

WHAT'S HAPPENING: A PRE-MIDWINTER UPDATE

January 12, 2012

NEW THIS YEAR

Exhibits Opening -- Virtual Ribbon Cutting

The traditional “ribbon cutting” to open the ALA Midwinter Exhibit Hall will take place on the stage at the ERT(Exhibits Round Table)/Booklist Author Forum (Friday, 4:00-5:15pm, Dallas Convention Center (DCC) – Theatre). The 5:15pm ribbon cutting will be broadcast live outside the Exhibit Hall. Catch the ERT/Booklist Author Forum with authors Helen Schulman and Hillary Jordan, interviewed by Booklist’s Brad Hooper, as well as the ceremonial ribbon cutting – then join the party at the Exhibits Opening Reception (5:30-7:30pm).

Dine Around Dallas – Don’t know where to go in Dallas? Want to meet new colleagues? A group of Dallas restaurants – varying in cuisine, atmosphere and price – are currently holding reservations for attendees – in groups of 8 – on Saturday and Sunday night. To register, go to http://www.alamidwinter.org/whats-happening-midwinter#dine_around . Take advantage of this opportunity to meet new colleagues.

Think Fit @ ALA

New at Midwinter, Think Fit @ ALA will feature a Fun Run 5K and Walk (ticketed). Step off will be at 7:00am, Saturday, January 21, Reverchon Park & Katy Trail. Already registered? Stop by the Fun Run booth at the Dallas Convention Center (DCC) on Friday to pick up your packet and event t-shirt. Shuttle bus service will be available starting at 6:00am. See page 25 in the ALA Midwinter *Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory* for bus routes. Bus sponsorship is provided by Gale Cengage. Fun Run sponsorship is provided by Innovative Interfaces.

Masters Series

Grab your lunch and attend the new “Masters Series,” Saturday and Sunday, 12:30-1:00pm, DCC – Ballroom A2.

- Saturday, January 21: Corinne Hill, Interim Director, Dallas Public Library – “Re-Imagining the Public Library in a Post-Recession Society.”
- Sunday, January 22: Carl Lennertz, Executive Director, World Book Night – “How Your Library Can Be Involved in World Book Night 2012,”

www.worldbooknight.org

Don’t miss the special Masters session – “A Library Occupies Occupy Wall Street” – on Saturday, January 21, 8:30-9:30am, with OWS librarians Betsy Fagin, Mandy Henk and Zachary Loeb.

The Midwinter Conversation

This meeting sees us kick off “The conversation starts here...” a new theme that celebrates our Midwinter focus. New events respond to attendees’ requests for more opportunities for unstructured conversations where ideas, innovations, and challenges can be shared and discussed.

Look for more interactive sessions, the ALA Unconference, and the centerpiece events: “Empowering Voices, Transforming Communities,” led by visionary professor David Lankes, and the ALA President’s Program with Rich Harwood, who is described as “one of the great thinkers in American Public Life.”

Join ALA President Molly Raphael, Dr. R. David Lankes and your colleagues for *Empowering Voices: Transforming Communities*, Saturday-Sunday, January 21-22, 1-3:00pm, DCC – A1. David Lankes (Professor, Syracuse University School of Information; *The Atlas of New Librarianship*) will kickoff each session with context and challenges. The work of each session will happen in small group conversations – a World Café-style process. Each session will conclude with a plenary conversation, which will be graphically recorded by Stacy Weitzner, Lead Info Designer, SunniBrown.com.

Saturday, January 21: What are the aspirational goals of our communities (academic, civic, school communities)

Sunday, January 22: What do we need to do to transform libraries and librarianship?

See the Scheduler in ALA Connect <http://connect.ala.org/node/138170> for additional questions and to get started with the discussion.

Picking up and continuing the conversation as the featured speaker in ALA President Molly Raphael’s President’s Program is Rich Harwood. Described as “one of the great thinkers in American public life.” Harwood has become a leading national authority on improving America’s communities, raising standards of political conduct, and reengaging citizens on today’s most complex and controversial public issues. He is the president and founder of The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation. The President’s Program is 3:30-5:30pm, Sunday, in the DCC – Theater.

2012 ALA Midwinter Library Camp

End your Midwinter experience at Library Camp, Monday, January 23, 3:30-5:00pm, DCC – D 165. This unstructured session will provide an opportunity for you to reflect on what you learned at the 2012 Midwinter and to share with colleagues.

GameRT

ALA’s newest Round Table will hold its inaugural meeting, Saturday, January 21, 10:30am-noon, DCC – D227. Join the group for two fascinating presentations during the Games and Gaming Round Table’s first ever forum/update. ALA’s National Gaming Day @ your library is a fairly new event created to promote the “educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games”. The University of North Texas Library has participated for two years and has organized its event to offer fun along with a focus on research and development opportunities available for people interested in all aspects of gaming. In this talk, Diane Robson and Bethany Ross will detail the planning and organization of NGD at an academic library. Afterward, ALA staffer Jenny Levine will talk about changes coming to this year’s NGD event.

Book Buzz Theatre

The various “Book Buzz” sessions offered by a variety of publishers will all be in a single location this year – easy to find and remember: DCC – Ballroom C1. See pages 11-12 of the *Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory* for a list of sessions.

...And an AC2012 (Anaheim) Schedule Alert

Starting to plan for Annual Conference 2012 in Anaheim? Here are some new (or almost new) changes to keep in mind:

- **Opening General Session:** The (no-conflict) Opening General Session is from 4:00-5:15pm on Friday, June 22, followed immediately by the Ribbon Cutting for the Exhibits Opening and the Exhibits Opening Reception (5:30-7:30pm).
- **New this year: The Board/Council/Membership Information Session** moves to a new time: Saturday, June 23, 3:30-5:00pm. The **Report to Members**, including ample time for questions and answers, is followed immediately by the **ALA Membership Meeting**, 5:00-6:00pm. Be there.
- **New this year: The ALA Awards Ceremony** will become part of the **ALA President's Program**, Sunday, June 24, 3:30-5:30pm.
- **New this year:** The sequence and timing of the closing session and inaugural will change. Tuesday, June 26 --
 - **ALA Council III** –7:45-9:15am
 - **Closing General Session & Introduction of New Officers** (no conflict) – 9:30-11:00am
 - **Inaugural Brunch** (ticketed) – 11:15-1:00pm
 Watch for more information as ALA President-Elect Maureen Sullivan and colleagues prepare for this important annual transition.

... And one final note for the 2012 ALA Annual Conference:

Have something to share with colleagues? **Submit a proposal** for the ALA2012 Annual Conference. Go to <http://www.alaannual.org/programs-meetings> and click on Submit a Proposal. Proposals are being accepted – and deadlines are approaching rapidly – for Conversation Starters (45-minute programs), IGNITE! sessions (5 minutes/20 slides) and posters. Proposals are also being accepted for the ALA Virtual Conference, scheduled for July 18-19, 2012.

KEY NUMBERS

Registration: 2012 Midwinter Meeting

As of January 13, 2012, advance registration for the Midwinter Meeting was 4,823. This compares to 5,180 at the same point last year (2011 Midwinter Meeting, San Diego). Registrants include 95 international attendees.

There are 3,269 exhibitor personnel registered, from 430 exhibiting organizations, with 82,000 net square feet of exhibit space.

ALA Membership

	November 30, 2011	November 30, 2010
Total	59,824	61,479
<u>Including</u>		
Personal	56,839	58,264
Organizational	2,765	2,984
Corporate	220	231

Division Memberships

	November 30, 2011	November, 2010
AASL	8,092	8,081
ACRL	12,385	12,260
ALCTS	4,096	4,162
ALSC	3,868	4,033
ALTAFF	1,390	1,151
ASCLA	775	778
LITA	3,359	3,379
LLAMA	4,081	4,249
PLA	9,376	10,240
RUSA	4,055	4,223
YALSA	5,277	5,390

Round Table Memberships

	November 30, 2011	November 30, 2010
EMIERT	571	594
ERT	616	617
FAFLRT	768	745
GAMERT	60	approved AC2011
GLBTRT	922	914
GODORT	873	887
IFRT	1,412	1,487
IRRT	1,848	1,891
LEARNRT	342	355
LHRT	466	499
LIRT	1,584	1,543
LRRT	1,490	1,579
LSSIRT	446	471
MAGIRT	320	332
NMRT	1,954	2,003
RMRT	126	16 (approved AC2010)
SRRT	955	1,204
S[T]ORT	157	155
VRT	563	300

BE INFORMED & JOIN THE DISCUSSION: HOT TOPICS

Copyright

There has been much activity in recent weeks on so-called anti-piracy bills in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. In the House, H.R. 3261, the “Stop Online Piracy Act,” (SOPA), introduced by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) back in October is still being marked up by the Judiciary Committee. Markup will continue once the House returns on January 17, 2012. Debate of the proposed amendments by members of the committee has been impassioned.

Meanwhile, the Senate’s PROTECT IP Act of 2011 (S. 968), or PIPA, bill is on the move too. Introduced back in May of 2011 by Sen. Leahy (D-VT), cloture was filed on December 17 to proceed to a roll call vote on the bill scheduled for January 24, 2012 (the first day the Senate is back in session in the new year).

- **Privacy/Surveillance**

The SOPA bill (above) also raises very serious privacy problems. There is much interest within the ALA Committee on Legislation and among some Council members to develop a resolution around SOPA – including the copyright, access and privacy problems in the bill.

Additional information, including ALA’s letters to Congress in response to these bills’ activity are available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/copyright/copyrightlegislation/index.cfm>

Digital Content/E-Books

- Washington Office Update: *Orphaned Works & Digital Libraries* (Saturday, January 21, 8:00-10:00am, DCC – C146). Two consecutive panels will discuss two hot topics and take questions from the audience. The first panel (8:00-9:00am) will examine the current state of orphaned works. Panelists will discuss how institutions are “unlocking” orphans, best practices in doing so and possible paths forward. The second panel (9:00-10:00am) will review the landscape of digital libraries, including the HathiTrust Digital Library, Internet Archive and the proposed Digital Public Library of America. Panelists will discuss how the models work, ways in which they differ, and how each digital library is approaching orphaned works.

Confirmed speakers include Kevin Smith (Duke University), Dwayne Buttler (University of Louisville), Brewster Kahle (Internet Archive), Mary Minow (LibraryLaw) and Dave Hansen (Digital Library Copyright Project, University of California-Berkeley).

