



## Memorandum

**To:** NJLA Board of Directors and Members  
**From:** Eileen M. Palmer, ALA Chapter Councilor  
**Date:** 4/20/2021  
**Re:** Monthly Report

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### **\$1.25M emergency fund for libraries impacted by COVID-19**

The ALA COVID Library Relief Fund invites public, school, academic, and tribal libraries across the United States and US Territories to apply for grants of \$30,000 to \$50,000. These funds are intended to bolster library operations and services including broadening technology access, developing collections, providing digital instruction, staffing, and expanding outreach, as well as maintaining and amplifying existing service strategies or adding new ones to extend impact through the end of 2021. Grant applications are accepted online through May 20, 2021. On Thursday ALA will host an informational session to assist applicants. Register at: [https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8SO7NLFnRx-bIO7BV25frQ](https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8SO7NLFnRx-bIO7BV25frQ)

### **ReMember Fund established to help members during times of financial insecurity**

The ReMember Fund, established with initial funding from ALA, will allow current members to ensure that their fellow library workers can retain membership and connection with vital resources and a vibrant and committed network during times of financial need. Unemployed library workers can apply to receive one-time only sponsorship to cover ALA basic membership dues for one year.

### **Libraries Transforming Communities**

The following NJ libraries were awarded round 1 or round 2 LTC grants:  
Congrats to these libraries! \*Indicates round two recipients.

<http://www.ala.org/.../libraries.../focusgrants/libraries>

Glen Rock Public Library (Glen Rock, NJ)

Highland Park Public Library (Highland Park, NJ)\*

Keyport Free Public Library (Keyport, NJ)

Otto Bruyns Public Library (Northfield, NJ)\*

Red Bank Public Library (Red Bank, NJ)\*

Ridgefield Park Public Library (Ridgefield Park, NJ)\*

Ringwood Public Library (Ringwood, NJ)\*

Spotswood Public Library (Spotswood, NJ)

Waterford Township Public Library (Atco, NJ)

### **ALA ARPA Guide**

ALA has developed a resource guide to the various elements of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding with the potential to impact libraries. It's a good guide to the elements of the law. It can be found at:

[http://www.ala.org/advocacy/american-rescue-plan-state-guide?fbclid=IwAR3mavPvyqwWMAMkO\\_P1wLz9F00ww2QxsTRju32UhsKWbXv9\\_vurLU3LdcA](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/american-rescue-plan-state-guide?fbclid=IwAR3mavPvyqwWMAMkO_P1wLz9F00ww2QxsTRju32UhsKWbXv9_vurLU3LdcA)

### **Annual Conference**

The ALA Annual Conference will be held virtually June 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup>. Featured speakers currently announced are Stanley Tucci and Areli Morales. Register at

<https://2021.alaannual.org/registration/register-now>

Respectfully Submitted

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