

August 26, 2022 **ALA Virtual Council meeting** - 2nd of 3 votes to rescind the ALA Constitution. Passed 126-0-2

Timeline: Final Step vote by membership to rescind constitution, adopt new bylaws as single, unified, updated document Spring 2023 ballot

September 23- Council Meeting on Feedback hearing scheduled on DRAFT 1 of the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws



August 23 Council- attended Tune In orientation session for Councilors

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

ALA American Library Association (ALA) Condemns Proposed State Legislation Limiting Access to Information on Reproductive Health

<https://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2022/08/american-library-association-ala-condemns-proposed-state-legislation-limiting>

In response to proposed state legislation that would censor library materials or put at risk library workers who provide access to information, including information on abortion or any aspect of reproductive health care.

ALA Supports Information Access on Reproductive Health

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/ala-supports-information-access-on-reproductive-health/>

Jason Reynolds / Simon & Schuster Travel Grant

The grant will cover the expenses of five (5) Black/African American youth or teen services librarians or school librarians/media specialists who work in either public or school libraries.

Recipients will receive up to \$3000 (and not less than \$1500) to pay for expenses related to attending the ALA Annual Conference including but not limited to travel, housing, registration, and a ticket to the Coretta Scott King Award Breakfast.

<https://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2022/08/ala-announces-new-jason-reynoldssimon-schuster-travel-grant>

Core Forum on October 13-15, 2022 in Salt Lake City <https://coreforum.org/>

Core Forum Presentations will cover various hot topics and innovative content for metadata and collections, buildings and operations, leadership and management, access and equity, and technology.

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>



PLA releases first Staff and Diversity Survey report

The Public Library Association (PLA) today published the 2021 Public Library Staff and Diversity Survey report. The national survey updates information on beginning librarian and library director salaries; documents traditional and emerging staff roles; explores staff diversity, recruitment, and retention efforts; and captures information about public library equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) goals and activities. The survey is the second in a rotating series of three national surveys exploring public library roles, services, and resources to provide actionable data for decision-making and advocacy.

--In 2021 the *median annual salary of a public library director* reported was \$79,022, and the median annual salary of a beginning librarian was \$41,864.

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) announces the publication of "*Intersections of Open Educational Resources and Information Literacy*," book number 79 in the Publications in Librarianship series.

<https://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2022/08/new-acrl-intersections-open-educational-resources-and-information-literacy>

<https://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2022/09/ala-celebrates-national-library-card-sign-month-september-2022> **ALA Celebrates National Library Card Sign-up Month September 2022**

This year, Tony Award-winning performer, actress, singer-songwriter, and philanthropist Idina Menzel and her sister, author and educator Cara Mentzel, will serve as honorary chairs of Library Card Sign-Up Month. #GetLibraryCarded

Libraries Build Business report highlights impact of small business programs on local communities and library field

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/workforce/grant>

The Initiative Highlights report showcases these examples and impacts to outside audiences, who may not be familiar with the innovative and state-of-the-art resources that libraries provide.