

**NJLA Executive Board
ALA Councilor
June 2024**



ALA News:

<https://www.ala.org/road-to-annual>

The Road to Annual Presidential Tour

ALA President Emily Drabinski is touring the country this June to highlight the contributions of American libraries to their communities.

The tour will include stops in Rhode Island, West Virginia, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico and Arizona culminating in San Diego at ALA Annual Conference.

Raymond Pun, elected to lead ALA in 2025-26, will step away from the position.

Press release: <https://www.ala.org/news/2024/06/raymond-pun-elected-lead-ala-2025-26-will-step-away-position>

AL Scoop: <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/pun-to-step-away-from-ala-presidency/>

Strengthening library ecosystems using One Voice

published by ALA Editions, will guide library organizations in assessing and extending the strength of their ecosystems by identifying priorities for advocacy and legislation

Development Grants

CHICAGO—Ten American Association of School Librarians (AASL) members have been awarded \$500 collection development grants. Generously sponsored by The Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, the grants allow recipients to create or expand their collections with content that provides context and expands Jewish experience, achievement, and identity as an antidote to antisemitism.

Grant recipients include:

- [Skye Silverstein, Rosa International Middle School \(NJ\) - Cherry Hill, NJ](#)
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ALSC releases 2024 Summer Reading Lists and New Gardening & Flora List

Same time as NJLA EBoard--

The 2024 ALA Virtual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th! Register Now!

documents related to the meeting on the ALA Council webpage

This meeting provides a platform for ALA members to engage in discussions on key issues affecting libraries and librarianship. It's a chance for us to collectively advocate for causes we believe in, as well as introduce

Resolutions, Memorials, or Tributes. If you wish to contribute, guidelines for submissions can be found online. In addition to these discussions, attendees will have the opportunity to receive updates directly from ALA leaders and gain insights into the latest organizational developments.

(ALA) **Public Programs Office** empowers libraries to create vibrant hubs of learning and connection in communities of all types.

Learn more about the ALA Public Programs Office

ALA's **Programming Librarian** website is a place for library professionals to share, learn, and be inspired to present excellent programming for their communities.

Browse the Programming Librarian website



2024 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition

San Diego | June 27 – July 2, 2024

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024

ALA-APA Council Meeting*, 9:30 am-10:00 am **required**

ALA Council I*, 10:00 am-12:00 pm **required**

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

ALA Council II*, 9:00 am-12:00 pm **required**

MONDAY, JUNE 31, 2024

ALA Council III*, 9:00 am-12:00 pm **required**



Acclaimed poet, essayist, and cultural critic Hanif Abdurraqib to headline second annual Rally for the Right to Read

The American Library Association (ALA) and Unite Against Book Bans will host a second annual Rally for the Right to Read: Voters Unite Against Book Bans at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront on Friday, June 28, 2024.

ALA Public Policy & Advocacy programming at the ALA Annual Conference in San Diego

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/advocacy-public-policy#alaac24>

FCC adopts \$200 million pilot program for **cybersecurity in libraries and schools**. ALA has been advocating for this program and submitted comments in favor.

<https://www.ala.org/news/2024/06/american-library-association-welcomes-fcc-cybersecurity-funding-pilot-libraries-calls>

FCC adopts **net neutrality rules** -- ALA is a long-time supporter and submitted formal comments.

<https://x.com/ALALibrary/status/1783556658167165168>

FY25 federal appropriations is in full-swing. Thanks for the support on dear appropriator letters!

<https://x.com/LibraryPolicy/status/1790822659858542745>

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/advocates-rally-to-fund-libraries/>

Every spring, thousands of library advocates from around the country call on their elected officials to provide crucial funding for US libraries. This effort is part of the American Library Association's #FundLibraries campaign, now in its eighth year.

This year, the campaign for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 federal budget kicked off April 15 and concluded May 10. During that time, members of Congress signed "**Dear Appropriator**" **letters** requesting increased funding for specific library programs. **Advocates sent more than 20,000 messages to their elected officials—a figure up 11% from last year—in a single month.**

