



## NJLA Executive Board ALA Councilor October 2024



### **Failed search for new ALA Director 9/19 update:**

We want to update you about the search for a permanent ALA Executive Director during the last few months.

Despite an extensive search and interview process, we have been unable to secure a candidate who can provide the leadership needed for our staff.

As you know, the ALA Executive Board, supported by a member-based Search Committee and search firm Isaacson Miller, worked on finding someone for this important role in the association.

We intend to re-open the search in the weeks ahead and will share news with you as soon as we have more details.

In the meantime, Leslie Burger will continue to serve as the Interim Executive Director until a permanent executive director is appointed. We thank Leslie for leading the staff during this extended time. We appreciate the stability this brings to the association.

On behalf of the ALA Executive Board,

Cindy Hohl  
ALA President

### **Reader. Voter. Ready.**

As libraries across the country observe National Voter Registration Day and Constitution Day, **we thank our state partners for your support promoting Reader Voter Ready** and voter participation.

In addition to state-specific social media graphics, we are pleased to offer customizable bookmarks and social graphics that allow users to add logos, event information, important dates, etc.

Please continue to use the #ReaderVoterReady hashtag

### **Unite Against Book Ban Chapter Partners Update**

Freedom to Read Day of Action Oct 19

NJLA Intellectual Freedom Committee involved in this

### **OneClickPolitics**

Training are open to new and returning users for chapters.

Thur. Oct 10 at 4pm Eastern/1pm Pacific: <https://ala-events.zoom.us/join/91234567890>

If you're unable to attend a session, we can arrange a training session just for your state. Live sessions provide plenty of time for Q and A.



### ALA 2025 Scholarship Application Now Open

If you need financial help to get through your graduate program, scholarship funds are now available. The American Library Association (ALA) has more than \$300,000 available to students who are studying in library science or school library media programs. Get your application in early. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2025.

Scholarships range from \$2,500 to \$8,000 per student per year.

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) formally commends Families Against Book Bans (FABB), approving a resolution made by the South Carolina Association of School Librarians (SCASL), an AASL Chapter. AASL annually recognizes outstanding programs, events, and products nominated by AASL Chapters for their support of the school librarian profession and the learners the profession serves. The full list of 2024 commendations can be found on the AASL website.

### ALA active at the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly

The American Library Association (ALA) International Relations Committee (IRC) United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) Subcommittee hosted the first ALA UN in-person event during the United Nations General Assembly 79 (UNGA), and members of...

### 2025 Jason Reynolds / Simon & Schuster Travel Grant Application Now Open

The American Library Association is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the 2025 Jason Reynolds / Simon & Schuster Travel Grant. The grant will cover the expenses of five (5) Black/African American youth or teen services.

### Person-centered management in academic libraries

A recent study published in the Journal of Library Administration draws a sobering conclusion: the accelerated exodus of library workers from the profession in the last several years is partially due to strained relationships between staff and their managers. Often, administrators and managers operate within structures that may encourage or enable poor managerial practices. "Person-Centered Management in Academic Libraries," published by ALA Editions,

### **Registration opens October 2024.**

**LibLearnX** is where library professionals at all levels can take part in a conference experience that will provide ultimate learning benefits. Attendees will participate in hands-on workshops, bite-size sessions, and other formats designed to match preferred learning styles with an emphasis on experiential learning.

