

**ALSC Annual Report
September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017**

A message from Nina Lindsay

Members of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) are working as leaders to make learning accessible to all children. They are creating spaces for engagement and caregiver support. They are pushing the envelope of excellence in books and media for children. They are advocating for the information needs of students, and the critical right of every child to experience joy, to be creative, to be welcomed, and to be recognized.

This work is apparent in ALSC's recent accomplishments, achieved through an activated membership, leadership, and staff. From our newly launched strategic plan that commits us to move forward in Diversity & Inclusion, Advocacy, and Leadership & Development; to the success of our first-ever Virtual Institute; from the boldness of gifting 100 student memberships and embarking on three new proposed awards in Digital Media; to our responsiveness to communities in need post-election: our association is acting on our vision with urgency and resolve.

Together, these accomplishments position ALSC to pursue its newly clarified vision: "Members of the Association for Library Service to Children engage communities to build healthy, successful futures for all children." As communities turn to libraries more and more, I have confidence in the strength of our member leaders to ensure that libraries will respond.

Nina Lindsay
ALSC President, 2016-2017

Membership

2016-2017 was a strong membership year for ALSC. The division saw an overall increase of 2.12% in membership, ending the year with 4,183 members. Monthly membership numbers this year were consistently higher in comparison to FY16's monthly totals. Growth can be attributed to a variety of factors including the popularity of our grants/awards, strong online learning opportunities, publications/journal, advocacy efforts, and the variety of ways to get involved.

Emerging Leaders

Tori Ann Ogawa, Harold W. McGraw Fellow and children's librarian at Darien (Connecticut) Library, was ALSC's representative in the 2017 Emerging Leader program. She received her MLIS from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2015. She also has teaching experience and earned a Master of Education in Learning Design and Technology in 2016. Ogawa worked with the ALSC-sponsored Emerging Leader team on the project "The Path to Youth Library Leadership."

Mentoring Program

In 2016-2017, the ALSC Mentoring Program matched more than 40 mentors and mentees. In December 2016, ALSC hosted a Mentoring Forum, entitled "Defining Success." Mentees, mentors, and anyone interested were invited to discuss how to interact and grow in a match. Archives of this and all ALSC mentoring forums are available online, along with other resources,

such as sample goals, suggested activities, and a bibliography of articles and posts about mentoring.

Roadshow

The ALSC Roadshow provides funding and materials for members to represent the association at conferences and other relevant events around the country. In 2016-17, ALSC supported member representatives at eight conferences in locations including California, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Louisiana, and British Columbia, among others.

Student Gift Membership

ALSC's Student Gift Membership pilot program was launched last winter with a goal of helping library school students and new graduates jump start their career in librarianship. The program garnered more than 200 applications. Student Gift Membership task force members maintained contact with the 100 gift recipients, sending periodic check-in messages of encouragement and information about ALSC opportunities.

Initiatives

ALSC is home to three major national initiatives, each with a unique focus. Several ALSC committees, including Public Awareness, Every Child Ready to Read Oversight, Early Childhood Programs and Services, Advocacy and Legislation, and Quicklists Consulting, help develop and implement these initiatives, with the Board of Directors providing oversight.

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día) -- Children's Day/Book Day

As the National Home of Día, ALSC has continued to work to encourage the widespread incorporation of this multicultural initiative into libraries' daily programming and collection development. This year, ALSC created uniform shareable graphics to help build public awareness of Día. Through official Día Supporters like First Book and the newly connected Molina Foundation, coordinated messaging was shared through social media channels that drove interest to the dia.ala.org website. For 2017, the National Día Program Registry had 260 registered programs with an estimated 112,856 program participants.

The Quicklists Consulting committee updated the Building STEAM with Día booklist, available on the website, to continue encouraging libraries to intentionally connect their multicultural programming with STEAM resources that represent diversity.

Every Child Ready to Read

ALSC and the Public Library Association (PLA) administer the popular early literacy initiative, Every Child Ready to Read® @ your library® 2nd Edition (ECRR2), launched in 2010. The newest resource offered through the initiative is a module, launched in January, to help librarians structure trainings for childcare providers.

The multi-year National Leadership Grant, awarded to ALSC and PLA in 2013 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), received a one-year extension that concludes in December 2017. Preliminary research from Drs. Susan Neuman and Donna Celano has identified areas of impact that libraries have in terms of caregiver behaviors as they relate to

literacy development and support. The final report of their research is due to be published in late 2017.

Everyday Advocacy

The Everyday Advocacy (EA) initiative utilizes online tools and peer challenges to encourage librarians to act on behalf of the profession. EA provides tips on engaging stakeholders and informing them of librarians' current and potential impact. Through Take Action Tuesdays and seasonal challenges, librarians have been encouraged to set advocacy goals, understand the range of ways that they are likely already advocating, and share their successes and challenges with peers.

