

**NJLA Executive Board
ALA Councilor
August 2023**



ALA Chapter Leadership Meeting urgent meeting called for Aug 2.

●ALA Chapters facing state withdrawals and rationale

Ex. Montana Library Commission

Ex. Idaho Library

Ex PA Freedom Caucus Calls for Withdrawal from the American Library Association

Ex. IL Freedom Caucus

●ALA Chapters anticipating future calls

●ALA Chapters proactively meeting with legislators/decision makers

●ALA Staff - financial data gathering, statistics, sharing statements, refining regional data/statistics

Ex: Montana Statement

Ex: Missouri Letter

Strategies for ALA Chapters -

●ALA Chapter Leadership - What else is needed?

○Power mapping

○Collaborate with State Libraries/Commission, other ALA Chapters for Response + SWOT assessment

○Other tactics

ALA letter of support for libraries in your state. This letter may be used in entirety or as talking points for your chapter. It also includes data on grants to your state.



President Obama Extends Support to American Librarians in an Open Letter

Former President of the United States Barack Obama published an open letter on Monday, extending his support to America's librarians in an era of rising book challenges and growing personal attacks against those who resist them.

Members can sign up to volunteer via the online ALA volunteer form. To be considered for the 2024-2026 term, forms must be submitted no later than September 30, 2023.

AASL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

October 19-21, 2023

The ONLY national conference focused solely on school librarians' unique and critical role in Prek-12 education.

<https://national.aasl.org/>

ALA upholds its support for LGBTQIA+ library workers and reaffirms its commitment to equity and inclusivity

Following deep consideration of feedback from members and volunteers around the world, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (**IFLA**) **Governing Board 2021-23 reaffirms its decision to hold the 2024 World Library and Information Congress in Dubai.**

It acknowledged concerns about the legal framework of LGBTQ+ rights in the United Arab Emirates as well as the ability of all IFLA units to organise sessions-and that the LGBTQ+ community in particular may feel unwelcome because of the exclusion of specifically-themed LGBTQ+ topics from the WLIC programme. It nonetheless noted that a conference in Dubai would offer many colleagues who may otherwise never be able to participate in a single WLIC, for economic or visa reasons, a chance to do so.

Council passed a resolution at Annual regarding IFLA's siting of the conference in Dubai. The topic will be on the agenda for our January meetings at LibLearnX

Core Debuts “Best of Core at ALA Conference” Webinar Collection for 2023

Core is pleased to present a new webinar collection, “Best of Core at ALA Conference,” based on programs presented at the 2023 ALA Annual Conference and Exhibition.

Access and Equity

Buildings and Operations

Leadership and Management

Metadata and Collections

Technology

2024 **LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience (LLX)**, taking place in Baltimore, Maryland, on January 19–22, 2024.