- Washington Office Update Breakout II: *Online and Above the Radar: Ensuring the Use and Discoverability of Digital Collections* (Saturday, January 21, 10:30am-noon, DCC – C146). The discussion will build on the OITP Perspectives Paper, “Digitizing Hidden Collections in Public Libraries.” (www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/wo/washevents/midwinterwo/index.cfm) Speakers include Susan Currie, Tompkins County (NY) Public Library; Rachel Frick, Digital Library Federation Program, Council on Library and Information Resources; Robert Horton, Institute of Museum and Library Services; Carol Linn, library consultant; and Patrick Murray-John, Roy Rozenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University. Organizers are Gwen Glazer (“Digitizing Hidden Collections”) and Jason Kucsma (co-editor, *Digitization in the Real World*)
- OITP: *Do I Own these E-Books or Not? : The Adventures of Jo Budler, Kansas State Librarian* (Saturday, 3:30-5:30pm, DCC – C146). Jo Budler claimed ownership of e-books. Learn what this effort might mean for state and public libraries across the country, why Budler took the path she did, and how you can learn from her experience. Read more about Jo Budler in this “Newsmaker” piece from *American Libraries*: <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/columns/newsmaker/joanne-budler>
- A special supplement to *American Libraries*’ January/February 2012 issue focuses on some of the topics at the core of the digital revolution currently affecting libraries and a taste of what to expect from the Association’s Digital Content and Libraries Initiative and Working Group. See <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/inside-scoop/making-new-connections>.

Internet Content

While the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and other ALA units seek to publicize the 99.9% of public library success stories – stories about services to children, immigrants, seniors and others, the .1% -- the problems with users and Internet “porn” – have lately been getting the space. Consequently, OIF and the ALA Public Information Office are working on a document to guide members on this issue when they are talking to the press, their trustees, or their general community. No document is available yet – but ideas will be discussed at the Intellectual Freedom Committee meeting on Saturday, January 21, at approximately 10:00am, in the Dallas Convention Center, A309. Please note that this is not a formal hearing but the beginnings of a discussion on how ALA can offer the press and its members an understanding of ALA’s principles and practical advice on this issue.

Library Funding

Washington Office Update Breakout I: How to Save Your Library Using Grassroots Strategies (Saturday, January 21, 10:30am-noon, DCC – C141). Listen to advocacy guru Stephanie Vance share practical and proven techniques on influencing policy makers. Also, a panel of library supporters will share stories of their success in using grassroots strategies. Expect to walk away with ten principles for grassroots success. (www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/wo/washevents/midwinterwo/index.cfm)

Net Neutrality

On November 10, 2011, the U.S. Senate voted on S.J. Res. 6, an *anti*-net neutrality bill to overturn the Net Neutrality decision adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The resolution was *defeated* in a partisan vote – 46 yeas and 52 nays. The bill’s demise allowed the FCC order upholding net neutrality to take effect November 20, 2011.

Privacy

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom continues its work on ALA’s “Privacy for All” initiative, an ongoing campaign to engage librarians in public education and advocacy to advance privacy rights and civil liberties in the digital age. “Choose Privacy Week,” (May 1-7, 2012) will focus on deepening public awareness about the serious issue of government surveillance and its impact on individual privacy rights. Posters, bookmarks and buttons are available now through the ALA Store (<http://tinyurl.com/CPW2012goods>) and additional programming materials will be available in March and April through the initiative’s website: <http://www.privacyrevolution.org>. The “Privacy for All” initiative is funded by a generous grant from the Open Society Foundations.

In addition to “Choose Privacy Week,” OIF is working to develop programming tools that will help libraries reach out to library users, young persons, and immigrant and refugee communities about privacy issues. An important component of this effort is an ongoing survey to assess librarians and library workers’ attitudes about privacy, both within and outside of the library. The Office for Intellectual Freedom is inviting librarians and library workers to participate in a new survey (building on an earlier 2008 survey) that will measure librarians’ attitudes about privacy rights and protecting library users’ privacy. All responses are anonymous and confidential. The survey is online at <http://tinyurl.com/ALAprivacysurvey> and takes about 15 minutes to complete.

Scholarly Communication

The potential for using the digital environment to accelerate scholarship depends not only on unfettered access to publications and data, but also – equally – on having the clearly stated rights to use and re-use materials. Only with full re-use rights are we able to realize the true potential of Open Access to create new knowledge, build on earlier findings, and translate research for educational and commercial use. The 2012 Midwinter SPARC/ACRL forum, “*Getting the rights*

right for the future of scholarly communication,” will explore the troubles of getting the rights pieces wrong and how we can unlock the future of scholarship and scholarly communication if we get the rights pieces right. The forum will be held from 4:00-5:30pm, Saturday, January 21, Dallas Convention Center, Room A201/A202. The ACRL Scholarly Communication discussion group will continue exploration of the issue from 4:00-5:30pm, Sunday, January 22, Sheraton Dallas, Room Majestic 05.

School Libraries

- The School Library Task Force (SLTF) is in the process of coordinating home office visits for each U.S. Senator in all 50 states. The visits are part of an ongoing effort to ensure that school libraries are included in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary School Act (ESEA). School libraries were left out of the most recent version of the bill that passed the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. Now that the bill can be debated on the floor, it is crucial to get school libraries included in the bill through an amendment. Coalitions making visits in each state are being tasked with asking their senators to sign on to a letter indicating their support for school libraries in ESEA. The SLTF is suggesting that each coalition include a school librarian, student, parent, local business person, and public librarian. But, all library supporters are certainly welcome. The School Library Task Force will meet from 4:30-6:30pm on Saturday, January 21, in the Dallas Convention Center, A3 Table 1.
- The 2011-2012 Presidential Task Force on School Libraries is actively supporting the White House petition on school libraries, initiated by Carl Harvey, 2011-2012 AASL president. It specifically petitions the Obama administration to “ensure that every child in America has access to an effective school library program.” 25,000 signatures, no later than February 4, 2012, are required in order for this petition to be viewed by White House staff. The Task Force asks that you not only sign this petition but spread the word to member groups and to your colleagues, as well as library supporters in your personal circles. The Task Force will be distributing information about the petition, with URLs and QR codes, through the ALA Midwinter Meeting. Materials will be available at the Membership Pavilion on the exhibit floor. In addition, a computer kiosk dedicated to the online petition will be available in the registration area. To sign the petition, visit: <http://wh.gov/Wgd>

Value of Academic Libraries

Academic libraries and librarians are increasingly called upon to demonstrate their value to the campus community and plan for a rapidly changing future. Join the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) for two open forums to explore these pressing issues.

- Learn about recent developments with ACRL’s *Value of Academic Libraries Initiative*, a multiyear project designed to aid academic librarians in demonstrating value, 10:30am-noon, Sunday, January 22, Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Lone Star Ballroom A1. In late fall 2011, ACRL joined with three partners – the Association for Institutional Research, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, and the Council of Independent Colleges – to convene two national summits to determine the professional competencies that librarians need for the future. In this forum, learn the advice given by those attending the summits: college and university chief academic officers, senior institutional researchers, representatives from accreditation commissions and higher education organizations, and academic librarians.
- A major component of the assessment and value process is providing quality services to library users. To assist with this process, ACRL released a newly revised and updated version of the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education in October 2011. Learn how

these standards differ from previous standards and about the services ACRL will offer to support librarians in applying the standards for the purposes of strategic planning, program review, and institutional effectiveness. The forum will be 8:00-10:00am, Saturday, January 21, Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Houston Ballroom C.

Late Breaking News: The Research Works Act

A new bill, The Research Works Act (H.R. 3699), designed to roll back the NIH Public Access Policy and block the development of similar policies at other federal agencies, was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives. Co-sponsored by Darrell Issa (R-CA) and Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), the bill would prohibit federal agencies from conditioning their grants to require that articles reporting on publicly funded research be made accessible to the public online. This would rollback the strides made by the library community in seeking public access to federally-funded research reports.

IT'S YOUR ASSOCIATION: GOVERNANCE IN ACTION

ALA COUNCIL & ALA-APA COUNCIL MEETINGS – Dallas Convention Center C2-C4

All sessions are captioned.

- Executive Board/Council/Membership Information Session, 9:00-10:00am, Sunday, January 22
 - Reports from the ALA Budget Analysis and Review Committee (Clara Bohrer, Chair), ALA Endowment Trustees (Daniel J. Bradbury, Chair), 2012 ALA Nominating Committee (Vivian Wynn, Chair).
 - Reports from the ALA President Molly Raphael, and ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels
 - Special Report from ALA Treasurer James (Jim) G. Neal
- ALA-APA Information Session & Council, 10:15-11:00am, Sunday, January 22
- Council I, 11:15am-12:30pm, Sunday, January 22
 - Nominations for the Council Executive Board Election (ALA President-Elect Maureen Sullivan)
 - Appointment of the Tellers Committee for the ALA Executive Board Election
 - Review of ALA Executive Board actions since the 2011 Annual Conference (Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director)
 - Report on Implementation of the 2011 ALA Annual Conference Council actions (Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director)
 - New Business
- Council II, 10:00am-12:15pm, Monday, January 23
 - Report from ALA Treasurer James (Jim) Neal
 - Policy Monitoring Committee Report (John A. Moorman, Chair)
 - Freedom to Read Foundation Report (Kenton L. Oliver, FTRF President)
 - New Business
 - ALA Honorary Membership Nominations (ALA Immediate Past President Roberta A. Stevens)
- Executive Board Candidates' Forum, 12:30-1:30pm, Monday, January 23
- Council III, 8:00am-12:30pm, Tuesday, January 24
 - Memorials, Tributes and Testimonials
 - FY2013 Programmatic Priorities
 - Reports from the Tellers, Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Steven K. Bowers, Chair), Intellectual Freedom Committee (Pat R. Scales, Chair), Committee on Legislation (Eva Poole, Chair), International Relations Committee (Sha Li Zhang, Chair)

- New Business

ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD & APA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – OMNI – Fair Park 1

- ALA Executive Board I, 8:00-11:00am, Friday, January 20
 - Development Office Report/Planned Giving Campaign
 - 2015 Strategic Plan Implementation Report
 - Joint Boards Meeting Report
 - Digital Content and Libraries
- ALA-APA Board of Directors, 11:00am-noon, Friday, January 20
- ALA Executive Board II, 1:30-4:30pm, Monday, January 23
 - School Libraries Presidential Task Force Report
 - Auditor's Report
 - Washington Office Report
 - Endowment Trustees' Report
 - Legal Update (closed session)
- ALA Executive Board III, 1:00-5:30pm, Tuesday, January 24
 - Conference Services Report
 - Budget Analysis & Review Committee Report
 - Finance & Audit Committee Report
 - Liaison Reports

