street, 5:30-7:00pm. Mingle with other YALSA members and supporters. There will be a cash bar and food for purchase. The venue is a short walk from the George World Congress Center.
- The **Downs Intellectual Freedom Award** will be presented to Wendy Campbell, Director of the Darby (MT) Community Public Library, by the faculty of the School of Information Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 5:30-7:30 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Room A703. All are welcome to attend the reception and presentation.
- Join members of RUSA on Saturday, January 21, 5:30-7:30pm, for an opportunity to eat, drink, network, win door prizes and learn more about RUSA and its sections. **The RUSA Social** is open to current and past members of RUSA – and those interested in becoming members. The event is sponsored by Sage Publishing, Macmillan Publishing, Penguin Random House and Civic Technologies.
- Meet old and new colleagues – and find out where the **3rd Joint Conference of Librarians of Color** (2018) will be held. Socialize and help support the JCLC on Saturday, January 21, 5:00-7:00pm, Omni International Ballroom. Appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar. There will be raffles.
- **ALCTSfest: A MidConference Gathering** is in the Omni Hotel, CNN Center, International Ballroom D, 6:00-8:00pm. Help ALCTS kick off its 60th Anniversary year! Good friends, good food, your favorite libation. The annual ALCTSfest (uh-lex fest) is that mid-conference break you need to catch up with your colleagues for lively conversation and a good time. Cash Bar.

Sunday

- Have **Coffee with the Candidates**, 10:30-11:30am, GWCC B202. Meet candidates on the YALSA ballot (President-Elect, Fiscal Officer and Board of Directors At-Large Member) as well as Candidates for ALA President-Elect. Share your ideas, questions and concerns with the candidates. There will be light refreshments and door prizes.
- Join other members at the **LLAMA Happy Hour** for good cheer and fun, Sunday, 6:00-7:30pm, Der Biergarten, 300 Marietta Street NW. There will be an informal, no-host bar.
- **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) Social**, Sunday, January 22, 6:00-8:00pm, Center for Civil and Human Rights, 100 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd, NW. Cash Bar available. Sponsored by Gale/Cengage Learning, provider of The Archives of Human Sexuality and Gender database.

Monday

- **ALSC/YALSA Member Reception** is 6:00-7:30pm, Marriott, A601. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available.

ENJOY!

- **Don't miss the IGNITE! Sessions.** Ignite speakers present for exactly five minutes, with 20 slides, on what they're most passionate about in the library world. For a complete schedule, see page 85 in the Meeting Guide.
- And, end Midwinter with actor, producer, director, host, author and magician **Neil Patrick Harris**, five-time Emmy Award winner and winner of the 2014 Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical (*Hedwig and the Angry Inch*). His middle-grade debut novel – *The Magic Misfits* (Fall 2017, from Little Brown Books for Young Readers) combines his passion for magic with his more recent experiences as a parent. Monday, 2:00-3:00pm, GWCC Sidney Marcus Auditorium.

BE INFORMED: HOT TOPICS

Action-Oriented Research and the Value of Academic Libraries

A team from OCLC Research – selected by ACRL to design, develop and deliver a new action-oriented research agenda – has been working since August and circulated a first draft in November. Learn about continued progress on ACRL's forthcoming "**Action-Oriented Research Agenda on Library Contributions to Student Learning and Success**," with ACRL's Value of Academic Libraries committee chair and OCLC Research's project director, as well as team members, 1:00-2:00pm, Sunday, January 22, GWCC B407. Go to www.oclc.org/research/themes/user-studies/acrl-agenda.html for additional information.

Collections and Scholarly Communication Programs

Recently, libraries have begun rethinking the strategic implications of many of their operations, particularly how their collections budgets could be leveraged within the organization. Notably, some libraries are experimenting by moving their collections budgets under their scholarly communication programs to encourage a shift toward increased openness while improving budgetary stewardship. The **ACRL/SPARC Forum** will continue this conversation by showcasing institutions which currently use their funding in such strategic ways. The session is focused on helping you consider ways of engaging in this work at your home institution. The Forum is on Saturday, January 21, 3:00-4:30pm, GWCC B406. Then, join the **ACRL Scholarly Communication Discussion Group** and **STS Scholarly Communications Committee** for a follow-up discussion from 3:00-4:30pm, on Sunday, January 22, GWCC B204.

