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NJLA Executive Board ALA Councilor Report August, 2022

George M. Johnson, bestselling author of *All Boys Aren't Blue* and *We Are Not Broken*, will serve as honorary chair for **Banned Books Week 2022, which will be held September 18-24** with the theme "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us." *All Boys Aren't Blue* ranked third on ALA's Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2021. Like most books on the lists, it was challenged for LGBTQ+ content, which is disproportionately targeted for censorship alongside works that deal with racism and racial identity.
<https://bannedbooksweek.org/george-m-johnson-named-honorary-chair-of-banned-books-week/>

<https://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2022/07/senate-fy-2023-approps-library-facilities>
The fiscal year (FY) 2023 funding bills released by the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 28 would, for the first time in 26 years, provide federal funding to modernize library buildings nationwide. If enacted, the bills would provide \$20 million in new funding to improve public and Tribal library and museum facilities.

OneClickPolitics as the new shared advocacy platform to replace Engage. ALA has signed a two-year contract that will provide not only advocacy but also bill tracking for all 50 states!

The **State of the Chapter Annual Report** is due September 20th. Working with many EBoard and NJLA staff to complete this.

ALA President Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada writes:

"Over the past few years, we have been asked to be brave as we do things that once would have been unthinkable. We have had to be brave while defending intellectual freedom and the right to read. We have had to be brave taking on the role of disaster workers in response to COVID-19. Being brave has not been easy, but we have done it and have faced the unknown for ourselves and our communities. This bravery inspired me to run for president of the American Library Association in summer 2020. I wanted to be brave for our library community, and I also wanted to center our stories. Everyone needs to understand how essential libraries and library workers are to our communities and our world."

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2022/07/20/our-brave-communities/>

Register for YALSA's 2022 Symposium is now OPEN!

Baltimore, MD November 4-6, 2022

<https://www.ala.org/yalsa/registration#Registration%20Rates>

ALA Conference Services accepted program proposals for the **2023 LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience**, which will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 27-30, 2023. LibLearnX is a member-focused conference designed to motivate, inspire, and engage discussions that will shape the future of libraries and their communities.

ACRL 2023 Conference

Fighting the Future

<https://acrl2023.us2.pathable.com/>

Pittsburgh, PA March 15-18, 2023

David L. Ulin writes: "According to **"Banned in the USA,"** a report issued by the writers' organization PEN America in April, nearly 1,600 individual books were banned in 26 states between July 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022. Although the challenging of books and curriculum is hardly new in the United States, what we're facing now is somewhat different. Of the current bans, PEN notes, "41% (644 individual bans) are **tied to directives from state officials or elected lawmakers** to investigate or remove books in schools." It is not parents or even school boards driving many of these challenges. It is the power of the state."

On July 15, ALA President-Elect Emily Drabinski called on members to volunteer to serve on ALA, Council, and joint committees for the 2023–2025 term. Members can shape the future of the Association by contributing to committees that address such topics as accreditation, awards, rural and tribal libraries, intellectual freedom, sustainability, and professional ethics. Members interested in volunteering must fill out the committee volunteer form by September 30. Appointed individuals will be notified in spring 2023 and begin their term July 1, 2023.

2023 Emerging Leaders - Application Form.

<https://www.ala.org/cfapps/emergingleaders/>



American Libraries Magazine all coverage of ALA Annual June 2022
<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/tag/alaac22/>