DIVISION BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

- **American Association of School Librarians (AASL)**
 - AASL Board of Directors Workshop, 8:00am-12:30pm, Friday, January 20, DCC – D224.
 - AASL Board of Directors II, 8:00am-12:30pm, Saturday, January 21, DCC – A310
- **Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL)**
 - ACRL Board of Directors I, 1:30-5:30pm, Saturday, January 21, SHER – Houston BR A
 - ACRL Board of Directors II, 1:30-4:30pm, Monday, January 23, SHER – Houston BR A
- **Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)**
 - ALCTS Board of Directors I, 1:00-5:00pm, Friday, January 20, DCC – C145
 - ALCTS Board of Directors II, 1:30-5:30pm, Monday, January 23, DCC – C145
The ALCTS Board will continue its discussion on virtual participation. This discussion is the next step in aligning ALCTS to better meet the needs of its members. Other discussions of note include leadership succession planning, section virtual conferences, and ALCTS involvement in standards development.
- **Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)**
 - ALSC Board of Directors I, 1:30-5:30pm, Saturday, January 22, DCC – D160
 - ALSC Board of Directors II, 1:30-5:30pm, Monday, January 23, DCC – D160
- **Association for Library Trustees & Advocates (ALTAFF)**
 - ALTAFF Board of Directors, 9:00-11:30am, Sunday, January 22, DCC – C144
The ALTAFF Board will be discussing the possible name change to United for Libraries. If approved, it will be on the ALA/ALTAFF spring ballot as a bylaws amendment.
- **Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)**
 - ASCLA Board of Directors I, 8:00-10:00am, Saturday, January 21, DCC – D161
 - ASCLA Board of Directors II, 8:00-10:00am, Monday, January 23, DCC – D161
- **Library & Information Technology Association (LITA)**
 - LITA Board of Directors I, 12:30-3:30pm, Friday, January 20, DCC – C144
 - LITA Board of Directors II, 1:30-4:30pm, Monday, January 23, DCC – C144
- **Library Leadership & Management Association (LLAMA)**

- LLAMA Board of Directors I, 1:30-3:30pm, Saturday, January 21, DCC – D175
 - LLAMA Board of Directors II, 8:00am-noon, Monday, January 23, DCC – D175
- **Public Library Association (PLA)**
 - PLA Board of Directors, 1:30-5:30pm, Saturday, January 21, DCC – C144
- **Reference & User Services Association (RUSA)**
 - RUSA Board of Directors I, 1:30-3:30pm, Saturday, January 21, DCC – D161
 - RUSA Board of Directors II, 1:30-3:30pm, Monday, January 23, DCC – D161
- **Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)**
 - YALSA Board of Directors I, 1:30-5:30pm, Saturday, January 21, DCC – C143
 - YALSA Board of Directors II, 4:00-5:30pm, Sunday, January 22, DCC – C143
 - YALSA Board of Directors III, 1:30-3:30pm, Monday, January 23, DCC – C143

MEET THE CANDIDATES

ALA Presidential Candidates' Forum

Don't miss the opportunity to hear candidates for ALA president—Barbara K. Stripling and Gina J. Millsap—and participate in the Q&A: Saturday, January 21, 11:00am-noon, DCC – C2-C4.

YALSA Coffee with Candidates, Sunday, 10:30am-noon, DCC – C146. Meet and mingle with candidates who are on the 2012 spring ballot, including YALSA's President-Elect, Division Councilor and Board of Directors at Large. There will be light refreshments and door prizes.

AASL Candidates Forum, noon-1:00pm, Sunday, January 22, HYATT – Reunion Ballroom D. Hear candidates running for AASL office as well as three sections of AASL: ISS, ESLS, SPVS.

WORK IN PROGRESS: COMMITTEES and OTHER GROUPS

Friday, January 20

- GODORT's Legislation Committee (I) will discuss legislative issues related to government publications. 4:00-5:00pm, DCC – A114

ENGAGE – DISCUSS – PARTICIPATE

This is a personal guide to the ALA Midwinter Meeting. There is more – much more. For additional information and more events, check the following sources:

Get the latest information on Midwinter sessions and create your own schedule. Use the Scheduler in ALA Connect: <http://alamw12.scheduler.ala.org/>

Get Midwinter Meeting information on the ALA website: <http://alamidwinter.org/>

Check the *Midwinter Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory* (on-site), as well as the Addendum, for last minutes changes. Session changes will also appear in *COGNOTES* (conference daily). See pages 83-105 in the *Meeting Guide* for a complete list of meetings and events, by time.

Want Midwinter info formatted for cell phones ("Boopsie")? <http://ala.boopsie.com>

NETWORKING EVERYWHERE

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Do You Un....?

- **The Networking Uncommons** is located in Lobby B of the Dallas Convention Center. Look for Networking Uncommons signs. It's a space where you can have a small group meeting, hold an impromptu discussion on a hot topic, or just recharge your batteries (literally – power strips provided!). There are tables, chairs, a projector and some other small equipment. It's your space to use.
 - Join **Michele Boulé** (***Mob Rule Learning***) on Sunday, 9:00am, to discuss how to incorporate “unconference” ideas into ALA conference planning. See <http://wanderingeyre.com/2012/01/12/discussing-unconference-things-at-midwinter>
 - Do you love the thrill of winning a board game? Are you looking for ways to give old games new life? Stop by the Uncommons on Saturday and Sunday at noon, and Monday at 10:00am, for **Gaming in the Uncommons**. Play Librarian Clue, READ@Poster Memory, Midwinter Apples to Apples, or ALA-themed word puzzles while you get new ideas for games and meet other gamers.
 - **ALA GOES DIY!** Are you looking to expand your programming base? Stop by the Networking Uncommons to see members showing off their handicrafts expertise. You can preview books and resources to expand each craft's reach, learn some basics, and ask questions and brainstorm about integrating new DIY crafts and projects into library programming and outreach.
 - Friday, 3pm-4pm: Paper crafts (bookmaking & stationary)
 - Saturday, 3pm-4pm: Fabric crafts (small sewing & embroidery)
 - Sunday, 3pm-4pm: Textiles (knitting, crochet, weaving)
- **The Unconference, Friday, January 20, 9:00am-noon, DCC – D165.**
Join this participant-guided experience. Share your knowledge and passion.

GET ACQUAINTED SESSIONS, SOCIALS AND CELEBRATIONS

- **LITA 201** is a general orientation to involvement in the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA). Friday, January 20, 4:00-5:00pm, DCC – D172. Join the group and learn how active involvement in LITA can help you better meet the challenges of today and troubleshoot the challenges of tomorrow.
- Think you know all there is to know about young adult literature and YALSA's book awards and book lists? Meet new colleagues and support YALSA at the **YA Lit Trivia Night FUNdraiser**, 8:00-10:00pm, Friday, January 20, Omni, Dallas B Room. Show off your knowledge at this event! A cash bar and light refreshments will be provided. Donations will be collected at the event for YALSA's Leadership Endowment, which will fund leadership-focused efforts, such as student scholarships, mentoring programs, leadership institutes and more.
- Don't miss the New Members Round Table (NMRT) **Conference Orientation**, Saturday, January 21, 8-10:00am, DCC-D173.

- Yes, I'm ready to get involved! (BCALA), Saturday, January 21, 8:00-10:00am, Marriott City Center, Normandy Room. This session is open to all who wish to get involved in the **Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA)**. Take advantage of this chance to review and discuss leadership opportunities within BCALA.
- Want to become more involved with the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) or step up to a YALSA leadership position? Join **YALSA 201**, 9:00-10:00am, Saturday, January 21, Adolphus Hotel, Century Ballroom B.
- Join the **ALCTS New Members Interest Group**, Saturday, 10:30am-noon, DCC – D172. You can register before the meeting to be a mentor and mentee (<http://bit.ly/s9RvPJ>) --but you're still welcome, even if you don't pre-register.
- **NMRT's Membership, Networking and Committee Interest Meeting** offers an excellent path to engagement, Saturday, January 21, 1:30-3:30pm, DCC – D226.
- And then, you can catch the **NMRT Midwinter Social**, City Tavern (1402 Main Street), 5:30-7:30pm, Saturday, January 21.
- Join **REFORMA's** signature program, **Noche de Cuentos: A Magical Evening of Tales**, Saturday, 8:00-10:00pm, Dallas Public Library, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, 2nd Floor, for a fun-filled night with good stories and great company!
- Network at the **ALCTS Member Reception**, Saturday, January 21, 6-8:00pm, Marriott Plaza Ballroom A, with sponsorship from YBP.
- **New Leaders Discussion Group (NMRT/LLAMA)**, DCC – A307, Sunday, January 22, 10:30am-noon. How can professional organization involvement enhance your day-to-day job? Join the networking and discussion for new librarians, librarians making career shifts and anyone interested in developing leadership skills.
- **ACRL New Members Discussion Group: What I Wish I'd Learned in Library School (ACRL)**, Sunday, January 22, 10:30am-noon, SHER – Lone Star Ballroom C3. A panel of librarians will discuss things they wished they'd learning in library school – but bring your experience and questions, as there will be plenty of time for discussion.
- The **ALA Committee on Diversity** will welcome Dr. Camila Alire, 2011 Achievement in Library Diversity Research Honoree, to provide opening remarks and receive her plaque at the **DiversiTea**, Sunday, 4:00-5:30pm, DCC – C150. The DiversiTea serves as the launch of the 2012 ALA Diversity Research grants program and provides a forum for attendees to discuss current work in diversity research and explore the opportunities provided by the Diversity Research Grants program.
- Join **GLBTRT** members and supporters for the **Midwinter Social**, Sunday, 6:00-8:00pm, Dallas Public Library, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, 4th Floor Gallery. The 2012 Stonewall Book Awards, Rainbow Project, and Over the Rainbow Book Lists will also be announced.
- Support the **Freedom to Read Foundation** at the its annual **Banned Author Event & Fundraiser**, 6:00-8:30pm, Sunday, January 22, Dallas Public Library, 1515 Young Street. O'Hara Room (7th floor), featuring YA author John Green, who will speak and sign books; bring

your own book or buy one there. Refreshments will be provided. The suggested donation is \$25 (\$10/students). Reserve your spot now. Visit the FTRF secure donation page at www.ftrf.org. Tickets will also be available at the door.