Gun Violence Resolution

The Gun Violence Resolution Working Group, jointly administered by the ALA Committee on Legislation and the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, will present its final report and suggested revisions to the Gun Violence Resolution during Council III on Tuesday, January 24, at 9:30am in the GWCC's Thomas Murphy Ballroom. Those wishing to learn more about the working group or comment on the working group's recommendations should attend one of the Sunday or Monday business meetings of the IFC and COL, or the joint meeting of the IFC and COL to be held from 8:30-9:15am, Sunday, January 22, in GWCC B316.

Information Policy Challenges on the Horizon

ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy shared some pre-MW reading:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/act-four/wp/2016/12/20/how-the-smithsonian-is-preparing-for-the-trump-administration/?utm_term=.194424a1efba

<http://www.thehill.com/policy/technology/311729-fccs-5-biggest-battles-for-trumps-first-year>

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/11/30/how-see-white-house-dollar-bill>

Leadership Development for New Library Roles

Academic libraries continuously change in order to serve their constituents successfully. Change often requires library staff to take on new responsibilities and build new skills. How can library leaders support staff change? How can staff be continuous innovators? "Leadership Development for New Library Roles," the **ACRL Presidential Forum**, will feature academic library leaders sharing their experience leading workforce and organizational change and offering useful strategies. Join ACRL President Irene M. H. Herold, University of Hawaii at Manoa Library, 1:00-2:30pm, Sunday, January 22, Westin Peachtree Plaza Atlanta, Savannah A/B Ballroom.

Standards for Libraries in Higher Education Review Task Force Forum.

Learn about progress to review and update **ACRL's Standards for Libraries in Higher Education (SLHE)**. In this Forum, task force members will highlight progress and methods for providing feedback on a draft. The current standards, adopted in 2011, are designed to guide academic libraries in advancing and

sustaining their role as partners in educating students, achieving their institutions' missions, and positioning libraries as leaders in assessment and continuous improvement on their campuses. Share your input on how SLHE has been effective in helping you with library planning and assessment, along with your ideas on how the standards could be updated. The session will be held from 3:00-4:00pm, Sunday, January 22, Westin Savannah A room.

Standards for Libraries Serving People Who are Blind or Physically Handicapped.

Join ASCLA at a Public Hearing for the Revision of the Standards for Libraries Serving People Who Are Blind or Physically-Handicapped, Monday, January 23, 10:30-11:30am, GWCC B214.

IT'S YOUR ASSOCIATION: GOVERNANCE IN ACTION

ALA Council and ALA-APA Council Meetings:

All meetings are in the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) Thomas Murphy Ballroom 3-4

Get Information: ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session, Saturday, January 21, 4:00-5:00pm [NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR MW2017]

- ALA President's Report (ALA President Julie B. Todaro)
- ALA President-Elect Report (ALA President-Elect James G. Neal)
- ALA Executive Director's Report (ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels)
- Budget Analysis and Review Committee [BARC] Report (Chair Ann M. Martin)
- ALA Treasurer's Report (ALA Treasurer Susan H. Hildreth)
- ALA Endowment Trustees Report (Rodney Hersberger, Chair, Endowment Trustees)
- 2016 ALA Nominating Committee Report (Chair Steven J. Bell)
- Announcements (ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels)

!!! Don't miss the ALA Presidential Candidates' Forum, immediately following the ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session (same room). Hear from candidates for ALA President and ALA Treasurer.

Join ALA Presidential Candidates:

- Loida A. Garcia-Febo, President, Information New Wave, Brooklyn, NY;
- Terri L. Grief, School Librarian, McCracken County High School, Paducah, KY; and
- Scott Walter, University Librarian, DePaul University, John T. Richardson Library, Chicago, IL

Please Note: The ALA Council agenda is dynamic and continues to build during the ALA Midwinter Meeting, as resolutions are developed by individuals and groups in response to current issues and member concerns. The agendas below are the starting point, only.

