



NJLA Executive Board ALA Councilor March 2024

After careful evaluation and analysis of financial and other critical factors, the American Library Association Executive Board has decided that **LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience will not be held in 2026.**

Alabama's Break with ALA Signals Broader Attack on Library Independence

Alabama is the most recent state to part ways with the American Library Association (ALA), joining Florida, Missouri, Montana, Texas, and Wyoming. On January 30, in response to pressure from Gov. Kay Ivey, the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS)—the agency that advises and administers funds to the state's 220 public libraries—announced its official decision not to renew its membership with the association.

ALA Public Policy & Advocacy @LibraryPolicy

We are absolutely thrilled to see library luminaries from across the country gather in Washington to train, learn, and advocate for libraries at the federal level! ALA President @edrabinski @COSLA_US_Chief @juliewalkerSL just kicked off today's amazing convening. #FundLibraries



ALA launches campaign as it nears its 150th anniversary

The ALA Executive Board has created two member-led committees to lead the association in the planning for the anniversary:

- The 150th Commemoration Committee will develop and guide events, programs, products, and a public awareness campaign related to the yearlong anniversary in 2026.
- 150th Fundraising Campaign Committee will establish a campaign goal, partner to create campaign strategies, provide opportunities for donor engagement, host events and meet with potential donors.

ALA awards \$3.6 million in **library accessibility funding** to 310 small and rural libraries

The American Library Association (ALA) today announced the second round of recipients of its Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Accessible Small and Rural Communities grant, an initiative to help small and rural libraries increase the accessibility of facilities, services and programs to better serve people with disabilities.

The 310 funded proposals represent 45 U.S. states- 62 percent serve communities of less than 5,000 people.

Miriam Tulliao has announced that she will participate in the 37th Annual Great Saunter, a 32-mile walk around Manhattan, on May 4, 2024 to **raise funds for ALA's Spectrum Scholarship Progra**



The American Library Association (ALA) and I Love Libraries released the **new podcast “How I Library.”** This monthly series, hosted by ALA Communications Manager Phil Morehart, will feature authors, filmmakers, musicians, scholars, thought leaders, and, of course, librarians discussing the importance of libraries, their favorite library memories, and issues facing the library world

New 'Field Guides' column from policy experts to explore key library issues

The American Library Association (ALA) announced today a new column in *American Libraries* magazine, “Field Guides.” Featuring experts in policy areas ranging from artificial intelligence and copyright to digital access and equity, the new column will provide ALA members, library advocates, and library professionals in all settings with insights into the policy issues facing the field today – and tomorrow.

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

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.

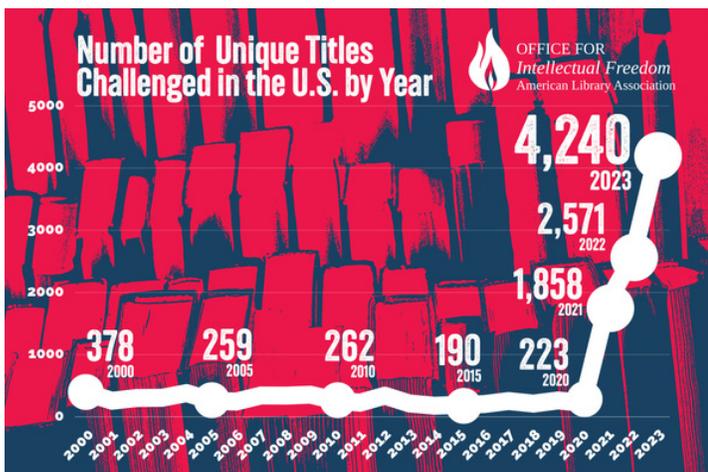
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for standing for the freedom to read at tonight's #SOTU!

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<https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/take-action/>



Public Libraries Saw 92 Percent Increase In Number of Titles Targeted for Censorship Over The Previous Year