

**NJLA Executive Board
ALA Councilor
March 2025**



NJLA hosted an ALA Presidents Forum for the 2026-2027 candidates on 3/3/25 : Andrea Jamison (now withdrawn), Lindsay Cronk, and Maria McCauley

ALA Annual Conference- Philadelphia, PA

Registration is now live

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



The U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) announced on February 7 that it would remove and review “books potentially related to gender ideology or discriminatory equity ideology topics” in DoD schools, and suppress programs, activities and holidays related to those topics. ALA and the American Association of School Librarians released the following statement: <https://www.ala.org/news/2025/02/ala-aasl-decry-us-defense-department-censorship-schools-and-libraries-military>

For Our Libraries.

The American Library Association launched a new supporter program on February 10, inviting the public to join the fight to protect libraries and library professionals at this pivotal moment in our country's history.

<https://ilovelibraries.org/>

Share Your Library's Story with ALA

Sharing stories about the impact of your library is one of the best ways to garner support from elected officials. Your government leaders need to know how your community relies on the library, and the funding that supports the library!

About the Campaign

The American Library Association (ALA) conferred **honorary lifetime membership upon publishing executive and library advocate Skip Dye** for his longstanding support to America's libraries and to intellectual freedom.

Dye is the Senior Vice President, Library Sales and Digital Strategy, and Senior Vice President, Sales Operations at Penguin Random House (PRH).

<https://www.ala.org/news/2025/02/american-library-association-names-skip-dye-honorary-member>

2024 Best Graphic Novels for Children Reading List and Top Ten List announced by the Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table

<https://www.ala.org/news/2025/02/2024-best-graphic-novels-children-reading-list-and-top-ten-list-announced-graphic>

Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table Announces 2024 Best Graphic Novels for Adults Reading List Titles and Top Ten List

<https://www.ala.org/news/2025/02/graphic-novels-comics-round-table-announces-2024-best-graphic-novels-adults-reading>

Know Any Stellar Library Workers? Time to Nominate Them as Stars!

Even with unstable, volatile work environments, library workers continue to go above and beyond what's required to meet the needs of library users. Let's celebrate these amazing stars! Start planning now for National Library Workers Day (NLWD) —Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Recognize the people who make library service possible every day.

National Library Workers' Day (#NLWD25) is a day for library users, administrators, staff, supporters, and friends to acknowledge the valuable contributions made by those who work in libraries. Libraries and organizations are encouraged to host celebrations and submit names of Stars to honor great workers, teams, or departments. You may submit as many nominations as you like.

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

ALA signed onto this coalition letter calling on Congress to protect and preserve public access to Federal data.

Re: Protecting and Preserving Public Access to Federal Data- We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, write to express our concern and strong opposition to the recent incidents in which public data have been selectively removed from federal websites.

ALA signed onto this coalition letter sent to the President expressing concern about the removal of the Archivist of the United States.

Dear President Trump: We, the undersigned organizations representing a broad and bipartisan coalition of civil society groups, historians, archivists, librarians, transparency advocates, journalists, and concerned citizens, write to express concerns about reports that Dr. Colleen Shogan was removed as the Archivist of the United States.

