

Affiliations

The Arkansas Library Association is a chapter of the American Library Association (ALA). Our chapter is represented in ALA by a councilor who is elected by the members of the Arkansas Library Association.

Governance & Funding

ArLA is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors with established Constitution and Bylaws. The Executive Committee is elected by membership during the annual meeting. The Board meets regularly to manage fiscal responsibilities, governance issues, professional programs, specialty services and other routine business. The Association employs an Executive Administrator who is responsible for managing regular office business and reports to the Board. The Association's budget revenue is comprised of membership dues, conference fees and fundraisers. Many Committees, Divisions and Round Tables are established to support various interests.



Memberships

Membership forms available at www.arlib.org
Or, contact: 501-313-1398 or info@arlib.org

An Invitation to Join Us!

**Dear Librarians, Media Specialists,
Paraprofessionals and Advocates,**

This is a special invitation to you to join hundreds of other library professionals, employees and supporters in Arkansas and become a member of the Arkansas Library Association (ArLA).

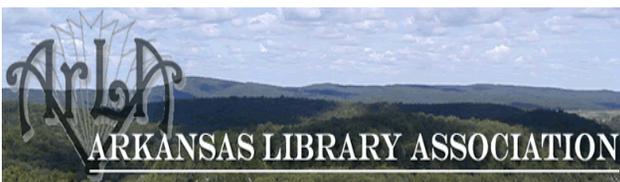
ArLA has been promoting library service and the profession of librarianship in Arkansas since 1911.

ArLA provides education, training and professional development opportunities, as well as active representation in State and Federal legislature. ArLA provides an avenue for you to network with others 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



Promoting Service and Professionalism



Arkansas Library Association



*"Libraries are places where the
imagination begins."*

-Heather Barbieri, Author

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Mission Statement

The Arkansas Library Association's, (ArLA) mission is to further the professional development of all library staff members; to foster communication and cooperation among librarians, trustees 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, and Division and Round Table activities.

The Association funds two scholarships annually to selected qualified applicants. One for an American Library Association accredited graduate program leading to a master's degree in library/information studies and one for a National Council for Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) accredited program leading to a degree as a school library media specialist.

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.

Publications

Members receive *Arkansas Libraries*, the official publication of the Arkansas Library Association. This informative journal is published four times a year. 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.

ARKANSAS LIBRARIES

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 great democratic institutions, serving people of every age, income level, location, ethnicity, or physical ability, and providing the full range of information resources needed to live, learn, govern, and work.

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 professional contacts and to develop your skills. As a member, you have voting privileges in the Association's elections, get reduced registration fees at our 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 librarians 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.

PARTICIPATE in 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!**

