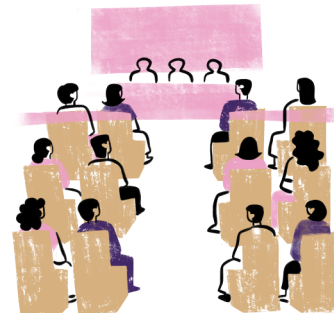


**NJLA Executive Board
ALA Councilor
February 2024**

ALA Virtual Membership Information Session 1/17 at 3 pm

- ALA Executive Director Search begun, Interim Director Leslie Burger
- ED report [ALA CD #23](#): 8 weeks of intensive learning, observation "*strong association but not one without challenges*" hope to address and stabilize as she can before next ED. Different organization post Covid response, efficient with lots of Zoom meetings, more opportunities for participation
- Membership loss significant of members.
- ALA Treasurer's Report [CD #13](#) 2 month financials - not full because of audit, 2 months seldom best indicator.
- ALA Endowment Trustees Report [ALA CD #16](#) - no new sign. donations
- [United Against Book Bans](#)



2024 LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience (LLX),

January 19–22, 2024, in Baltimore, MD.

[Library Journal conference recap](#)

LibLearnX, created to reimagine ALA's longstanding Midwinter event as an educational opportunity for library professionals, debuted virtually in 2022 and in person in 2023. While the new conference never reached the numbers of pre-pandemic gatherings—Midwinter 2020 in Philadelphia (before COVID closures), saw some 8,000 attendees—even the smaller conference's attendance has not shown signs of growth. LibLearnX 2023, held in New Orleans, hosted 1,712 library workers and supporters and 757 exhibitors, authors, illustrators, press, and ALA staff, with 190 online attendees.

Attended these **ALA Meetings at LibLearnX:**

ALA- APA meeting_1/20 3 pm - 3:45 pm -ALA Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA)

ALA Council 1 1/20 3:45 pm - 5 pm

Registrants 1972, 1326 with digital, 646 corp, down a little from last year New Orleans

- Consent Agenda with reports
- Board Actions since 2023 Annual Conference
- Nominations for ALA Executive Board Election
- Membership Committee ALA CD #39 (Consolidate 11 into 4 membership categories)
ALA Membership Model and Personal Dues Y142, N1, A1
Committee on Organization (COO) ALA CD #27 Y142 N2 2A
Policy Manual Revision Working Group ALA CD #40
Resolution Calling for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza, ALA CD #48 --
tabled until IRC report Council 2



ALA Council 2 1/21 3 pm - extended to 5:45 pm

Memorial and Tribute Resolutions listed on agenda

International Relations Committee (IRC) action item: [ALA CD#18](#)

Resolution on Damage and Destruction of Libraries and other Institutions in Gaza

143Y 2N 3A

Policy Monitoring Committee and Bylaws Committee action items approved

Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) ALA [CD#22](#)

Core Values Task Force [CD #34](#)

144 Y 2N 4A

Had 12 values, value should be higher level (rights, ethics), now 5.

LLX Close Out Panel Session, [Navigating Leadership: Perspectives on Purpose-Driven Careers at 2024 LibLearnX](#)

[American Library Association announces 2024 Youth Media Award winners](#)

2024 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition

San Diego | June 27 – July 2, 2024

Join us for top-quality education and best practices; featured thought leaders; and special programming for library professionals looking to further develop their libraries, communities, and careers!

Registration will open February 20, 2024

Registration open for **Public Library Association Conference 2024**

PLA Conference is where public libraries shine—where public library issues, ideas, and innovators take center stage. April 3–5 in Columbus, Ohio.

POLICY & ADVOCACY UPDATES

ALA filed comments on the e-rate hotspot proceeding at the FCC. Learn Without Limits!

<https://twitter.com/AlanSinouye/status/1748145244556698089>

[ALA filed second round \(reply\) comments on net neutrality with the FCC](#)



ALA joins 100 civil society groups to call for net neutrality
<https://twitter.com/AlanSinouye/status/1748872200558370972>



ALA, through the Library Copyright Alliance, calls for an expansion to DMCA exemptions regarding preservation for out-of-commerce software.
<https://twitter.com/LibraryPolicy/status/1744430403732070847>

"Emily Drabinski: Will Congress Keep Its Broadband Promise? Or will it cut the cord for millions of Americans? In Broadband Breakfast.
<https://broadbandbreakfast.com/2024/01/emily-drabinski-will-congress-keep-its-broadband-promise/>

ALA's letter noting the accomplishments of Crosby Kemper's 4-year term as IMLS director
https://www.ala.org/advocacy/sites/ala.org.advocacy/files/content/libfunding/fed/IMLS%20Director_124.pdf

Our Megan Janicki talks libraries and economic opportunity with the US Conference of Mayors
<https://twitter.com/LibraryPolicy/status/1749471663266079088>

Lisa Varga named Librarian of the Year by Library Journal (member of the ALA Policy Corps)
[Lisa Varga, VLA](#)

Gen Z and Millennials report by Kathi Berens & Rachel Noorda published by ALA
[GenZ](#)

Andrew Pace, former ALA Executive Board member, named ARL Executive Director
[ARL](#)

Article about Penguin Random House and its book banning efforts in the Wall Street Journal: "*A Publishing Giant's Risky Fight Against Book Bans.*"
(PRH is a national partner on Unite Against Book Bans among other ALA things)
[PRH book bans](#)