- **ALA Council I – Sunday, January 22, 8:30-9:30am [NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR MW2017]**
 - Adoption of the Rules and Agenda Review

- Executive Director Search Committee Report (Courtney L. Young, Chair)
 - Nominations for the Council Executive Board Election (ALA President-Elect James G. – Jim - Neal)
 - Appointment of Tellers for the ALA Executive Board Election (ALA President Julie B. Todaro)
 - Review of Executive Board Actions since the 2016 Annual Conference (ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels)
 - Implementation of the 2016 ALA Annual Conference Council Actions (ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels)
 - New Business
 - Honorary Membership Nomination (ALA Immediate Past President Sari Feldman)
 - Announcements (ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels)
- **ALA Town Hall: Library Advocacy and Core Values in Uncertain Times** follows immediately, in the same room, 9:30-11:00am
- **ALA-APA Council, Sunday, January 22, 11:00-11:30 [NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR MW2017]**
 - Agenda Review (ALA-APA President Julie B.Todaro)
 - Minutes of the 2016 ALA-APA Midwinter Meeting
 - ALA-APA Executive Director’s Report (ALA-APA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels)
 - ALA-APA Treasurer’s Report (ALA-APA Treasurer Susan H. Hildreth)
 - New Business
 - Announcements (ALA-APA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels)
 - **ALA Council II – Monday, January 23, 10:00am-noon**
 - Report of Officers: To amend 2015 ALA Strategic Directions by adding a 4th Strategic Direction: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (ALA President-Elect James G. Neal)
 - Tellers Report, ALA Executive Director Search Committee Council Election (ALA Councilor Bill Sudduth III, Chair)
 - Policy Monitoring Committee Report (Councilor Christopher J. Corrigan, Chair)
 - Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report (James R. Rettig, Chair)
 - Committee on Organization Report (Susan Considine, Chair)
 - International Relations Committee Report (Leslie B. Burger, Chair)
 - Freedom to Read Foundation Report (FTRF President Martin L. Garnar)
 - New Business
 - Resolution on Educational Requirements for the Executive Director (Peter Hepburn, ALA Executive Board Member)
 - Announcements (ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels)

The ALA Executive Board Candidates Forum follows Council II in the same room, Monday, January 23, 12:15-1:15pm

- **ALA Council III – Tuesday, January 24, 9:30am-11:30am**
 - Memorials, Tributes and Testimonials
 - FY2018 Programmatic Priorities (ALA Treasurer Susan H. Hildreth)
 - Report of the Tellers, ALA Executive Board Council Election (ALA Councilor William E. Sudduth, Chair)

- Intellectual Freedom Committee Report (Pamela R. Klipsch, Chair)
- Committee on Legislation Report (Ann Dutton Ewbanks, Chair)
- Conference Accessibility Task Force Report (ALA Councilors Christopher J. Corrigan and Mike Marlin, Co-Chairs)
- New Business
- Announcements (ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels)

ALA Executive Board and ALA-APA Board of Directors:

All meetings are in the Georgia World Congress Center – Executive Boardroom (Building A, Level 4)

- **ALA Executive Board I—Friday, January 20, 7:30-11:15am**
 - Consent Agenda/Written Reports: ALA President, ALA President-Elect, ALA Executive Director
 - Executive Session (approximately 7:35-9:35am)
 - Washington Office Discussion
 - Board Effectiveness Session
 - Task Force on Context of Future Accreditation Report (Peter Hepburn, Chair)
 - Committee on Accreditation (COA) Response to the Report of the Task Force on Accreditation Process and Communication (COA Chair Elizabeth Aversa)
 - ALA Strategic Direction: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (ALA President-Elect James Neal)
 - Washington Office Report (ALA Associate Executive Director Emily Sheketoff)
 - Board Liaison Visits and Talking Points

- **ALA Executive Board II – Monday, January 23, 2:00-4:15pm** [Note: the Board is scheduled to go into executive or closed session for approximately one hour, starting approximately at 2:50pm)
 - FY2016 Audit Report (Jeff Delheimer and John Fedus of Mueller & Co.; Mark Leon, ALA Associate Executive Director)
 - Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Recommendations (Jody Gray, Director, Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services; Melissa Cardenas-Dow and Martin Garner, Co-Chairs, EDI Implementation Working Group)
 - Executive Session:
 - Legal Update (Paula Goedert, Barnes & Thornburg LLP)
 - Executive Director Search
 - Development Office Report (Sheila O’Donnell, Director, ALA Development Office)