- The **Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)**, the **Black Caucus of the American Library Association**, and the ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services will host the **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance and Sunrise Celebration**, Monday, 6:30-7:30am, DCC – A2, featuring keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Lewis V. Baldwin, professor of religious studies, Vanderbilt University.
- Interested in books for children and young adults? Don't miss a Midwinter highlight: the announcement of the 2012 winners of the **ALA Youth Media Awards**, Monday, January 23, DCC – Theatre. The doors will open at 7:30am; awards will be announced at 7:45am. The top awards in children's and young adult literature will be announced – 18 awards, including the renowned Caldecott and Newbery Medals, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards and Printz award. See www.ala.org/yma for additional information. You can follow the results live on Facebook @ alayma or Twitter #ALAYma.
- Celebrate the 2012 honorees and winners for the **Morris Award and YA Nonfiction Award**, 10:30am-noon, Monday, January 23, Omni, Dallas E Room. Enjoy coffee, tea and danish and listen to the winners and finalists speak about their honored works. After the speeches, mingle with the authors and pick up copies of their books.
- **ALTAFF's Gala Author Tea (ticketed)** will be Monday, January 23, 2:00-4:00pm, Omni Hotel – Dallas D. Bestselling authors, including Kim Edwards, Erin Duffy, Pam Houston, Taylor Stevens and Leonard Kniffel will discuss their writing life and forthcoming books. Enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, and a variety of sweet treats. A book signing will follow, with some books given away for free and others available for purchase at a generous discount. ALTAFF will recognize winners of the 2011 National Friends of Libraries Week Awards during the event.
- Providing services to children or teens? Don't miss the **AASL/ALSC/YALSA Membership Reception**, 6:00-7:30pm, Monday, January 23, Adolphus Hotel (ADOL), Century Ballroom. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar.

....And then there are the **UNofficial opportunities**:

- **5th Newbie & Veteran Librarian Tweet-up**, Saturday, January 21, 2012 - 7:30pm to 10:00pm
Join the 5th Newbie & Veteran Librarian Tweet-up! Learn and discuss all things that librarians are interested in over great music and drinks! Make the Saturday night a TRIFECTA of great social events!! The Anvil Pub (2638 Elm Street) is considered one of the coolest bars in the Deep Ellum neighborhood of Dallas. They have a green kitchen that is greaseless with a very low carbon imprint, bike-friendly (can bring bicycles in the bar to park), and they also have vegan options on the menu. There is a large selection of beers, and also Texas beers specifically. Please be sure to RSVP at <http://twtvite.com/alamw12-tweetup>. More info is available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/188808927870633/>. Tags: [makeithappen](#) [partyhard](#) [tweetup](#)
- **LITA Happy Hour**, Friday, January 20, 5:00pm – 8:00pm, City Tavern, 1402 Main Street Dallas, TX (214) (214) 745-1402 [citytaverndowntown](http://citytaverndowntown.com). Here's your chance to catch-up with your LITA friends, and maybe make some new ones. If you're new to LITA, the Happy Hour is a great opportunity to get to know other members in a relaxed atmosphere. LITA Happy Hour is immediately followed by the Emerging Leaders Soiree at the same location – these two crowds are so attuned it would be a shame to miss either one! There's also a [Facebook Event](#) set up.

- Members of the AASL Board of Directors, AASL Affiliate Assembly Delegates, and other AASL leadership are invited to a Meet and Mingle hosted by the **Texas Association of School Librarians**, 5:30-7:30pm, Saturday, January 21, at the w xyz bar in the Aloft Hotel.

LOOKING FOR INTERACTIVE & PARTICIPATORY LEARNING?

ATTEND A FORUM OR UPDATE

Friday, January 20

- YALSA Research Forum: What's Next for YA? (YALSA), 1:30-3:30pm, DCC – D225
YALSA released its new research agenda in October 2011, with four priority areas: 1) impact of libraries on YAs, 2) YAs and reading, 3) information seeking behaviors and needs of YAs, and 4) informal and formal learning environments for YAs. Join in on this discussion to explore what directions research might take in the next few years and how you might participate. The forum will be facilitated by members of YALSA's Research Committee.
- ALCTS – CAMMS: Competencies and Education for a Career in Cataloging, 4:00-5:15pm, HYATT Reunion Ballroom C.
The need for succession planning in an environment that is losing its cataloging and metadata department leaders challenges libraries of all types and sizes. Guest presenter April Grey (Head of Cataloging, University of Louisiana at Lafayette) will review successes, challenges and the plan for future changes. Participants will discuss the current challenges and explore the requirements and experience needed.

Saturday, January 21

- ALA Washington Office Update: Orphaned Works & Digital Libraries, 8:00-10:00am, DCC – C146
 - The first panel will discuss how institutions are “unlocking” orphans, best practices developed in doing so, and possible paths forward.
 - The second panel will review the landscape of digital libraries, including the HathiTrust Digital Library, Internet Archive, and proposed Digital Public Library of America. Panelists will discuss how the models work, ways in which they differ, and how each digital library is approaching orphaned works.
- New Standards for Libraries in Higher Education Forum (ACRL), 8:00-10:00am, SHER – Houston BR C
- Games and Gaming Forum (GAMERT), 10:30am-noon, DCC – D227
- Is a PhD in LIS For You? (ALA-OFD), 10:30am-noon, DCC – C149
Featuring a panel of current doctoral students, this is an opportunity for individuals considering LIS doctoral study to learn more about the opportunities and challenges of pursuing this advanced degree.
- Library of Congress Update Forum, 10:30-noon, DCC – D171
- Role of the Professional Librarian in Technical Services (ALCTS), 10:30am-noon, DCC – D174
- WO Breakout I: How to Save Your Library Using Grassroots Strategies – Success Stories (ALA – Washington Office), 10:30am-noon, DCC- C141
Listen to the Advocacy Guru Stephanie Vance share valuable tips on how to influence policymakers during tough economic times, hear stories from library advocates around the country, walk away with 10 principles for grassroots success.
- WO Breakout II: Online and Above the Radar: Ensuring Access to and Use of Digital Collections (ALA – Washington Office), 10:30am-noon, DCC – C148
Creating digital collections is only the beginning of successful digitization projects. Ensuring access to and discoverability of those collections beyond library, archive, or museum websites relies on search engine visibility, directories, or large-scale portal projects. Building on the OITP Perspectives Paper “Digitizing Hidden Collections in Public Libraries,” this panel will address initiatives aimed at providing

increased access to the invaluable small and medium-sized digitization projects created by countless libraries, archives and museums.

- The Edge Initiative: Public Access Technology in Libraries Meeting (AFL), 1:30-3:30pm, DCC – A130-131
- Forum on E-Books and Libraries (ALA – OITP), 3:30-5:30pm, DCC – C146
“Do I Own These E-Books or Not?: The Adventures of Jo Budler, Kansas State Librarian.” You’ve heard about it: how one state librarian dared to suggest that her libraries “owned” – and did not rent – the e-books they had purchased. Now hear the behind-the-scenes story from Jo Budler, Kansas State Librarian, and what this effort might mean for state and public libraries across the country. Learn why Budler took the path she did – and how you can learn from her experience to improve what you can do in your own library.
- ACRL/SPARC Forum, 4:00-5:30pm, DCC – A201/202
- Discovering and Cataloging Repositories and Unique Collections: An Update on Standards, Preservation, and Usage (ALCTS-CRS), 4:00-5:30pm, DCC – D168
- YALSA Trends in YA Presentation (YALSA), 4:00-5:30pm, DCC – C141
Jeanie Austin (GSLIS, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) will present “Critical Issues in Juvenile Detention Center Libraries,” a paper exploring the tensions present in juvenile detention center library services and how youth and librarians can and do navigate these tensions within the library setting.

Sunday, January 22

- Celebrate Teen Tech Week™ with a Hack Jam (YALSA), 8:00-10:00am, DCC – D172
Want to know about a great new way to introduce some next generation tech programming into your library, with a minimal demand on staff? Participate in this hands-on event to learn how to implement Hackasaurus activities with your teens. Demos will be presented by representatives from the Mozilla Foundation, the New York Public Library and local teens.
- Serving Adult Learners @ Your Library (ALA –Literacy), 8:00-10:00am, DCC – D166
This forum, based on the forthcoming “Literacy for All: Adult Literacy @ your library” toolkit, provides an opportunity for librarians to join a panel of literacy experts and advocates for a discussion of current and emerging issues, promising practices and next steps.
- Digital Literacy: Opportunities and Challenges (ALA-Literacy), 10:30am-noon, DCC – D166
Moderated by Elizabeth Friese, this forum will explore how librarians, educators, researchers, and policy makers are addressing a broad range of issues, including equity of access and digital inclusion, emerging educational curricula and training modules, and new strategies for public engagement.
- National Libraries RDA Forum, 10:30am-noon, DCC – D227
- PLDS Statistical Report Demo, 10:30am-noon, DCC – C155
- The Role of Metadata Standards in Scientific Data Publishing: Part One (ACRL-STIS), 10:30am-noon, DCC – D168
- Top Technology Trends (Discussion Meeting) (LITA), 10:30am-12:30pm, DCC – A201-202
- Update on ACRL’s Value of Academic Libraries Initiative (ACRL), 10:30am-noon, SHER – Lone Star BR A1
- A Small But Powerful Forum for Winning Big Support for Your Rural Library (ALA-OLOS), 1:30-3:30pm, DCC – A308
Based on the *Small But Powerful Guide to Winning Big Support for Your Rural Library*, this forum will feature Jennifer Peterson, chair, ALA Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee; Tina Hager, library director, Little Elm Public Library (TX); and, Dr. Robert S. Martin, professor emeritus in the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman’s University. The forum will utilize a world café model to help develop a list of leadership and advocacy qualities for rural library staff.
- Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) Open Forum, 1:30-3:30pm, DCC – D168
The LSSC Program is a certification program that offers library support staff the opportunity to commit to professional development and continuing education through the completion of competency sets developed by ALA and implemented by the ALA-APA. Since its launch in January 2010, the LSSC program has registered 200 candidates, and there are 9 graduates. This Open Forum, hosted by ALA-APA, will offer an update on LSSC progress and success and a chance to offer feedback or ask questions.
- LLAMA Leadership Seminar, 1:30-3:30pm, DCC – C141

This year's seminar focuses on recruitment, retention, and mentoring of new librarians, and will include presentations by members of the Tall Texan Leadership Development Institute, ALA Emerging Leaders, and a new librarian.

