

*An
Invitation
to Join Us!*



This is a special invitation to you to join with us and hundreds of other librarians and library employees in Arkansas in becoming a member of the Arkansas Library Association. (ArLA)

ArLA has been promoting library service and the profession of librarianship in the state of Arkansas since 1911.

ArLA serves all libraries and is a chapter of the American Library Association and the Southeastern Library Association. It is represented in each association by a councilor who is elected by the ArLA members.

ArLA provides active representation for you and your library to the Arkansas State Legislature and U.S. Congress and provides support for intellectual freedom and professional rights.

ArLA provides an opportunity for you to network with librarians and library employees from the university, public, school and special library divisions across our state and nation.

Please consider investing in your future by joining us as a member of this great organization.

Sincerely,
Members of the Arkansas Library Association

MEMBERSHIP

Membership forms are available at <http://www.arlib.org> or by calling the association office at 510-860-7585, or by e-mailing arlib2@sbcglobal.net. *Arkansas Libraries* is mailed to members of the association. It is the official journal of the Arkansas Library Association. The Journal contains articles of current interest, historical significance, or literary value concerning all aspects of librarianship, especially items pertinent to Arkansas. The journal also includes official statements and information provided by the Arkansas Library Association.



AFFILIATIONS

The Arkansas Library Association is a chapter of the American Library Association. (ALA)

Southeastern Library Association (SELA)

It is represented in ALA and SELA by a councilor who is elected by the members of the Arkansas Library Association.

PROMOTING SERVICE AND PROFESSIONALISM



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MISSION STATEMENT

To further the professional development of all library staff members; to foster communication and cooperation among librarians, trustee and friends of libraries; to increase the visibility of libraries among the general public and funding agencies; to serve as an advocate for librarians and libraries.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Arkansas Library Association encourages the personal development of its members and of all library employees through conferences, workshops, Division and Round Table Activities.

The Association offers a scholarship to qualified applicants who have been accepted by an American Library Association accredited graduate program leading to a master's degree in library/information studies.

MEETINGS

Official meetings of the Association, its Divisions, and Round Tables provide formal and informal exposure to new ideas and new technology. These meetings also offer an opportunity for interaction with professional colleagues from all parts of the state. Exhibits of products and services of special interest to members are held at the annual conference.

ArLA DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Diversity is a fundamental value of the Association and its members, and is reflected in its commitment to recruiting minorities and people with disabilities to the profession and to the promotion and development of library collections and services for all people. The Association endorses opportunities for the professional development and education of all library staff members and trustees; it promotes continuous, lifelong learning for all people through library and information services of every type.

The Association advocates funding and policies that support libraries as a great democratic institution, serving people of every age, income level, location, ethnicity, or physical ability, and providing a full range of information resources needed to live, learn, govern, and work.

PUBLICATIONS

Members receive *Arkansas Libraries*, the official publication of the Association. This informative journal is published four times a year. It provides practical tips for improving your library, theoretical discussions for your professional growth, regular columns, news items of interest, job listings, and information about events in libraries throughout the state and country.



WHAT ArLA CAN DO FOR YOU

The Arkansas Library Association provides support for you, the individual, through meetings and workshops that enable you to broaden your professional contacts and to develop our professional skills. As a member you have voting privileges in the Association's elections, get reduced registration fees at the annual conference, and receive support for intellectual freedom and professional rights.

The Association assists libraries in the planning of programs and cooperative efforts. The Association also provides Arkansas libraries with active representation to the state legislature and to many national library policy-making groups.

WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR ArLA



Support the profession of librarianship in Arkansas by contributing your talents and energies to your association. JOIN and PARTICIPATE in the planned meetings and events. SERVE on a committee or as an officer of a Division, Roundtable, or the Association itself. We want you and we need you.

There is strength in numbers.

JOIN TODAY!