

# ALA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT PROCESS

# Different Types of ALA Committees

- Association Committees: Appointments made President-elect and Committee on Appointments.
- Council Committees: Appointments made President-elect and Committee on Committees.
- Joint Committees: (1) those established between ALA and an outside organization and (2) those established between a unit of ALA and an outside **organization**.
- Division, Round Table, and other units within ALA also have their own committee and volunteer opportunities.

## Typical Committee Roles

- Chair
- Member
- [Associate](#) (opportunity for members to be introduced to ALA committee and/or governance work).
- A limited number of other specialized roles, e.g. Division and Round Table Representatives

**More info on the above opportunities can be accessed via ALA's [Committee page](#).**

# Committee Volunteer Application Form

- ✓ For ALA Association & Council committees, All volunteers must fill out volunteer application webform to indicate interest by **September 30 for committee terms beginning the following July.** [http://www.ala.org/aboutala/committees/volunteer/frm\\_vol](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/committees/volunteer/frm_vol)
- ✓ Current committee members who wish to be re-appointed for a second term should also fill out this form. ***Committee members cannot serve more than four consecutive years.***
- ✓ In the volunteer form, volunteers can indicate interest in up to three committees via drop down menu.
- ✓ If you have questions about the status of appointments for a committee that you applied for, you can reach out to Holly Robison at [hrobison@ala.org](mailto:hrobison@ala.org)

Committee  
Volunteer Form  
Open Year Round

# Committee Appointment Timeline for ALA Association & Council Committees



Division and Round Table Committees have various appointment timelines. Please use the links provided on the following pages to learn more about each group's committees, process, and timeline.

# Division Committees and Volunteer Opportunities

Division Committee Information:	Additional Volunteer Opportunities to consider:
<a href="#"><u>American Association of School Librarians (AASL)</u></a>	Committee, Editorial Board, Advisory Group, and Task Force opportunities: <a href="https://www.ala.org/aasl/about/getinvolved">https://www.ala.org/aasl/about/getinvolved</a>
<a href="#"><u>Association of College &amp; Research Libraries (ACRL)</u></a>	Division committee, section committees, and editorial board opportunities. See link to the left for mor information.
<a href="#"><u>Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)</u></a>	Process and Award and/or Evaluation Committees. There are multiple ways to engage with ALSC outside of committee work. Please visit the “Engage with ALSC” web page at : <a href="https://www.ala.org/alsc/member-center/engage">https://www.ala.org/alsc/member-center/engage</a>
<a href="#"><u>Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures</u></a>	In addition to committees, there occasional project teams, which can be 3-6 months, depending on the project and charge.
<a href="#"><u>Public Library Association (PLA)</u></a>	In addition to committees, award juries, advisory groups, etc, there are opportunities to present programs and write for PLA website and magazine: <a href="https://www.ala.org/pla/about/people/getinvolved">https://www.ala.org/pla/about/people/getinvolved</a>
<a href="#"><u>Reference &amp; User Service Association (RUSA)</u></a>	120+ committees. Throughout each year, RUSA also typically creates a number of taskforces to examine particular areas of RUSA. These are volunteer led and present additional opportunities for volunteers.
<a href="#"><u>United for Libraries (UFL)</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)</u></a>	YALSA has many ways for members to be involved in the organization other than committee service. In the YALSA Newsletter, there is information for members about opportunities that are virtual and less time-consuming than committee service. If there is an interest, YALSA asks individuals to fill out this form and YALSA will be in touch within 10 business days. <a href="#">EmailMe Form - YALSA Member Opt-in Opportunities Form.</a>

## Roundtable Committee and Volunteer Information Link:

[Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table \(EMIERT\)](#)

[Film and Media Round Table\(FMRT\)](#)

[Games and Gaming Round Table \(GameRT\)](#)

[Graphic Novels and Comics Round Table \(GNCRT\)](#)

[Government Documents Round Table \(GODORT\)](#)

[Intellectual Freedom Round Table \(IFRT\)](#)

[International Relations Round Table \(IRRT\)](#)

[Learning Round Table \(LearnRT, formerly CLENERT\)](#)

[Library History Round Table \(LHRT\)](#)

[Library Instruction Round Table \(LIRT\)](#)

[Library Research Round Table \(LRRT\)](#)

[Library Support Staff Interests Round Table \(LSSIRT\)](#)

[Map & Geospatial Information Round Table \(MAGIRT\)](#)

[New Members Round Table \(NMRT\)](#)

[Rainbow Round Table \(RRT\)](#)

[Retired Members Round Table \(RMRT\)](#)

[Social Responsibilities Round Table \(SRRT\)](#)

[Sustainability Round Table \(SustainRT\)](#)

[Staff Organizations Round Table \(SORT\)](#)

# Coming Soon: Virtual Volunteer Fair in early September!



**Date to be announced soon!**

**Watch ALA News, ALA Direct, and the Member section in ALA Connect  
for all updates.**

Contact Holly Robison, ALA Governance Associate, at [hrobison@ala.org](mailto:hrobison@ala.org) with more questions about volunteering for ALA committees!