- RDA Update Forum (ALCTS), 1:30-3:30pm, DCC – C146
- Collection Management Forum (ALCTS –CMS), 4:00-5:30pm, DCC – D168
- Discussion Forum: Answering the Young Adult Reference Question – Making Connections That Matter (RUSA-RSS/YALSA), 4:00-5:30pm, DCC – A304
- Let's Talk Trends: A Discussion of Higher Education Trends That Influence Academic Library Services and Systems (ACRL), 4:00-5:30pm, SHER – Majestic 04
- Open Hearing on Library Consultants Code of Ethics (ASCLA), 4:00-5:30pm, DCC – D224
- PARS Forum (ALCTS- PARS), 4:00-5:30pm, DCC – D171

Monday, January 23

- Kick off Preservation Week (April 22-28) at the ALCTS Forum, 10:30am-noon, DCC – A 201/202.
Author Steve Berry (*The Jefferson Key* and –forthcoming–*The Columbus Affair*) will talk about the importance of preserving our personal and community cultural heritage. Preservation Week is a joint initiative of ALA/Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), the Library of Congress and IMLS.
- Staff Training – Let's Share!: Ice Breakers and Other Ideas (LEARNRT), 10:30am-noon, DCC – A304
- Continuing Resources Cataloging Forum (ALCTS-CRS), 1:30-3:30pm, DCC – D168

FIND YOUR NICHE or EXPLORE NEW ONES: DISCUSSION & INTEREST & MEMBER INITIATIVE GROUPS

For a complete list of Discussion/Interest Group sessions, see pages 68-81 in the *Meeting Guide*.

Friday, January 20

- Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries (ALCTS), 9:30am-12:30pm, HYATT – Reunion BR E/F
- FRBR Interest Group (ALCTS), 10:30am-noon, DCC – D168
Learn more about FRAD (Functional Requirements for Authority Data) and other FR models with Qiang Jin and Dr. Shawne Miksa (12 user tasks from all three FR models – FRBR, FRAD and FRSAD – and corresponding information organization tasks)
- Collection Management in Public Libraries Interest Group (RUSA - CODES), 3:00-4:00pm, DCC – A304
- Electronic Resources Management Interest Group (LITA & ALCTS), 4:00-5:15pm, HYATT – Reunion BR C
Join a discussion of new holistic ILS systems that merge the ILS and the discovery interface and ERM functionality. There will also be NISO updates.

Saturday, January 21

- **Saturday, 8:00-10:00am**
- Cataloging Issues Discussion Group (ACRL-WESS), FAIR – Garden Room
- Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries Interest Group (ALCTS-CMS), Hyatt Regency Cumberland E-H. (extends to noon)
- Copy Cataloging Interest Group (ALCTS), DCC – D227
Library of Congress Decisions for Copy Cataloging with RDA will be presented by Barbara B. Tillett (Chief, Policy & Standards Div., Library of Congress). Information about available documentation and training materials will also be shared.

- Health Sciences Interest Group (ACRL), SHER – Trinity 4
Join an informal discussion of information literacy competencies related to the health sciences.
- International Documents Task Force (GODORT), OMNI – Fair Park 2
Discussion of topics related to information resources produced by international intergovernmental organizations and foreign governments.
- Middle Managers Discussion Group (LLAMA-LOMS), DCC – A303
- Preservation Administrators Interest Group (ACLTSPARS), HYATT – Reunion BR G/H (extends to noon)
Topics include Managing an Efficient Local Book Scanning Workstation (Ann Marie Willar, MIT; Roger Smith, University of California-San Diego), Scarce and Endangered Works: Using Network-level Holdings Data in Preservation Decision Making and Stewardship of the Printed Record (Annie Peterson, Yale; Jake Nadal, UCLA); Preservation Week Update (Julie Mosbo, Southern Illinois University), and Poor Man's Mold Cleanup (speakers from the Preservation Management Institute program).
- Scandinavian Discussion Group (ACRL-WESS), SHER – Trinity 5
- Technical Services Managers in Academic Libraries Interest Group (ALCTS), DCC – D172
Topics for discussion include RDA, Acquisitions and Serials in evolution, and changes in staffing, training and prioritization of workloads as libraries turn their focus increasingly to electronic and digital resources.
 - **Saturday, 9:30-11:30am**
- Internet Resources and Services Interest Group (LITA), 9:30-11:30am, DCC – D220
Discussion of current technology trends and preparation for the 7th Annual Ultimate Debate: "Cloud Computing: Liberation or Big Brother."
- Open Source Systems Interest Group (LITA), 9:30-11:30am, DCC – D220
- Transliteracy Interest Group (LITA), 9:30-11:30am, DCC – D220
 - **Saturday, 10:30am-noon**
- AASL Affiliate Assembly Discussion Group (AASL), OMNI – Greenville Avenue Room (extends to 12:30pm)
The Affiliate Assembly of the American Association of School Librarians will discuss topics of concern to the school library profession. Roundtable discussion topics include closures of school library programs or replacing certified school librarian with non-teaching volunteers, decline in state association membership, school librarian evaluation and classification as support staff, and adoption and implementation of the Common Core State Standards and evaluation of school librarians and student achievement.
- Administration of Collection Management Interest Group (ALCTSCMS), DCC – D173
Join this town hall style meeting to discuss future directions.
- BES Safety and Security Discussion Group (LLAMA-BES), HYATT Reunion BR D
- Cataloging Norms Interest Group (ALCTS), 10:30am-noon, DCC – D223
Discussion will explore the dynamics of cataloging/metadata norms and workflows in the hybrid environment.
- Collection Development and Evaluation Section Hot Topics Discussion Section (RUSACODES), DCC – A302
Discussion will focus on collection assessment in the era of "return on investment."
- Collection Development Discussion Group (ACRL-RBMS), SHER – Trinity 3
- Copyright Discussion Group (ACRL), SHER – Majestic 06
Litigation and legislative developments related to orphan works and digital libraries will be the topic of discussion.
- Interlibrary Loan Discussion Group (RUSA-STARs), OMNI Trinity 03
- Information Commons Discussion Group (ACRL), SHER – San Antonio BR A
- Modern Languages Association International Bibliography Discussion Group (ACRL), SHER – Trinity 4
- Metrics User Group Meeting (ACRL), SHER – Houston BR C
- Personnel Administrators & Staff Development Officers Discussion Group (ACRL), SHER – Houston BR B

- Reference Services Section Discussion Forum on Management of Reference (RUSA-RSS), DCC – C145
- RUSA/CODES Reference Publishing Discussion Forum (RUSA-CODES), DCC – D167
- Scholarly Communications Interest Group (ALCTS), DCC – D221
- Sociology Librarians Discussion Group (ACRL-ANSS), SHER – State Room 3
- Vendor/Library Interest Group (LITA), DCC – A303

This is the inaugural meeting of the reconstituted Vendor/Librarian Interest Group. Discussion will focus on key issues in play between the vendor and library community related to technology.

- **Saturday, 1:30-3:30pm**

- Catalog Management Interest Group (ALCTS-CAMMS), DCC – D227.
Session will include presentations on enhancements made to catalog records at the College of New Jersey to improve discovery of video materials and the impact of print withdrawal projects at Florida State University Libraries on catalog management. There will also be discussion on the effect of patron driven acquisitions on library catalogs and quality control issues associated with vendor-supplied record sets.
- Collection Development Issues for the Practitioner Interest Group (ALCTS-CMS), DCC-D222.
- Dance Librarians Discussion Group (ACRL-ARTS), SHER – Trinity 2
- Digital Conversion Interest Group (ALCTS-PARS), DCC – D171
Preservation professions are increasingly handling moving image materials. Limited resources and technical learning curves contribute to the challenge of preserving these materials. Discussion topics will include standards and technical specifications, file formats, codecs and wrappers, metadata, data storage and delivery for access.
- Digital Media Discussion Group (VRT), DCC – D170 (starts 2:00pm)
- DRUPAL4LIB Interest Group (LITA), DCC-A310.
- Electronic Resources Interest Group (ALCTS-CRS), DCC – D168
- Germanist and Romance Languages Discussion Groups (ACRL-WESS), SHER – Seminar Theater
Discussion will focus on e-books and e-resources in Germanic and Romance languages collection development and user services.
- Hot Topics Discussion Group (ACRL-STIS), SHER – Houston BR C
- Human Resources Section Emerging Trends Discussion Group (LLAMA-HRS), DCC-D175
- Information Literacy Web Site Discussion Forum (ACRL), SHER – San Antonio BR B
- Library Programs and Services to Baby Boomers Discussion Forum (RUSA-RSS), DCC – A303
- Machine-Assisted Reference Section Hot Topics Discussion Forum (RUSA-MARS), DCC – D223
- Manuscripts and Other Formats Discussion Group (ACRL-RBMS), SHER – Trinity 1
- Map Collection Management Discussion Group/GIS Discussion Group (MAGIRT), OMNI Arts District 6 (ends 5:30pm)
- Medium-Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group (ACRL-CJCLS), DCC – C145
- Newspapers Interest Group (ALCTS), OMNI – Trinity 7
- State and Local Documents Task Force (GODORT), OMNI – Fair Park 2 Room
Discussion will focus on information resources produced by state and local governments.

- **Saturday, 4:00-5:30pm**

- BES Library Interiors Discussion Group (LLAMA-BES), HYATT – Reunion BR D
- Catalog Form and Function Interest Group (ALCTS-CAMMS), DCC – D222
Increasingly, users are searching for library materials through “Next Generation Catalogs” or “Discovery Systems” which provide options to limit keyword retrieval sets by subject terms. How do our current subject terms function in this context? Can standards be developed for this? What should they be?
- Collaborative Digitization Interest Group (ASCLA), DCC – D161
See <http://connect.ala.org/node/151439>
- Collection Development Librarians of Academic Libraries Interest Group (ALCTS), DCC – D173

The ALCTS Transforming Collections Task Force was formed to consider how ALCTS can best address ALA's goal of "providing leadership in the transformation of libraries and library services in a dynamic and increasingly global digital information environment." Members of the Task Force will provide an update on their work to date, detailing some of their proposals. The report is online at:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/ianda/transcol/0611report.cfm>

The group will discuss transformative collection development trends, sharing experiences and gaining new, implementable ideas.

Special note: ALCTS sessions at Midwinter having to do with the ALCTS initiative "Transforming Collections" are tagged "transforming collections" in the Scheduler in ALA Connect. By searching on that tag, attendees can find related sessions.

