



NJLA Executive Board ALA Councilor Report October 2022

- September 23- Attended the **ALA Council and Leadership Information and Feedback Session**

DRAFT 1 of the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws

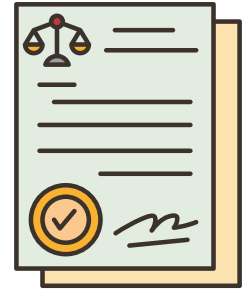
Future ALA Council meetings to attend:

Operating Agreement Council Discussion (Virtual)

Date: Thursday, November 3, 2022 Time: 1:00 p.m. Eastern

ALA Bylaws Feedback Listening Session (Virtual)

Date: Monday, November 14, 2022 Time: 12:00 p.m. Eastern



ALA Council Sessions during the **Library Learning Experience (LLX)**,

January 27-30, 2023 New Orleans, LA

Friday, January 27, 2023

- ALA Governance Institute, 8:00 - 12:00 pm CT
- ALA Council Special Session: **ALA Bylaws Convention**, 1:00 - 5:00 pm CT

Saturday, January 28, 2023

- ALA-APA Council Session, 2:00 - 2:30 pm CT
- ALA Council Meeting, 2:30 - 5:30 pm CT

Sunday, January 29, 2023

- ALA Council Meeting, 12:30 - 3:45 pm CT
- Executive Board Candidates Forum, 4:00 - 5:00 pm CT

Pre LLX: Information Session for Members, Councilors, and Executive Board (Virtual prior to LLX) Date: TBA

Post LLX: ALA Council Meeting (Virtual if needed) Date: TBA

Early Registration October 17- November 13 for Library Learning Experience (LLX)

<https://www.2023.alaliblearnx.org/registration>

- Submitted for NJLA- **State of the Chapter Annual Report**

- ALA announces a travel grant for underemployed library workers to attend the Library Learning Experience (LibLearnX) on January 27-30, 2023, in New Orleans, LA.

One award is for a library worker with an MLS, and the other award is for a library worker without an MLS

<https://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2022/09/ala-president-pelayo-lozada-announces-travel-grant-liblearnx-2023>



American Library Association Releases Preliminary Data on 2022 Book Bans

<https://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2022/09/ala-releases-preliminary-data-2022-book-bans>
Between January 1 and August 31, 2022, ALA documented 681 attempts to ban or restrict library resources, and 1,651 unique titles were targeted. In 2021, ALA reported 729 attempts to censor library resources, targeting 1,597 books, which represented the highest number of attempted book bans since ALA began compiling these lists more than 20 years ago. Additionally, **more than 70 percent of the 681 attempts to restrict library resources targeted multiple titles.** In the past, the vast majority of challenges to library resources only sought to remove or restrict a single book.

Action>> Spread the word about the **Unite Against Book Bans campaign**. Individuals and organizations may join/sign-up/endorse. Please sign up if you haven't yet done so.

<https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/>

<https://twitter.com/UABookBans/status/1524026529264685058>

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/fight-censorship>

Congressional Resolution Condemns Nationwide Book Banning Efforts, introduced by Rep. Jamie Raskin. Release includes quote by ALA President.

<https://twitter.com/AlanSinouye/status/1573662292205604864>

On September 27, the **ALA Executive Board sent a letter to FBI Director Christopher Wray expressing concerns about the threats directed to public and school libraries and library workers.**

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/letter-concern-fbi-regarding-threats-violence-libraries>

Sen. Reed and Rep. Grijalva introduce the **Right to Read Act that calls for funding to ensure every student has a fully resourced school library, staffed by a certified school librarian.**

ALA President is quoted in the Congressional release.

https://www.reed.senate.gov/news/releases/reed-and-grijalva-introduce-right-to-read-act-to-invest-in-literacy_address-disparities-in-access-to-school-library-resources/