

# NJLA Executive Board ALA Councilor April 2025



Attended: ALA Town Hall 3/ 27/25 on IMLS

## ALA statement on White House assault on the Institute of Museum and Library Services

An executive order issued by the Trump administration on Friday night, March 14, calls for the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the nation's only federal agency for America's libraries.

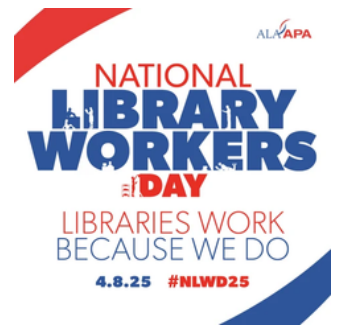
Our team in Washington created an FAQ to include what we know about the White House Executive Order targeting IMLS. IMLS staff cut, grants, and what it means for libraries, library workers, advocates.

ALA responds to the termination of IMLS grants in several states 4/3/25

Maria McCauley wins 2026-2027 ALA presidency

Larry Neal elected 2025-2028 ALA treasurer

Jamar Rahming Named PLA 2026-2027 President



April 8, 2025 was **National Library Workers Day** (NLWD), a time to recognize library staff for their contributions in transforming lives and communities.

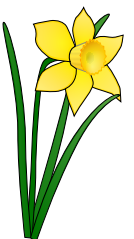
American Library Association kicks off National Library Week with the **Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2024** and the State of America's Libraries Report

New data reported to ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) shows that the majority of book censorship attempts are now originating from organized movements. **Pressure groups and government entities that include elected officials, board members and administrators initiated 72% of demands to censor books in school and public libraries.** Parents only accounted for 16% of demands to censor books, while 5% of challenges were brought by individual library users.



**ALA Annual Conference- Philadelphia, PA - June 26-30**

<https://2025.alaannual.org/>



The **Special Libraries Association (SLA)**, a global organization dedicated to supporting information professionals and specialized librarians, has announced it will begin a **dissolution process after 116 years of service to the profession.**

The Sustainability Issue Taking steps toward resilience

American Libraries March/April 2025 issue

When our team began planning this issue, we wanted to show the many entry points for essential and overdue sustainability work—whether environmental, financial, or social justice-based—so that libraries can help their communities adapt to uncertain futures.

United for Libraries and Penguin Random House announce recipients of grants to U.S. rural and small libraries

- Kemmerer Library Harding Township (New Vernon, **N.J.**)

ALA awards \$3.5 million in library accessibility funding to 300 small and rural libraries in third round of grant initiative

<https://www.ala.org/news/2025/03/ala-awards-35-million-library-accessibility-funding-300-small-and-rural-libraries-0>

Still active in ALA **Working Group for ALA Societal Statement Guidelines** - Scorecard development subgroup

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American Library Association, AFSCME Challenge Trump Administration Gutting of  
Institute of Museum and Library Services

. The lawsuit, filed on behalf of ALA and AFSCME by Democracy Forward and co-counsel Gair Gallo Eberhard LLP, asks the court to block the dismantling of the IMLS as directed by a Trump executive order.