- CJCLS Hot Topics, National Council for Learning Resources and All Committee Meeting (ACRL-CJCLS), SHER – Majestic 05.
Join the Hot Topics Discussion Group for topics of interest to Community and Junior College Librarians. There will be an update from the National Council for Learning Resources.
- Collection Development Librarians of Academic Libraries Interest Group (ALCTS-CMS), DCC – D173
- Criminal Justice/Criminology Librarians Discussion Group (ACRL-ANSS), SHER – State Room 3
- Faceted Subject Access Interest Group (ALCTS), DCC – D222
- Federal Documents Task Force (GODORT), OMNI – Fair Park 2.
Discussion will focus on information resources produced by the federal government.
- Fund Raising and Financial Development Section Discussion Group (LLAMA-FRFDS), DCC – A135
- Genealogy & Local History Discussion Group (RUSA-HS), DCC – A310
- Graphic Novels & Comics in Libraries Member Initiative Group meeting, DCC – C145
- Instruction Section Current Topics Discussion (ACRL-IS), SHER – San Antonio BR A
- Intellectual Access to Preservation Metadata Interest Group (ALCTS-PARS), DCC – D171
Data, datasets, and data management are becoming increasingly important parts of the library collection management portfolio. Joan Starr (EZID Service Manager & Manager of Strategic and Project Planning at CDL, and Chair of DataCite's Metadata Working Group) will provide an overview of some of the key issues in dataset management.
- Heads of Public Service Discussion Group (ACRL), SHER – Lone Star BR A4
- LOMS Organizational Development Discussion Group (LLAMA-LOMS), DCC – A303
- MARC Formats Interest Group (LITA), DCC – C149 (ends 6:00pm)
- Publisher/Vendor/Library Relations Interest Group (ALCTS), DCC – A118
- Residency Interest Group (ACRL), SHER – Majestic 09
Join library residents, residency program coordinators, administrators and new librarians to discuss issues related to residency, diversity and other issues of importance to new librarians.
- Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Hot Topics Discussion Group (RUSA-STARs), OMNI Trinity 3
- Standards Interest Group (LITA), DCC – D226
Co-hosted by LITA Standards Interest Group and NISO, NISO representatives will explain how standards are developed as well as what else NISO working groups produce. An open forum will give participants a chance to identify and discuss pressing issues they face in their workplaces and how standards might help streamline their operations. The organizers of this session hope to gain new ideas for potential NISO work items around which working groups can be formed and real progress can be made. Be an active participant.
- UX + VR FTW: Virtual Reference Discussion Group (RUSA-MARS), DCC – A304
Join Courtney Greene (Head, Digital User Experience, Indiana University Bloomington Libraries) to talk about what happens when user experience meets virtual reference.

Sunday, January 22

• Sunday, 8:00-10:00am

- BES Moving Libraries Discussion Group (LLAMA-BES), DCC – A305
- Cartographic Resources Cataloging Interest Group (ALCTS-CAMMS) and MAGIRT Cataloging and Classification Committee Meeting, DCC – D161 (NOTE: ALCTS-CAMMS 8-10am; MAGIRT CCC 10am-noon)
- College and Research Libraries Interest Group (ALCTS-CRS), DCC – D227
As budgets tighten and as title-focused and demand-driven acquisition models gain in popularity, conventional “big deal” publisher packages are falling under increased scrutiny. Are these packages a good investment? Join Beth Berhardt (Electronic Resources Librarian, University of North Carolina Greensboro, and David Fowler, Head, Licensing, Grants Administration & Collection Analysis, University of Oregon, for a discussion of these and other questions related to “big deal” packages.
- Curators and Conservators Discussion Group (ACRL-RBMS), SHER – Majestic 08
- Digital Preservation Interest Group (ALCTS-PARS), DCC – D171
Are you ready to handle born-digital materials? Hear how two Texas institutions are dealing with management of born-digital materials in special collections and archives. Join Dr. Patricia Galloway and Michele Reilly for this discussion.
- Diversity Officers Discussion Group (LLAMA), OMNI – Victory Park 2
Two topics have been proposed for discussion: development of a specific list of metrics and development of a recommended list of resources for training around diversity topics.
- HRS Union Relations for Managers Discussion Group (LLAMA-HRS), OMNI – Fair Park 2
- Imagineering Interest Group (LITA), DCC – C156
- Library and Information Science Collections Discussion Group (ACRL), SHER – Trinity 4
- Library Services to the Incarcerated and Detained Interest Group Discussion (ASCLA-LSSPS), DCC – D169
- Metadata Interest Group (ALCTS), DCC – C155
Discussion topics will include metadata guidelines for digital video, including streaming services.
- Physical Delivery Interest Group (ASCLA), DCC – D167
- Public Libraries Technology Interest Group (LITA), DCC – D222
- SASS Circulation Access Services Discussion Group (LLAMA-SASS), A304
- Scandinavian Discussion Group (ACRL-WESS), SHER – Trinity 5

• Sunday, 10:30am-noon

- Automated Acquisitions/In Process Control Systems Interest Group (ALCTS), OMNI - Cedars
- Cataloging and Classification Research Interest Group (ALCTS-CAMMS), DCC – A306
In the current economic climate, libraries must adopt cost-effective methods to facilitate access to collections. CCRIG will explore the benefits, challenges, and best practices for batch-loading vendor catalog records.
- Civic Engagement Member Initiative Group (ALA), DCC – A133 {Note: MIG Meeting is 11:00am-12:30pm]
IMLS Director Susan Hildreth will discuss civic engagement in the IMLS Strategic Plan. The group will discuss “Libraries as Conversation Catalysts,” and hear updates on the Harwood Institute Public Innovator’s Lab, Public Insight Network LibrariUS, National Conference on Citizenship Civic Health Initiative Partnerships, various training opportunities, NIFI online and face-to-face dialogue opportunities and other civic engagement activities around the country. For more information see <http://discuss.ala.org/civicingagement/> or go to ALA Connect, <http://connect.ala.org/node/64933>
- Collection Management and Electronic Resources Interest Group (ALCTS-CMS), DCC – D223
Join this newly-formed interest group – and contribute your ideas and enthusiasm.
- College and Medium-Sized Libraries Discussion Group (ACRL-WESS), SHER – Majestic 11
- Distance Learning Section Discussion Group (ACRL-DLS), SHER- Lone Star BR A4
- Heads of Library Technology Interest Group (LITA), OMNI – Arts District 6
Discussion will include a round table discussion of current IT issues facing attendees.

- Library Services to People with Visual or Physical Disabilities Interest Group (ASCLA), DCC – D160
- Library Storage Discussion Group (LLAMA), DCC – D224
- Linked Library Data Interest Group (LITA), SHER-Lone Star BR C2
Topics include recent developments in the LLD landscape. Brief lightning talks are invited.
- LOMS Fiscal and Business Officers Discussion Group (LLAMA-LOMS), Omni - Arts District 7
- Mid-Level Managers Discussion Group (ACRL-ULS), SHER Trinity 2
- Next Generation Catalog Interest Group (LITA), DCC – C156
Next generation catalog system vendors will demonstrate distinctive features of their system, followed by discussion on topics such as the challenges of developing next generation catalogs, embracing non-MARC metadata, and taking advantage of linked data.
- New Members Discussion Group: *What I Wish I'd Learned in Library School* (ACRL), SHER – Lone Star BR C3
- New Leaders Discussion Group (NMRT/LLAMA), DCC – A307
How can professional organization involvement enhance your day-to-day job? Join the networking and discussion for new librarians, librarians making career shifts and anyone interested in developing leadership skills.
- Personnel Administrators & Staff Development Officers Discussion Group (ACRL), SHER – Houston BR B
- Promoting Preservation Interest Group (ALCTS –PARS), DCC – D171
- Rare and Endangered Publications Committee Meeting (GODORT), ADOL – Sam Houston A
Discuss topics related to rare and/or endangered government publications.
- Reference Services Section Discussion Forum (RUSA-RSS), DCC – D175
- Technical Services Discussion Group (ACRL-RBMS), SHER – Trinity 4
- Women Administrators Discussion Group (LLAMA), DCC – A305
 - **Sunday, 1:30-3:30pm**
- Academic Library Services to International Students Interest Group (ACRL), SHER – Lone Star Ballroom C3 (Note: Session starts at 2:00pm.)
Current ongoing project examples for providing quality services to international constituencies will be discussed.
- Acquisitions Managers & Vendors Interest Group (ALCTS), DCC – C150
- Authority Control Interest Group (ALCTS & LITA), DCC – A201/202 (Session ends at 5:30pm)
The session will feature updates on special authority control projects, including Janis Young (Library of Congress) on LC's genre/forms project and Robert Bremer (OCLC) on VIAF and genre/form implementation in WorldCat, as well as questions and discussion.
- Book and Paper Interest Group (ALCTS-PARS), DCC – D171
Discussion will focus on issues related to exhibits, including number, schedule, space, promotion and other issues.
- Cataloging of Children's Materials (ALCTS), OMNI – Victory Park 2
- Cloud Computing & Virtualization Interest Group (LITA), DCC – A303
- Collection Evaluation and Assessment Interest Group (ALCTS-CMS), DCC – D220
You are invited to participate in a discussion of tools and techniques utilized to evaluate library collections. The discussion will include presentations from Chan Li (California Digital Library) and Ruth Fischer (Sustainable Collection Services).
- College Library Directors Discussion Group (ACRL – CJCLS), SHER – Lone Star BR A4
- Emerging Technologies Interest Group (LITA), DCC – D170
- Library Consortia and Systems Interest Group (LITA), OMNI – Arts District 7
This is a open forum for discussing emerging trends in technology and their impact on library consortia and their supporting structures.
- LSTA Coordinators' Interest Group (ASCLA-SLAS), DCC – D175
- Academic Library Services to International Students Interest Group (ACRL), SHER – Lone Star BR C3

- WESS Special Topics Discussion Group (ACRL-WESS), SHER – Trinity 5
 - **Sunday, 4:00-5:30pm**
- All Discussion Groups Meeting (ALSC), HYATT – Shawnee Trail #362.
- Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group (ACRL-ANSS), SHER – Majestic 06
- Balancing Books and Babies (ACRL), SHER – Majestic 09
- BES Library Facilities Planning Discussion Group (LLAMA-BES), DCC – A310
- Children’s Collection Management Discussion Group (ALSC), DCC-C149.
Discussion will focus on collection development and management issues: Children’s print nonfiction – circulation statistics, number of trade publishers publishing assignment-type nonfiction, biography, and autobiography; blurring of fiction and nonfiction; Easy Reader-level nonfiction; weeding policy changes in light of declining budgets and floating collections; downloadable issues – update on what librarians are doing and current issues; multimedia material – trends in ordering; tablet computers (iPAD, Nook Tablet, Kindle Fire, etc.) and apps – trends in public and school libraries; Collection HQ – update on library use.
- Consortium Management Special Interest Group (ASCLA), DCC – D175
- Creative Ideas in Technical Services Interest Group (ALCTS), DCC – D220
Technical Services, like other library services, is faced with the need to increase efficiencies. Libraries across the country have adopted a variety of new approaches. Join the discussion – and bring your own ideas.
- History Librarians Discussion Group (RUSA-HS), DCC – D167
- Information Exchange (ACRL – RBMS), SHER – Houston BR C
- LOMS Organizational Development Discussion Group (LLAMA-LOMS), DCC – A135
- Managing Children’s Services Discussion Group (ALSC), HYATT – Shawnee Trail #362.
All are welcome to attend this informal discussion of management issues pertaining to youth services librarians.
- Measurement, Assessment and Evaluation Section Discussion Group (LLAMA-MAES), DCC – A308
Explore best practices in creating institutional infrastructure for effective and sustainable measurement, assessment and evaluation of library services.
- Preschool Services Discussion Group (ALSC), Hyatt – Shawnee Trail #362.
Topic: *Every Child Ready to Read*, 2nd Edition. How are you using the new materials? Are you still using any of the information from the 1st edition? What ways have you found to be successful with outreach to parents/early childhood educators? Please come ready to share in the discussion. If you have handouts, bring at least 15 copies to share. Everyone is welcome!
- Public Service Directors of Large Research Libraries Discussion Group (ACRL-ULS), SHER – Lone Star BR A3
- Scholarly Communications Discussion Group (ACRL), SHER – Majestic 05
- State Library Agencies Library Development Interest Group (ASCLA), DCC – A305
- Virtual Communities in Libraries Member Initiative Group/ACRL Virtual Worlds Interest Group, DCC – D225
Both groups will provide updates on current projects.

