

I attended and voted in the **Virtual ALA Council Meeting** November 20 at 3 p.m. EST

- CD #30.1 action item 132 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain

2023 ALA Standards for Accreditation of Master's Programs in Library and Information Studies

have been passed by the Council of the American Library Association.

This is the culmination of a three-year process of revising the 2015 standards, seeking feedback from the library and information studies and professional community, educators, students, and the public through surveys, conference presentations, and individual responses.

- Vote to approve ALA Executive Board Election Guidelines- 131 Yes, 1 No, 3 Abstain

- Update on ALA Executive Director search from ALA President Emily Drabinski:

ED search will begin this month, Led by Past ALA President Lessa and Issacson Miller search firm. Timeline for new ED in place by Summer 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. We invite you to join thousands of public library workers, supporters, and vendors from across the country and around the world to celebrate all things public libraries April 3–5 in the vibrant city of Columbus, Ohio!



The banner features a circular graphic on the left with a grid of blue and purple dots. To the right, the text reads: "Registration is now open!" in blue, followed by "Together, let's shape the future of public libraries." in black. Below that, it says "PLA members save nearly 50% with the Early Bird discount through January 12" and includes a pink "Learn More" button.

2024 LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience (LLX),

January 19–22, 2024, in Baltimore.

LibLearnX is a four-day learning conference that invites American Library Association (ALA) members and non-members to participate in collaborative and engaging education, networking, and celebrations. Designed as an active-learning experience, LibLearnX offers a diverse selection of more than 100 education programs, created by library professionals for library professionals.

New ALA Report Maps Increasingly Complex Digital Public Library Ecosystem

With a 34 percent increase in digital book borrowing since 2019, the size and scope of the digital content ecosystem for public libraries and patrons have made transparency more important than ever, according to a new report

POLICY & ADVOCACY UPDATES

ALA PPA is recruiting for a deputy director, state & local advocacy, based in Chicago or D.C.

<https://twitter.com/ALALibrary/status/171804115800001314>



New report on Gen Z and Millennials and use of digital content and libraries

<https://twitter.com/ALALibrary/status/1719735780552196162>

ALA President-elect Cindy Hohl - ALA Washington Office for briefings on policy & advocacy

<https://twitter.com/LibraryPolicy/status/1722707636771057853>

ALA welcomes new NPRM on **hotspot eligibility in the E-rate program**, part of the Learn Without Limits initiative that FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel unveiled at the 2023 ALA Annual Conference

<https://twitter.com/LibraryPolicy/status/1723110443814633879>

Former ALA PPA staffer Marijke Visser appointed as a policy fellow in the ALA PPA office in Washington to focus on digital inclusion, broadband, and rural areas

ALA PPA Deputy Director Megan Janicki is featured in an article about small business and libraries in Working Nation

<https://twitter.com/WorkingNation/status/1725581756374434243>

Youth activists Cameron Samuels and Da'Taeveyon Daniels fighting against book banning and censorship drop by the ALA Washington Office.

<https://twitter.com/AlanSinouye/status/1725511038773158218>



ALA welcomes FCC vote on new rules on digital discrimination. ALA filed comments in this proceeding.

<https://twitter.com/LibraryPolicy/status/1724852728961052825>

Nominate yourself, colleagues, or your library for the 2024 American Library Association (ALA) Recognition Awards and Grants deadlines are February 1, 2024.