

Resolution Recognizing the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association's 40th Anniversary

Whereas the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), one of the six national associations of librarians of color affiliated with the American Library Association, celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2020;

Whereas since 1980, APALA was "organized and founded by librarians of diverse Asian and Pacific ancestries committed to working together toward a common goal: *to create an organization that would address the needs of Asian Pacific American librarians and those who serve Asian Pacific American communities.*" (APALA website, About:History);

Whereas APALA provides a forum for discussing the challenges, problems, and barriers experienced by Asian/Pacific American (APA) library workers;

Whereas APALA provides scholarships and grants to APA students and librarians as they journey through their information careers;

Whereas APALA supports and encourages library services to APA communities;

Whereas APALA recruits and mentors APA library and information workers and students; and

Whereas APALA provides a vehicle whereby APA librarians can cooperate and collaborate with other associations and organizations having similar or allied interests; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. congratulates and commends the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association for its years of excellence in the development of Asian/Pacific American librarianship.

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