

**NJLA Executive Board  
ALA Councilor  
June 2025**



**ALA Councilor Virtual Meeting 5/29/25**

updated Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Voted: Y104, N 0, A2

Approve Appendices 1-6, 8-12, and 14. App. 7 and 13 next council.

**ALA Annual Conference- Philadelphia, PA - June 26-30** <https://2025.alaannual.org/>

Will attend: *ALA Council Meetings* Saturday 10 - 12 pm,, Sunday, Monday 9:30 - 11:30 AM

June 2025 issue of American Libraries, which features a preview of the upcoming ALA Annual Conference in Philadelphia

**ALA Strategic Plan** to be reviewed

On behalf of the Executive Board--This document reflects our shared aspirations, and the structural focus required to lead the association into its next chapter. We believe this plan will serve as our blueprint for resilience, innovation, and collective progress.

It is essential that Council engage in review now so that we may formalize this Strategic Plan together at the Annual Conference, ensuring continuity of operations and momentum in executing strategies crucial to our members, our profession, and the communities we serve.

We are recommending approval of the Strategic Plan during Council III on Monday, June 30.

Active in ALA **Working Group for ALA Societal Statement Guidelines** -

Scorecard development subgroup. At ALA Annual will present work so far, vote later summer.

**2025 Virtual ALA Membership Meeting** on Monday, June 16th at 2pm CT.

The Membership Meeting serves as a crucial platform for ALA members to actively engage in discussions surrounding key issues impacting libraries and librarianship. It's also an opportunity for members to advocate for important causes by introducing Resolutions, Memorials, and Tributes.

The judge in the ALA case declined to block the administration's efforts to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

*"ALA is disappointed that the court did not grant our motion for preliminary injunction. The extent to which some libraries have already cancelled services and programming – and even lost staff in some cases – is evidence of the importance of IMLS. ALA will not rest until libraries in every state receive the funding promised and IMLS is back in full force to meet the information needs of all Americans,"* said ALA President Cindy Hohl.

Resolution to **dissolve the ALA-APA Council**. Duties currently under the responsibility of the ALA-APA Council will be managed by the ALA-APA Executive Board with delegation to ALA-APA committees. This is part of ongoing efforts to streamline governance processes and recognizes the differential status of the APA.





Tribute Resolution Honoring Dr. Carla Hayden - signed as NJ Chapter Councilor

“It is quite evident that her dedication and leadership directly and positively touch the lives of millions and it would be quite wonderful to amplify her impact and celebrate her work together as a Council in this way.”

RMRT and NMRT are partnering this summer to host a mixer as part of the ALA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Sunday, June 29th at 5pm. We will have beverages and yummy snacks as well as a fun Bingo Game for the prize of a free RMRT membership!!!

[NMRT Annual Social, RMRT Co-Host 2025 | ALA](#)

<https://www.ala.org/news/2025/04/ala-announces-banned-books-week-2025-theme>

**Banned Books Week 2025:**

**“Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights.”**

**Banned Books Week will take place October 5 – 11, 2025.**

[Registration opens for National Voter Registration Day 2025](#)

The American Library Association (ALA) encourages libraries to register for National Voter Registration Day 2025, a nonpartisan civic holiday celebrating the fundamental right and responsibility of American citizenship. This year’s observation takes place on September 16, 2025.

This documentary tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the "Free Library Movement" to today's librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all. Here is a link to where you can watch the film for free.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7tRNkiLz9A>