EA coordinates each year with the Advocacy and Legislation committee to ensure that members receive timely information about advocacy issues that are front and center at the time of National Library Legislative Day. This year, EA played a particularly important role in mobilizing librarians and library supporters to contact their legislators during national [#saveIMLS](#) efforts. This included sharing messaging from ALA's Washington Office as well as soliciting personal impact stories from ALSC members about the importance of federal funding.

Projects, Partnerships, & Letters of Support

Strengthening Communities Through Libraries (Everyone Reads/Year 7)

In September 2016, ALSC and YALSA were awarded a seventh year of funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The ALSC Board decided to position this grant to support ALSC's work in summer learning and out-of-school time. ALSC's \$124,500 grant allowed the association to award twelve Strengthening Communities Through Libraries mini-grants of \$5,000 each to library recipients to implement programs that positively impact opportunities for out-of-school time STEAM learning for children.

University of Washington – Project LOCAL

ALSC provided a letter in support of researchers from the University of Washington iSchool to study the capacity of libraries to serve as community anchors for families with children who do not currently use the library. ALSC also provided a member representative to serve on Project LOCAL's Advisory Board. The proposal for a \$50,000 planning grant was awarded by IMLS in April 2017.

Lunar and Planetary Institute

The Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI) informed ALSC of the August 2017 total solar eclipse as an opportunity for programming and materials curation. LPI also shared its [Sky Tellers](#) materials in connection with the Día initiative. In the months leading up to the lunar event, LPI contributed informational posts to the ALSC Blog about the eclipse and resources available to support librarians in program planning.

Oral History Project

ALSC published fully formatted oral history interviews with Zena Sutherland, William C. Morris, and Effie Lee Morris in 2017. The transcripts were collected originally by the Oral History committee and subsequently readied for publication by a professional editor.

Babies Need Words Every Day

Babies Need Words Every Day (BNWED) resources include eight posters that deliver simple, effective rhymes, games, and other suggestions for immediate, enriching ways to communicate with babies. The BNWED book list suggests titles aligned with children's developmental skills.

Working with a marketing consultant, ALSC has identified potential external organizations to collaborate with for dissemination of the BNWED materials and to continue raising awareness about ways to support early literacy development. Groups identified, such as pediatric dentists, faith-based organizations, and nanny services, are prospective targets for promotional messaging that aligns with their clientele.

Media Mentorship

Media Mentorship is an identified area of priority for ALSC. With increasing attention on digital media use with children and media literacy, ALSC has actively sought organizations with similar values for potential collaborations. This year, the National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE) and Erikson Institute invited several ALSC members to participate in sessions on digital media and young children held at the NAMLE Conference and at functions hosted by Erikson Institute.

Conferences & Events

ALSC National Institute Activities

In April 2016, the Board of Directors voted to cancel the ALSC 2016 National Institute scheduled for September 2016 in Charlotte, N.C., in response to the passage of North Carolina's Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act. In lieu of the Charlotte Institute, ALSC convened a Virtual Institute and a Mini Institute.

ALSC Virtual Institute. Held in September 2016, the virtual institute included many of the programs that were originally designated for the Charlotte Institute. More than 230 individuals attended the online event. Presentations included a keynote address by author Dr. Kathleen Gallagher, nine educational programs, and several discussion forums. At the conclusion of the Institute, ALSC announced the location of the 2018 ALSC National Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio.

ALSC Mini Institute. More than 180 attendees participated in this event, held in Atlanta, immediately prior to ALA's Midwinter Meeting in January 2017. Activities included 12 unique education programs and three author/illustrator presentations—a panel discussion with Laura Dronzek, Kevin Henkes, and Erin and Phil Stead, a keynote address by Carmen Agra Deedy, and a closing session featuring Jacqueline Woodson.

ALSC Receives 2017 GLBTRT Award

ALSC was given the ALA Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) Award for Political Activism. The ALSC Board of Directors was recognized for its efforts to stand for nondiscrimination by cancelling its 2016 National Institute that had been scheduled in North Carolina due to the repealing of all GLBT-inclusive nondiscrimination ordinances throughout North Carolina.

GLBTRT Chair Deb Sica stated, "The careful consideration and subsequent bravery of ALSC leadership and the incredible support of the membership in their stand against discriminatory practices cannot and should not go unrecognized. We thank them for their thoughtful actions in challenging times."

The award—a certificate and \$1,000—was presented in June, during the Stonewall Book Awards program at the ALA Annual Conference.