Monday, January 23

- Dialog with Directors Discussion Group (LLAMA), 8:00-10:00am, DCC – A303
- Heads of Cataloging Departments Interest Group (ALCTS), 8:00-10:00am, DCC – D171
Discussion will focus on “Developing Service-Oriented Models for Cataloging and Metadata.” Join a panel of speakers including Jee Davis (University of Texas), Jina Wakimoto (University of Colorado, Boulder), Teresa Keenan (University of Montana), Jennifer O’Brien Roper (University of Virginia), Sharon Wiles-Young (Lehigh University).
- Publisher/Vendor/Library Relations Interest Group (ALCTS), 8:00-10:00am, DCC – D168
Join PVLIT for a discussion of the ILL process, current copyright issues related to the ILL of electronic content, and how ILL is evolving to meet the demands of the digital age.
- Undergraduate Librarians Discussion Group (ACRL), 8:00-10:00am, SHER – Houston BR A

- Reference Services Section Discussion Forum (RUSA-RSS), 10:30am-noon, DCC – C145
- Subject Librarians: Current and Future Directions Discussion Group (ACRL-WGSS), 10:30am-noon, SHER – Majestic 04
Join in a discussion of subject librarian roles in academic libraries: How are roles changing? What traditional subject librarian roles should be cast off – if any? What are potential new roles for subject librarians? What activities should be the highest priority for subject librarians?
- Collection Management in Public Libraries Interest Group (ALCTS-CMS/RUSA), 1:30-3:30pm, DCC – D172
The discussion will include a particular focus on e-media and current trends.
- Technical Services Workflow Efficiency Interest Group (ALCTS), 1:30-3:30pm, DCC – D227
An expert panel will focus on approaches to transitioning staff away from cataloging and towards metadata. Panelists include Ann Ellis (Stephen F. Austin State University), Morag Boyd (Ohio State University) and Teresa Keenan (University of Montana).
- Storytelling Discussion Group (ALSC), 8:00-10:00pm, OMNI – Trinity 5

JOB-HUNTING?

The JOBLIST Placement Center will be open Saturday, January 21, and Sunday, January 22, 2012, 9:00am-5:00pm, in Hall C, on Level 2 of the Convention Center.

- **Orientation** – Orientation will be held on Saturday, 8:30am, in the Placement Center.
- **Open House** – Employers will be available to talk to conference attendees about their institutions on Sunday, 10:30am-noon. No appointment is necessary. Job seekers are invited to walk around and talk with any employer.
- **Career Counseling** – Recharge your career by meeting with a professional career coach. A career coach can guide you in strategizing for the next phase of your career, solving a problem in your current job situation, defining goals, or rejuvenating your career. Each one-on-one session is 20 minutes and is completely confidential.

If you have never experienced career counseling, or just haven't used this type of service in a long time, this is the perfect opportunity to introduce yourself or reacquaint yourself with a service that can be useful throughout your career. Take advantage of the opportunity to talk with a knowledgeable professional about your career concerns. This service is free and available whenever the Placement Center is open. Sign up for appointments now by going to:

<http://signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.Signup&id=304502>

You also have the option of going to the Placement Center on-site to sign-up for a time slot – but appointments go quickly, so consider signing up in advance.

- **New this Midwinter** – The JobLIST Placement Center will provide free career counseling sessions via telephone for those who cannot attend the Midwinter Meeting in Dallas. These sessions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, January 25 & 26, 2012. Signup for appointments is open. Look at details at <http://joblist.ala.org>
- **Resume Reviews** – If you need help getting your resume polished up, stop by the JobLIST Placement Center while you are at Midwinter. Come and discover the best way to show your most recent accomplishments with an updated resume. The resume critiquing service is free and

available whenever the Placement Center is open. Advance sign-up is suggested as appointments go quickly. Sign up at:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dEpkUUU3eGk3WTVVbXFuMU0xUUlxblE6MQ#gid=0>

- **Workshops at Midwinter** – A variety of career-guidance workshops will be held in the JobLIST Placement Center.
 - *Behavioral Interviewing – You Need to Reach for the STAR*, Saturday, 9:30-11:00am
Behavioral interviewing is the latest method used to identify a high performing candidate. You need to know how to prepare, what to expect and how to deliver at the interview. In the interview, you need to reach for the STAR when delivering your response and tell stories to illustrate you do have the skills and experience for the position. Presenter Melanie Garaffa (MBA, CHRP), Human Resources Consultant, McMaster University Library, will provide you with the information and tools to master the behavioral interview, so you can snag that job!
 - *Unusual Opportunities to Enhance your Resume*, Saturday, 1:30-3:00pm
When candidates for one job all have an MLS, how can you make yourself stand out? This session will focus on ways you can take advantage of opportunities such as practicums, fieldwork, independent studies, special projects and research projects to enhance your resume. This session will provide an opportunity to meet with students, recent graduates and federal librarians to learn about opportunities available to you. The session will be facilitated by Nancy Faget (*Careers in Federal Libraries*).
 - *Strategies for Resumes and Job Searching*, Sunday, 9:00-10:30am
You can apply to a variety of positions with an MLIS degree. You might work as a social media specialist, program planner, writer/editor, analyst or web content manager. Discover the different types of opportunities for MLIS holders. See examples of how some top candidates enhanced their resume and experiences. Speakers include Jennifer Manning (Congressional Research Services), Virginia Sanchez (Intelligence Specialist, U.S. Navy), Tiffany Brand (University of Pittsburgh) and Cindy Hirsch (University of Arizona). The session will be facilitated by Nancy Faget (*Careers in Federal Libraries*).
- For more information on these activities, visit <http://www.joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/controller.cfm> or contact the JobLIST Placement Center Manager, Beatrice Calvin (bcalvin@ala.org)

VISIT THE EXHIBITS: 430+ Booths of New Ideas

Exhibits Hours: Dallas Convention Center (DCC) – A-B

Friday, January 20, 5:30-7:30pm

Saturday-Sunday, January 21-22, 9:00am-5:00pm

Monday, January 23, 9:00am-2:00pm

See page 114-115 in the *Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory* for a map of the Exhibit Floor. For an alphabetical listing of exhibitors, see pages 116-160, followed by a product listing. While you're on the exhibit floor, don't forget to say a special "thank you" to conference sponsors (see page 39 in the *Meeting Guide*) and Library Champions (see page 113 in the *Meeting Guide*).

Special Features and Events in the Exhibit Hall:

- **ALA/ERT Exhibits Opening Reception:** Friday, January 20, 5:30-7:30, including refreshments and raffles.
- **Pop Top Stage** – Catch your favorite author – or discover a new favorite – at the Pop Top Stage. Saturday is "Mystery Day" and Sunday is "Romance Day." See page 17 in the *Meeting*

Guide for a complete listing of authors and times. On Monday, don't miss a "Story Telling" day, hosted by the **National Storytelling Network**.

- **Spotlight on Adult Literature** – Sunday, 2:00-4:00pm, sponsored by the ALA/Association for Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF) and ALA Conference Services.
- Don't miss the **Wrap Up/Rev Up**, Monday, 9:00am-2:00pm on the Exhibit Floor, then continue to the DCC Theater to hear Lisa Loeb (*Lisa Loeb's Silly Sing-Along: The Disappointing Pancake and other Zany Songs*).

ALA Store – on the Exhibit Floor

The ALA Store, offering a wide range of promotional and continuing education materials, will be located on the Exhibit floor, booth 1835.

- From ALA Graphics, longtime reading advocate Oprah Winfrey returns to the popular READ® campaign with her 3rd poster. Other new posters and bookmarks include the stars from *The Hunger Games*; the Hugo Cabret movie; and Take Time to Read, from the steampunk fantasy *Return of the Dapper Man*. The new Breaking Dawn poster featuring Jackson Rathbone will be a hit with *Twilight* fans. New posters for children include Mo Willems' Pals, starring Elephant, Piggie, and Pigeon, as well as Dinotrux, from author/illustrator Chris Gall, and Read to a Zombie, from the author and illustrator of the Judy Moody and Stink series. Popular posters featuring Drew Brees and Nathan Fillion will be available, as well as posters and bookmarks featuring characters such as Bad Kitty, Scaredy Squirrel, Percy Jackson, and Wimpy Kid. You'll also find new National Library Week, Teen Tech Week™, School Library Month, and Choose Privacy Week products for 2012, along with the perennially popular Love My Library buttons and pens. Stop by the ALA Store to learn more about the READ Design Studio software that lets you create your own customized READ posters.
- This year, we loaded up on lots of fun gifts to take home, from handy coin purses and journals to toys and games. The conference t-shirt is available in both women's and men's styles; they will sell out fast—so arrive early to get your size.
- Several new titles from ALA Editions will be making their debuts at the Midwinter Meeting. In *No Shelf Required 2: Use and Management of Electronic Books*, a sequel to the best-selling book of the same title, expert Sue Polanka dives even deeper into the world of digital distribution. Contributors from across the breadth of the e-book world offer their perspectives on what's happening now and what to expect in the coming months and years. With titles like *Small Public Library Management* and the 3rd edition of *Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators: Creative Strategies and Practical Solutions*, there's a book for every librarian and institution.

ALA Membership Pavilion

Plan to visit the ALA Membership Pavilion (new to Midwinter), booth #1929, to find information about membership for the Association, Divisions and Round Tables, learn more about programs and plans for Annual Conference in Anaheim and other upcoming conferences and events, and learn about ongoing campaigns and initiatives.

On Saturday, January 21, 3:30pm, ALA President Molly Raphael will be in the Pavilion – and cake will be served in honor of ALA's 135th Anniversary.

