



**NJLA Executive Board
ALA Councilor
October 2023**



The American Library Association (ALA) announced today that **Tracie D. Hall will resign from her role as executive director** following nearly four transformative years at the Association. Her last day will be Friday, October 6.

During her tenure, Hall brought ALA greater public recognition, private funding, media visibility, and key partnerships.

ALA will name an interim executive director in the coming weeks as it prepares to begin a robust, nationwide search for a successor who will continue to uphold the Association's core values, advance its longstanding mission, and provide strong leadership.

State of the Chapter Report. This report helps Chapters and ALA (1) assess the health and vitality of state and regional library associations, (2) highlight notable activities and achievements that can be modeled, and (3) identify challenges and needs that may be addressed collectively.

State of the Chapter Report 2023: <https://forms.office.com/r/j0LP5GaeC>
by Friday, November 10th

IFLA has been informed of the decision to **withdraw the invitation to hold the 2024 World Library and Information Congress in Dubai**. The decision was communicated to us by the Emirates Library and Information Association who led the bid to support the development of the field and wider region. As Dubai was the only viable bid, there will now not be a World Library and Information Conference in 2024.

2023 Preliminary Data Shows Record Surge of Challenges in Public Libraries

Between January 1 and August 31, 2023, OIF reported **695 attempts to censor library materials and services and documented challenges to 1,915 unique titles** - a 20% increase from the same reporting period in 2022,



TeenTober is a nationwide celebration hosted by libraries every October to celebrate teens and their home with libraries. It aims to promote year-round teen services and the innovative ways teen services help teens learn new skills, and fuel their passions in and outside the library. To successfully start your TeenTober activities, explore the [TeenTober's Toolkit](#)

Books for All, a new anti-censorship program presented by The New York Public Library (NYPL) for libraries, schools, book clubs, and readers around the country!

Spectrum Advisory Committee (SAC): **Reflections on Progress: A Conversation with Spectrum and ALA Leaders**. This event will bring together [Betty Turock](#), [Elizabeth Martinez](#), [Binnie Tate Wilkin](#), and [Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada](#) in a discussion on the past, present, and future of the Spectrum Scholarship Program in celebration of the **program's 25th anniversary on November 2, 2023 | 5:30pm-6:30pm CST**. Register for the event at the following link: <https://ala-events.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjArd-GtqzljH938dM0VnclfoUZpjw4h9PNS>

The **Florida Library Association** (Florida's ALA Chapter) has established a **Hurricane Relief Fund**. In response to Hurricane Ian in 2022, [ALA provided \\$1000 of funding](#) towards the fund from [ALA's Disaster Relief Funds](#).

POLICY & ADVOCACY UPDATES

Unite Against Book Bans (UABB) campaign recent partner posts:

People for the American Way: <https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/grandparents-for-truth-mobilizes-against-book-banning-and-censorship/>

American Federation of Teachers: <https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/reading-opens-the-world/>

Authors Guild: <https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/freedom-to-read-write/>

National Coalition Against Censorship: <https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/some-good-news-for-a-change/>

The US library system, once the best in the world, faces death by a thousand cuts. In addition to political censorship and budget cuts, libraries are being undermined by rapacious digital licensing agreements.

Read in The Guardian: <https://apple.news/AoLZTyG5SDmf4-HrK-dzMw>



2024 **LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience (LLX)**, taking place in Baltimore, Maryland, on January 19–22, 2024.