

# ALA Council Committee Report Form

TO: ALA Council

DATE: Thursday, June 1, 2023

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- ☐ INFORMATION
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Review and approve the 2023 Edition of the American Library Association Standards for Library Services for the Incarcerated or Detained.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uSE\\_CWUdQRlxzNaXltwNmKazXgBoB1NZ/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115568894547945349540&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uSE_CWUdQRlxzNaXltwNmKazXgBoB1NZ/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115568894547945349540&rtpof=true&sd=true)

**ACTION REQUESTED BY:** ALA Committee on Diversity

**CONTACT PERSON:** *Carla Davis- Castro (Committee Chair) & Matt Gill (Sub-committee Chair)*

**STAFF LIAISON CONTACT:** *Kevin D. Strowder (ODLOS Director)*

**BACKGROUND:** *(add information)*

The ALA Committee on Diversity has agreed to oversee the updates for two sets of standards within the ODLOS office. Carla Davis-Castro (COD Chair) has identified a sub-committee Chair for this work from the member pool who is already in contact with ODLOS Director, Rachel Chance (lead on standards for Incarcerated), and the other members who will support in a liaison role.

The subcommittee shared comments on the standards for incarcerated and detained people to Rachel Chance. The comments were well received and thoroughly considered.

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## Changes in the standards include:

An explicit acknowledgement of systemic racism in the standards preface.

An increased bibliography of organizations including several mentions of a thorough database developed by San Francisco Public Library.

Free professional development courses have been co-developed with SFPL for librarians/library workers in carceral settings: <https://elearning.ala.org/local/catalog/view/product.php?productid=864>.

Certificates are provided upon completion, further establishing ALA as an authoritative trainer of library professionals in carceral settings.

## **Other Committee Updates:**

### **ODLOS - Standards Oversight**

- The Standards Oversight subcommittee received a copy of the draft Standards for Incarcerated and Detained people.
- The subcommittee met to discuss the standards and shared comments. The comments dealt with the definition of ALA oversight, the lack of any specific language dealing with systemic racism, and additional organizations to include in the standards' bibliography.
- The chair shared the comments with Rachel Chance.
- The chair attended an early meeting of the committee to draft standards for people with disabilities.
- The Advisory Team & Working Team for the Blind and Print Disabled is in the early stages, and a member of the subcommittee will be present at all meetings. Early drafts should be ready to share with the subcommittee later this summer.

### **Subcommittee to Condemn White Supremacy and Fascism**

- The subcommittee has met a couple of times and plans to meet every 2 weeks
- The subcommittee has begun discussing name and charge
- Recently met with Julius C. Jefferson, Jr. to learn background and context
- Recommendations to be shared at Annual