Booklist Publications, the ALA's book review magazine and website, introduced a new subscription model effective January 1, 2012, a combination of print and online access that promises

to have a strong impact on streamlining collection development and readers' advisory workflows. Booklist editors will be at booth #1517 to help subscribers set up their online access if they haven't already done so, and to explain the benefits of the new subscription model, including 22 *Booklist* and 4 *Book Links* print issues, plus 24/7 password-access to *Booklist Online*.

Neal-Schuman Publishers became part of ALA Publishing in December 2011. Founded by John Vincent Neal and Patricia Glass Schuman in 1976, Neal-Schuman will continue to offer print and electronic publications under the well-known imprint, but will join ALA Editions, TechSource and the new Huron Street Press under the ALA Publishing umbrella, which also includes ALA Digital Reference, Booklist Publications, American Libraries and ALA Graphics. You can visit Neal-Schuman at booth #1905, and look forward to seeing the imprint integrated in the ALA Store by Annual Conference in June.

Postal Services

Don't want to stuff all those books and posters in your suitcase? The U.S. Post Office will provide shipping services, located in the Exhibit Hall, at the back of the 2800 aisle.

Hours: Saturday and Sunday, January 21-22 – 9:00am-4:55pm

Monday, January 23 – 9:00am-1:45pm

Internet Room

Need to check email while you're visiting the Exhibits? The Internet Room will be at the end of the 800 aisle. The Internet Room is organized by the Internet Room Steering Committee and staffed by volunteers.

Please note: No luggage carts or other carts with wheels are allowed on the exhibit floor during the Exhibition. If you need a cart for a medical reason, please present a doctor's waiver at Registration. Strollers are permitted only if there is a child in them at all times. Unescorted children are not permitted on the exhibit floor.

... and Don't Miss MIDWINTER PROGRAMS

- **ALA President's Program**, Sunday, 3:30-5:30pm, DCC – Theatre: Rich Harwood (The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation)
- **Auditorium Series Speakers** (previously Sunrise Series) – 10-11:00am, DCC – Theatre: Saturday, January 21, Susan Cain (author of the forthcoming *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*, Crown, January 2012); Sunday, January 22, John Green (a social networker, kicking off the tour for his upcoming book, *The Fault in Our Stars*, Dutton/January 2012).
- **Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture**, Saturday, 4-5:00pm, DCC – Theatre: Jamal Joseph (*Panther Baby: A Life in Rebellion and Reinvention*).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 16, 2012

ALSC Winter Online Courses begin

March 3-10

Teen Tech Week™ (YALSA): *Geek Out @ your library*

March 13-17, 2012

PLA National Conference, Philadelphia, PA

*PLA 2012 Conference Information and Registration Booth: 8:00am-5:00pm, Saturday-Sunday, January 21-22, Dallas Convention Center, Hall A/B Lobby. **BONUS!** PLA 2012 Early Bird discount will be extended for PLA and PaLA members who register at Midwinter.*

April 2012	School Library Month
April 8-14, 2012	National Library Week
April 22-24, 2012	National Library Legislative Day
April 22-28, 2012	Preservation Week, www.ala.org/alcts
<i>For more information, visit the Preservation Week booth (#1809) at the Midwinter Exhibits.</i>	
April 23, 2012	World Book Night, http://www.us.worldbooknight.org
May 1-7, 2012	Choose Privacy Week will focus on the topic of government surveillance. See http://www.privacyrevolution.org/
June 21-26, 2012	ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA
<i>See pages 162-168 of the Midwinter Final Program for preliminary information on the 2012 Annual Conference. Visit the 2012 ALA Annual Conference website: http://alaannual.org/ for registration, housing and the latest program information.</i>	
September 19-23, 2012	Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, Kansas City, MO
September 20-22, 2012	ALSC National Institute, Indianapolis, IN
September 29-October 6, 2012	Banned Books Week – 30 th Anniversary
October 4-7, 2012	LITA National Forum, Columbus, OH
October 12-13, 2012	AASL Fall Forum, Greenville, SC
October 14-20	Teen Read Week (YALSA): <i>It Came From the Library!</i>
November 2-4, 2012	YALSA Young Adult Literature Symposium, St. Louis, MO
November 10, 2012	National Library Gaming Day
January 25-29, 2013	ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle, WA
April 10-13, 2013	ACRL 2013, Indianapolis, IN
May 5-7, 2013	National Library Legislative Day
June 27-July 2, 2013	ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
November 7-10, 2013	LITA National Forum, Louisville, KY
November 13-17, 2013	AASL 16 th National Conference, Hartford, CT
January 24-28, 2014	ALA Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

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CHECKING IN AND GETTING ORGANIZED

For more complete information see the *Midwinter Meeting Guide and Exhibits Directory*.

Midwinter Registration – OR, Checking in and Picking Up Materials

Please Note: A photo ID is required to pick up your materials onsite.

Registration Hours: (Level 2, Lobby A/B)

Friday, January 20, 7:00am-7:30pm

Saturday-Sunday, January 21-22, 7:00am-5:00pm

Monday, January 23, 7:00am-2:00pm

Making Midwinter Work for You

What do all those acronyms mean? For a list of acronyms and what they mean, see pages 66-67 in the *Final Program*. (Yeah, it takes that much space!)

Traveling with an infant? The New Mother's Room is located in Hall C, Dallas Convention Center.

Want to stay connected?

- **Wireless Access**—Once again ALA will be offering Wi-Fi Internet access to all attendees of the Midwinter Meeting at no charge in the convention center. Wi-Fi “hot zones” will be in all of the public areas (lobbies, meeting rooms and ballrooms) but not in the exhibit halls. Note that wireless access in the ALA Office area is password protected; passwords will be available on-site.
- **The Internet Café** – Sponsored by Elsevier, the Internet Café will be in the Dallas Convention Center, Lobby B, open from 6:00am-10:00pm, Friday, January 20 – Monday, January 23, and 6:00am-2:00pm on Tuesday, January 24.
- **Computers**—Windows and Mac computers and printers will be available for members and staff in the ALA Office located in the Dallas Convention Center, Level 2, Hall C. Sign up in advance to use the equipment and bring your own flash drive. Paper will be provided for the printers.

Trying to meet someone in the Dallas Convention Center? Suggest they meet you at the Meeting Point Sign in the DCC lobby.

Need to make some actual paper copies for that meeting? ALA Reprographics will be operating in the ALA Office, Level 2 – Exhibit Hall C, Dallas Convention Center, during the following hours:

Friday, January 20, 10:00am-10:00pm

Saturday-Monday, January 21-23, 7:30am-10:00pm

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00am-2:00pm

Need to make meeting schedule changes on-site?

Contact Yvonne McLean or Carrie Mehrhoff in the ALA Conference Services Office – DCC – Level 2, Hall C – or call 214-853-8001 or 8002. The *Cognotes* (conference daily) deadline is 2:00pm – so timeliness is important.

Looking for special ribbons? Lost and Found? Documents?

The ALA Office and Conference Services Office are in Dallas Convention Center (DCC) – Level 2, Hall C. And if you’re looking for a particular division or office table, a diagram of the ALA Office is on page 40 in the Final Program.

Getting Around: Shuttle Buses and other transportation information

For complete information on bus routes and schedules, see page 25 in the Midwinter Final Program. Buses will be running for both the Fun Run/Walk (Saturday morning) and the Martin Luther King Jr. Observation (Monday morning). Please remember to thank Gale Cengage for their continuing support of this important service to conference attendees.

See page 37 in the *Meeting Guide* for information on public transportation, parking and taxi service.

Figuring Out Where It Is: Hotels and Meeting Rooms

Want a map of the conference campus? See page 24 in the *Meeting Guide*. Then, pop over to pages 46-58 in the *Meeting Guide* for maps of the Dallas Convention Center (DCC) and hotels in which ALA is using meeting rooms.

Download the hotel map at: http://www.alamidwinter.org/sites/all/themes/alamw12/pdf/ALA_Dallas_HotelMapPage.pdf

SOME KEY PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP AT HAND

To reach the following ALA Desks and other service points use the phone numbers listed below.

ALA Conference Services – Level 2, Hall C –	214-853-8000
AV	214-853-8006
COGNOTES	214-853-8007
ALA Office Area – Level 2, Hall C – Governance Office –	214-853-8009
Reprographics –	214-853-8008
ALA Exhibits Office – Level 2, Hall C –	214-853-8018
Registration – Lower Level, Lobby D –	214-853-8010
Exhibitor Registration	214-853-8012
ALA Service Counter – Level 2, Lobby A	
Housing	214-853-8015, 8016
ALA Public Information Office/Press Room – Level 2, Lobby A	
PIO	214-853-8029, 8038
Membership Counter – Level 2, Lobby A	214-853-8014
Placement Center – Level 2, Hall C	214-853-8026
ALA Store – Booth #1835	214-853-8027,8028

EMERGENCY NUMBERS & FIRST AID AT THE CONVENTION CENTER

In case of emergency, house phones will ring to Security. From outside or cell phone: 214-939-2941
First Aid locations: Next to C150 on the Lower Level. Next to A302 on the Upper Level.

Hospital: Baylor University Medical Center
3500 Gaston Avenue
Dallas
214-947-8181

Pharmacy: CVS
1407 Main Street @ Akard Street
Dallas
214-749-4092

HOTEL NUMBERS (and Meeting Schedule Abbreviations): (nm=no meetings scheduled)

Omni Dallas Hotel (OMNI), Headquarters, 555 South Lamar, Dallas, TX 75202-5324 (214)744-6664
Hyatt Regency Dallas (HYATT), Co-Hdqttrs, 300 Reunion Blvd, Dallas, TX 75207 (214) 651-1234
Sheraton Dallas (SHER), Co-Hdqttrs, 400 North Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75201 (214) 922-8000
Adolphus Hotel (ADOL), 1321 Commerce Street, Dallas, TX 75202 (214) 742-8200
Aloft Dallas Downtown (nm), 1033 Young Street, Dallas, TX 75202 (214) 761-0000
Fairmont Dallas Hotel (FAIR), 1717 North Akard Street, Dallas, TX 75201 (214) 720-2020
Hotel Indigo Dallas (nm), 1933 Main Street, Dallas, TX 75201 (214) 741-7700
Hotel Lawrence Dallas (nm), 302 South Houston Street, Dallas, TX 75202 (214)-761-9090
Dallas Magnolia Hotel (MAG), 1401 Commerce Street, Dallas, TX 75201 (214) 915-6500
Marriott Dallas City Center (MAR), 650 North Pearl Street, Dallas, TX 75201 (214) 979-9000
Marriott Springhill Suites (nm), 1907 N. Lamar Street, Dallas, TX 75202 (214) 999-0500