- **ALA-APA Board of Directors – Monday, January 23, 4:15-4:30pm**
 - Consent Agenda
 - Progress Report (Lorelle Swader, Director, ALA-APA)
 - Treasurer’s Report (ALA Treasurer Susan Hildreth)

- **ALA Executive Board III – Tuesday, January 24, 1:00-4:30pm**

- Report Out of Executive Session (ALA President Julie Todaro)
- Budget Analysis and Review Committee (BARC) and Finance and Audit Committee (F&A) Report (ALA Treasurer Susan Hildreth)
- Endowment Trustees' Report (ALA Treasurer Susan Hildreth)
- Conference Redesign (Clara Bohrer, Chair, ALA Conference Committee)
- Conference Services Report and Approval of 2018 Skeleton Schedules (Paul Graller, Manager, ALA Conference Services; Mary Ghikas, Senior Associate Executive Director, ALA)
- ALA Town Hall: Library Advocacy and Core Values in Uncertain Times (ALA President Julie Todaro)
- Digital Content Working Group Report (Alan Inouye, Director, ALA Office for Information Technology Policy; Carolyn Anthony, Co-Chair, Digital Content Working Group)
- Executive Session:
 - ALA and Joint Standing Committee Appointments
 - IFLA Governing Board At-Large Representatives for 2017-2019
 - IFLA Section Committee Representatives for 2017-2019
- Liaison Reports
- Board Effectiveness (ALA Immediate Past President Sari Feldman)

Division Boards of Directors: (and other leadership sessions)

- **American Association of School Librarians (AASL)**
 - Board I – Saturday, January 21, 8:00-11:15am, GWCC A303.
 - Board II – Sunday, January 22, 1:00-3:00pm, GWCC A406.
 - You may also want to note the following meetings:
 - Affiliate Assembly I – Saturday, January 21, 1:00-3:00pm, GWCC B203.
 - Affiliate Assembly II – Sunday, January 22, 9:00am-1:00pm, GWCC B203.
 - Educators of School Librarians Section Meeting – Saturday, January 21, noon-2:30pm, Marriott L508.
 - Supervisors Section Meeting, Saturday, January 21, 3:00-5:00pm, Marriott A702.
 - Independent Schools Section Meeting, Sunday, January 22, 11:00am-12:30pm, Omni Juniper.
- **Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS)**
 - Board I – Friday, January 20, 1:00-5:00pm, GWCC A408.
 - Board II – Monday, January 23, GWCC, A408.
 - Topics include the ALCTS mentoring program; LRTS business model; ACLTS diversity statement; and budget and dues.
- **Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)**
 - Board I – Saturday, January 21, 1:00-5:30pm, GWCC A407.
 - Board II – Monday, January 23, 1:30-5:30pm, GWCC A407.
 - Also: Leadership & ALSC, Saturday, January 21, 8:30-11:30am, GWCC A305. (Doors open at 7:30am). At the Leadership & ALSC program, ALSC leaders will release a draft version of the new ALSC Strategic Plan. Attendees will help build objectives. The announcement of the 2017 Distinguished Service Award is also made. The event is open to all attendees. ALA will also stream the announcements live on the I Love Libraries Facebook account: www.facebook.com/ilovelibraries

- **Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)**
 - Board I – Saturday, January 21, 1:30-5:30pm, Westin Peachtree Plaza, Savannah C room.
 - Board II – Monday, January 23, 1:30-4:30pm, Westin Peachtree Plaza, Savannah C room.
- **Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)**
 - Board I – Saturday, January 21, 8:00-10:00am, GWCC B316.
 - Board II – Monday, January 23, noon-1:30pm, GWCC B316.

You may also want to note the following meetings:

 - ASCLA Leadership Session, with Jessamyn West, Saturday, January 21, 10:00-11:30am, GWCC B316.
 - ASCLA All-Committee & Finance and Planning Meeting, Saturday, January 21, 3:00-5:30pm, GWCC A410.
- **Library and Information Technology Association (LITA)**
 - Board of Directors, Saturday, January 21, 1:30-4:30pm, OMNI, Spruce Room.
 - Board of Directors II, Monday, January 23, 1:30-4:30pm, GWCC A310.
- **Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA)**
 - Board of Directors I, Friday, January 20, 3:00-5:00pm, GWCC B209.
 - Board of Directors II, Monday, January 23, 1:00-3:00pm, GWCC A316.