ALSC subsequently donated the \$1,000 honorarium to the LGBT Center of Raleigh (North Carolina), where the funds will be used to secure additional resources for the local LGBT community.

Woodson Delivers Spring Lecture

2014 National Book Award winner Jacqueline Woodson delivered the May Hill Arbutnot Honor Lecture in April. The presentation, titled "What Gets Left Behind: Stories from the Great Migration," was hosted by the South Carolina State Library and the city of Columbia. An archived webcast is available at <https://youtu.be/OLwhoHsndBU>.

National Library Legislative Day

ALSC's National Library Legislative Day efforts were helped by the Advocacy and Legislation committee and the Everyday Advocacy Initiative, resulting in the mobilization of librarian members and non-member allies to advocate on behalf of libraries both in-person and virtually. While in Washington, D.C., ALSC leaders met with congressional staff of legislators interested in affecting aspects of our work, including those from the House Education and Workforce committee, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee, and Labor, Health, and Human Services subcommittee, among others. A productive meeting also was held with staff from the Young Readers Center, Library of Congress to discuss areas of potential collaboration.

ALSC Preconference

The association hosted "ALSC PREconference, Perceive. Rise. Engage: Celebrate the 2017 ALSC Honor Books," on June 23, during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. Three panel discussions, featuring the authors, illustrators, and publishers, explored the 2017 Honor Books. R. Gregory Christie, Caldecott honoree for *Freedom in Congo Square*; Kara LaReau, Geisel honoree for *The Infamous Ratsos*; Alexandra Diaz, Pura Belpré Author honoree for *The Only Road*; and Eric Rohmann, Sibert honoree for *Giant Squid* were among the many presenters.

2017 ALSC Programs @ ALA Annual Conference

- 52 Weeks of Summer: Building Year-Long Sustainability from Summer Success
- A Radical Interpretation of the New 2015 ALSC Competencies

- Beyond Bilingual: Making Storytime Friendly to Families Who Are English Language Learners
- Early Learning Communities of Practice: How Libraries Are Leading the Way to School Readiness
- Libraries Are Not Neutral Spaces: Social Justice Advocacy in Librarianship
- No Screen Time Under 2? Understanding the AAP's New Recommendations about Screen Time and Young Children
- Women Aren't Funny (And Other Essential Untruths for Middle Grade Readers)

Charlemae Rollins President's Program

The President's Program, "Plugging into the Digital Age: Libraries Engaging and Supporting Families with Today's Literacy," was held Monday, June 26, during Annual Conference. A panel of experts, including Chip Donohue, Erikson Institute, and Sarah R. Lytle, Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences, presented the latest research on digital-age technology and its relationship to childhood development and childhood literacy. Lisa Regalla, Center for Childhood Creativity, Bay Area Discovery Museum, discussed practical ways to implement this information in our libraries and services.

Community Forums

Community Forums, hosted on Adobe Connect, feature news and information from the Board of Directors. This year's topics included:

- August 2017 – Social Justice Practice in Youth Librarianship
- March 2017 - Digital Literacy, Digital Citizenship for Children in Libraries
- December 2016 – Diversity, Inclusion, and Support for Youth

Online Learning

Online Courses

In 2016-17, ALSC offered 14 online courses, including a few offered with continuing education units (CEUs), certified with the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET). Topics included:

- Demonstrating ALSC Competencies
- Engaging Readers and Writers with Interactive Fiction
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Programs Made Easy
- The Sibert Medal: Evaluating Books of Information
- Storytelling with Puppets

Webinars

ALSC's 2017 live webinars included:

- Whitewashing, Sexism, and More: Using Book Covers to Start a Conversation with Kids
- Early Childhood Programs and Services (ECPS) Series, Part 1: Ages and Stages in Early Literacy Programming
- ECPS Series, Part 2: Early Literacy Library Spaces

- ECPS Series, Part 3: Early Literacy Outside the Library Walls
- ECPS Series, Part 4: Early Literacy and STEAM
- Closing the Word Gap: How a Museum/Library/Research Partnership Created Community Impact through Parent Education
- How to Write Successful ALSC Webinar and Course Proposals
- Exploring Similarity, Embracing Difference: How to Evaluate and Identify Literature Portraying Individuals with Disabilities
- Exploring Similarity, Embracing Difference: Programming and Activities
- How Libraries Can Use Literature to Support Family Engagement in Children's Social and Emotional Learning

Professional Awards and Grants

Distinguished Service Award – Ellen Fader, Portland, Oregon

There are few individuals who have more positively influenced the landscape of young readers and libraries than Ellen Fader. She began her library career as a consultant at the Kansas State Library in 1973, and moved on to positions in Ohio, Virginia, