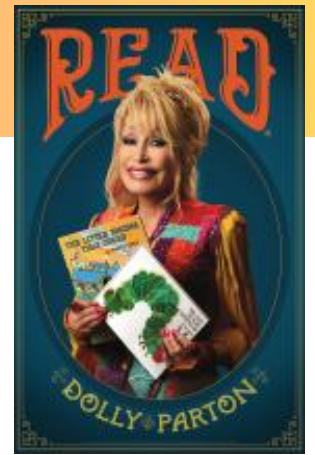


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Dolly Parton Awarded Honorary Membership in the American Library Association

The American Library Association (ALA) is set to confer an honorary lifetime membership upon award-winning singer-songwriter, actress, businesswoman and philanthropist Dolly Parton for her longstanding support and commitment to inspiring a love of books and reading.

Recipients of the 2023 AASL Research Grants are:

Joyce Kasman Valenza, Associate Teaching Professor, Rutgers University, Heather Dalal, Gihan Mohamad, Brenda Boyer, Cara Berg, Leslin H. Charles, Rebecca Bushby, Megan Dempsey, Joan Dalrymple, and Ewa Dziedzic-Elliott, "First years' information literacy backpacks: What's already packed or not packed?"

The grants recognize excellence in manuscripts addressing a persistent and recurring challenge in the field of school librarianship. Each grant consists of a \$350 award and the researchers will present their papers at the 2023 AASL National Conference in Tampa, Florida.

Top 13 Most Challenged Books of 2022

ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) compiles a list of the Top 10 Most Challenged Books in order to inform the public about censorship in libraries and schools. The lists are based on information from reports filed by library professionals and community members and from news stories published throughout the United States.

2022 data compiled by ALA represent only a snapshot of book challenge

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ALA eLearning

is the leading global content provider of courses, webinars, and customized eLearning content for library and information workers in all types of libraries and related organizations.

Topics in: Administration, Advocacy, Archives, Collections, EDI, Cataloging, Info Literacy, Intellectual Freedom, Programs, Reference, Technology

ALA Announces Theme for Banned Books Week, October 1-7, 2023

The American Library Association has announced the theme for Banned Books Week 2023: "Let Freedom Read!"

Banned Books Week will take place October 1 – 7, 2023.



Annual Conference

Chicago, IL June 22- 27, 2023

<https://2023.alaannual.org/>



PLA programs and events at the 2023 ALA Annual Conference

The Public Library Association (PLA) will host more than 20 programs, two preconferences, and a President's Coffee Catch-up during the 2023 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition,

ALA President Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada to host Native Hawaiian teacher, cultural practitioner, and author Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu at the ALA President's Program

EBSCO Information Services and the American Library Association Award Ten Librarians with Scholarships to Attend ALA Annual Conference

- Andrea Caporale, Library Media Specialist, Somerville High School, Somerville, New Jersey

ALA welcomes Prison Libraries Act of 2023

The American Library Association praised the Prison Libraries Act, introduced today by Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II (D-MO-5th), along with co-leads Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18th) and Rep. Shontel Brown (D-OH-11th), and 25 cosponsors. The bill would establish a grant program within the Department of Justice to provide library services to incarcerated individuals to advance reintegration efforts, reduce recidivism and increase educational opportunities.

ACRL Choice's 'The Authority File' podcast wins 2023 Publisher Podcast Award

Best B2B podcast category for its flagship podcast, The Authority File.

The Authority File provides insight on the academic library market through conversations with representatives of some of the biggest and most innovative companies influencing it, as well as authors of insightful books, librarians who are transforming their field, and academics whose research is laying the groundwork for the future.