You may also want to note the following meetings:

 - LLAMA General Membership Meeting, Saturday, January 21, 10:30-11:30am, GWCC B208. Members and nonmembers alike are invited to hear about the LLAMA reorganization and to share your ideas and perspectives.
- **Public Library Association (PLA)**
 - The PLA Board of Directors will meet Saturday, January 21, 1:00-5:00pm, Hyatt Piedmont.
- **Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)**
 - Board I – Saturday, January 21 – CANCELLED.
 - Board II – Monday, January 23, 2:00-4:00pm, GWCC B316.
- **United for Libraries (UFL)**
 - United for Libraries Board will meet Sunday, January 10, 3:00-5:00pm, GWCC B408.
- **Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)**
 - Board of Directors I, Saturday, January 21, 1:00-5:00pm, GWCC A406.
 - Board of Directors II, Sunday, January 22, 4:30-5:30pm, GWCC, A406.
 - Board of Directors III, Monday, January 23, 1:00-2:30pm, GWCC A406.

Round Table Coordinating Assembly (RTCA):

- The Round Table Coordinating Assembly will meet Friday, January 20, 10:30am-noon, GWCC, A304.

Need more acronyms? See <http://www.ala.org/tools/library-related-acronyms-and-initialisms>

NETWORKING EVERYWHERE

Stay Connected

- Get current information for the Mobile App at <http://2017.alamidwinter.org/mobile-app>
- Conference-wide free Wi-Fi is available in all public areas of the GWCC and is sponsored this year by BiblioCommons (visit them at booth #855 in the Exhibits). To use this service connect your device to the hotspot “BiblioCommons Free Wifi” using the password “atlanta2017” (lowercase, without quotation marks). When you open your browser you’ll click a “connect” button that will allow you to have internet access.
- Use the hashtag **#alamw17** to get your tweet into the Midwinter meeting stream, so it shows up on the ALA home page, convention center monitors, and other places.
- **The Internet Café** features a comfortable place for delegates to surf the Internet and check e-mail. Located in the Registration Hall of Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC), the Cafés is open from 6:00 am – 10:00 pm, Friday through Monday, and on Tuesday 6:00am – 1:00 pm. Wi-Fi access will also be available throughout GWCC at no charge.

JOB-HUNTING? CAREER PLANNING?

Take advantage of the services of the **ALA JobLIST Placement & Career Development Center, Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC), Building A, Hall A-3, 285 Andrew Young International Blvd., Atlanta, GA**. Jobseekers may attend career guidance workshops, talk to a career counselor, have your resume reviewed, have a photo taken, and talk to employers in the Placement Center. All services are free to job seekers and ALA membership is not required. See pages 50-51 in the *Meeting Guide*.

Placement Center Hours:	Saturday, January 21, 9:00am-5:00pm Sunday, January 22, 9:00am-5:00pm
Placement Center Open House:	Sunday, January 22, 10:30am -12:00pm

Placement Center Orientation: Saturday, January 21, 8:30am. This orientation is intended for people who are not familiar with the ALA JobLIST Placement & Career Development Center. We will walk around the Center and discuss the available services and activities. Both employers and job seekers are welcome to attend. Staff will be available to answer your questions.

Career Counseling: Saturday-Sunday, January 21-22, 9:00am-5:00pm. Recharge your career by meeting with a professional career coach, who can guide you in strategizing for the next phase of your career, solving a problem in your current job situation, defining goals, and/or rejuvenating your career.

Each one-on-one session is 20 minutes and is completely confidential. Sign up for an appointment at the Center or in advance at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084aafa8283-alacareer1>

On-the-Fly Mentoring: Saturday, January 21, 9:00 am–12:00 pm; Sunday, January 22, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

Looking for some professional guidance and advice? If so, you should stop by the Placement Center for the ACRL—University Libraries Section’s “On-the-Fly” Mentoring to talk with an experienced librarian about any and all aspects of your career. Mentoring sessions are available by appointment and on a first-come, first-served drop-in basis.

Open House/Job Fair: Sunday, January 22, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Employers will be available to talk to conference attendees about their institutions. You do not have to be an active job seeker to attend. Conference attendees can feel free to walk around and talk to employers. No appointment necessary. There is no cost to attend or participate.

Career Development Workshops (CDW): (no registration required)

Listed on page 51 in the *Meeting Guide* are the sessions that will be held in the ALA JobLIST Placement & Career Development Center. There is no cost to attend. Registration is not required unless otherwise noted.

VISIT THE EXHIBITS

Where and When:

Join over 450 exhibitors in Exhibit Hall of the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC).

Exhibit Hours

Friday, January 20 – Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall	5:30-7:00pm
Saturday-Sunday, January 21-22	9:00am-5:00pm
Monday, January 23	9:00am-2:00pm

See pages 136-137 in the *Meeting Guide* for an **Exhibit Floor Plan**. See pages 138-161 for an alphabetical listing of exhibitors, and pages 162-175 for an exhibitor listing by product.

Special Features and Events:

- Visit **YALSA’s booth (#709)** in the Exhibit Hall to get stocked up on everything you need for Teen Tech Week™, including free posters, bookmarks and a Making in the Library Toolkit.
- Don’t miss the **Innovation Pavilion, #838**, with accessibility products, VR/AR, and more.
- United for Libraries, along with ALA Conference Services, will sponsor **“Spotlight on Adult Literature”** from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 31 at the McCormick Place West Exhibit Hall

at the 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Chicago. Participating publishers will host book and galley giveaways, author signings and more.

Say Thank You – to Sponsors, Corporate Members and Library Champions

See the Meeting Guide for lists of Sponsors (page 54), Corporate Members (pages 52-53) and Library Champions (page 55). Their support supports ALA’s advocacy mission and provides a richer conference environment for all participants.

THE ALA STORE

Longer hours and easy access near the onsite Registration area make it convenient to shop and browse at the ALA Store at [Midwinter Meeting](#). The ALA Store offers products that meet the widest range of your promotional and continuing education/professional development needs—as well as fun gift items. Make sure to carve out some time in your schedule to stop by and examine the many new and bestselling items available!

ALA Store hours:

Friday, January 20	12:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Saturday, January 21	8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday, January 22	8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Monday, January 23	8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

ALA Graphics will feature a range of new and best-selling products, plus special conference-only items. Posters making their conference debut include *Finding Winnie*, by 2015 Caldecott Medal-winner Sophie Blackall, *LEGO Batman and Batgirl*, and *Rainbow Fish*. Other popular posters and bookmarks like [Buffy the Vampire Slayer](#), [DC Super Hero Girls](#), and [Fantastic Beasts](#) will also be available. Shop new gift items including the [Baby Bear Read to Me T-shirt](#) featuring art by Eric Carle.

Come check out all the new materials on hand for [2017 National Library Week](#) including posters, bookmarks, mini-posters, and clings.

Remember to stop by early to get your pick of conference t-shirts—they sell out fast!

ALA Publishing is excited to offer several new titles hot off the press, such as the new second edition of [“Winning Grants: A How-To-Do-It Manual For Librarians,”](#) by Stephanie K. Gerding and Pamela H. MacKellar; [“Capturing Our Stories: An Oral History of Librarianship in Transition,”](#) by A. Arro Smith, PhD; and [“Becoming a Media Mentor: A Guide for Working with Children and Families,”](#) by Claudia Haines, Cen Campbell, and the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). Remember that you can find titles from ALA Editions, ALA Neal-Schuman, Facet Publishing, UK, and the ALA Divisions in the ALA Store, and also get free shipping on all book orders placed in the ALA Store (posters, bookmarks, and other gift-type items are not eligible for this offer).

Meet high-profile authors and pick up an autographed book or two: use the [Conference Scheduler](#) to plan your time at Midwinter Meeting, including the author signing taking place at the ALA Store:

- **Edmund A. Rossman III**, author of "[40+ New Revenue Sources for Libraries and Nonprofits](#)"
Saturday, January 21, 1:00 PM

Prices at the ALA Store automatically reflect the ALA Member discount, so there's no need to dig out your member number. And remember that every dollar you spend at the ALA Store helps support library advocacy, awareness, and other key programs and initiatives!

CHECKING IN AND GETTING ORGANIZED

Registration is located on Level 4, Registration Hall of Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC).

Registration Hours are:

Thursday, January 19	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm *Exhibitor Registration Only
Friday, January 20	7:30 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday, January 21	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 22	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Monday, January 23	7:30 am – 2:00 pm

Getting Around

Shuttle Buses? Absolutely! – and thank Gale Cengage (Booth #1606). Free shuttle bus service between the Meeting hotels begins at 7:00am on Friday, January 20. Shuttle bus schedules will be available at participating hotels, in *COGNOTES*, at registration, on page 64 in the *Meeting Guide* – or see the Midwinter Meeting website:

<http://2017.alamidwinter.org/sites/default/files/ALA%20MW%202017%20ATL%20flyer%20as%20of%2010.7.16.pdf>

Complimentary bus service is supported by **Gale**, a Cengage company. Don't forget to stop by their booth #1606 and say *thanks for the lift*.

Need a Map? See pages 66-69 in the Meeting Guide for a map of the conference campus showing all conference hotels – as well as a Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) floor plan. Continue to pages 72-79 for maps of hotels showing meeting room locations.

MAKING IT WORK FOR YOU

ALA Office – Need to pick up meeting materials? A special ribbon? Connect with someone? The ALA

Office is in the Thomas Murphy Ballroom at the George World Congress Center (GWCC) **Computers and Printers are** also available for member use in the ALA Staff Office. Bring your own software and jump drive; paper will be available. Looking for a particular Office or Division? See pages 70 and 71 in the *Meeting Guide* for an **ALA Office Locator and Floor Plan**. Need an office supply store? Office Depot is at 1205 Caroline St. NE, Atlanta 30307, Store # 2296 – 404-222-9611

Accessibility Questions: Contact the ALA Conference Accessibility hotline at 312-280-3225 or Confaccess@ala.org

Gender-Neutral Bathrooms: There will be gender-neutral bathroom facilities located in The Georgia World Congress Center: near room A307, near room B312 and Thomas Murphy Ballroom lobby.

Lost and Found – Turn in – or claim – items at the Conference Services counter at the Conference Services counter at the ALA Office in GWCC-Thomas Murphy Ballroom 1-2. Unclaimed items will be held in Conference Services, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611 for one month after the meeting. For help in locating lost items during the meeting, please call (617) 954-3950. After the meeting please call (312) 280-3222.

New Mothers Room –The New Mothers’ Room is B319, Georgia World Congress Center.

KEY NUMBERS

Registration: 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting

As of Friday, January 13, paid pre-registration for the Atlanta meeting is 3,935, compared to 4,296 in 2016 (Boston). Total registration – including exhibitors, exhibits-only and others – is 7,831, compared to 8665 for Boston.

ALA Membership

	November 2016	November 2015
Total	56,993	58,952
<i>Including:</i>		
<i>Personal</i>	51,220	52,985
<i>Organizational</i>	5,603	5,792
<i>Corporate</i>	170	175

November 2016**November 2015****Division Memberships**

American Association of School Librarians (AASL)	6,383	7,059
Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)	10,623	11,108
Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)	3,367	3,584
Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC)	4,122	4,069
Association for Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)	792	812
Library & Information Technology Association (LITA)	2,564	2,723
Library Leadership & Management Association (LLAMA)	3,600	3,680
Public Library Association (PLA)	8,704	8,259
Reference & User Services Association (RUSA)	3,208	3,368
United for Libraries (United)	4,368	4,510
Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)	4,926	5,181

Round Table Memberships

Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)	641	615
Exhibits Round Table (ERT)	485	515
Federal & Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT)	301	303
Games and Gaming Round Table (GameRT)	531	487
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT)	1,137	1,079
Government Documents Round Table (GODORT)	614	681
Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT)	1,102	1,112
International Relations Round Table (IRRT)	1,600	1,697
Learning Round Table (LearnRT)	291	282
Library History Round Table (LHRT)	341	369
Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT)	1,508	1,532
Library Research Round Table (LRRT)	1,143	1,182
Library Support Staff Interests Round Table (LSSIRT)	324	351
Map and Geospatial Information Round Table (MAGIRT)	294	308
New Members Round Table (NMRT)	1,063	1,177
Retired Members Round Table (RMRT)	218	213
Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)	1,074	1,022
Staff Organizations Round Table (S[T]ORT)	133	142
Sustainability Round Table (SustainRT)	233	203
Video Round Table (VRT)	376	416

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 20-24, 2017	ALA 2017 Midwinter Meeting, Atlanta [GA]
March 5-11, 2017	Teen Tech Week® : “Be the Source of Change”
March 22-25, 2017	ACRL 2017, Baltimore [MD]
April 2017	School Library Month
April 2017	Registration for YALSA’s 2017 YA Services Symposium opens
April 1, 2017	2017 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture featuring Jacqueline Woodson
April 13, 2017	Teens’ Top Ten Nominee Announcement
April 23-29, 2017	Preservation Week, sponsored by ALCTS, http://ala.org/preservationweek
April 30, 2017	Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros
May 1-2, 2017	National Library Legislative Day, Washington, DC
May 1-2, 2017	Virtual National Library Legislative Day
May 9-18	ALCTS Exchange
June 22-28, 2017	ALA 2017 Annual Conference, Chicago [IL]
September 27, 2017	Banned Websites Awareness Day
October 8-14, 2017	Teen Read Week®
November 3-5, 2017	YALSA 2017 YA Services Symposium, Louisville [KY]
November 9-11, 2017	AASL 18 th National Conference & Exposition, Phoenix [AZ]
February 9-13, 2018	ALA Midwinter Meeting, Denver [CO]
March 20-24, 2018	PLA 2018 Conference, Philadelphia [PA]
June 21-26, 2018	ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans [LA]
September 27-29, 2018	2018 ALSC National Institute, Cincinnati [OH]
November 2-4, 2018	YALSA 2018 YA Services Symposium, Salt lake City [UT]
November 14-17, 2018	AASL 19 th National Conference & Exposition, Louisville [KY]
January 25-29, 2019	ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle [WA]
April 8-13, 2019	ACRL 2019, Cleveland [OH]
June 20-25, 2019	ALA Annual Conference, Washington [DC]
November 11-17, 2019	AASL 19 th National Conference & Exposition, Louisville [KY]
January 17-21, 2020	ALA Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia [PA]
February 24-28, 2020	PLA 2020 Conference, Nashville [TN]
June 25-30, 2020	ALA Annual Conference, Chicago [IL]

SOME KEY PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP AT HAND

Emergency Numbers

- Emergency assistance: 911
- For a medical emergency at the GWCC: contact Security Control by dialing 4911 from any house phone located in the facility, or call 404-223-4911.
- City of Atlanta:
 - Police: 404-614-6544
 - Fire: 404-546-7000
 - Ambulance: 404-612-4000
- Fulton County: 404-612-4000

Key ALA Numbers:

ALA Accessibility Hotline: 312-280-3225 or Confaccess@ala.org
Conference AV Desk, GWCC, 404-222-5300
Exhibits Office, GWCC, 404-222-5315
Public Information/Press Room, GWCC, 404-222-5322
Reprographics, GWCC, 404-222-5309

Hospital: Emory University Hospital Midtown, 500 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-686-4411
Atlanta Medical Center, 303 Parkway Drive, Atlanta. 404-265-4000: for ER 404-265-4136
Grady Memorial Hospital, 80 Jesse Hill Jr Drive SE, Atlanta. 404-616-1000
Northside Hospital, 1000 Johnson Ferry Road NE, Atlanta. 404-851-8000

Pharmacy: CVS Pharmacy, 235 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-892-8468
Publix@Ansley Mall, 1544 Piedmont Ave NE, Atlanta. 404-724-0932
Walgreens @ Piedmont, 595 Piedmont Ave NE, Atlanta. 404-685-9665

Midwinter Hotels

*= Headquarters Hotel/ M = ALA Meeting location

Omni Hotel at CNN Center*(M)	404-659-0000
Westin Peachtree Plaza *(M)	404-659-1400
Atlanta Marriott Marquis (M)	404-521-0000
Courtyard Atlanta Downtown	404-222-2416
Embassy Suites Atlanta Centennial Park	404-223-2300
Hilton Atlanta (M)	404-659-2000
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Downtown	404-524-7000
Hyatt Regency Atlanta (M)	404-577-1234
Sheraton Atlanta (M)	404-659-6500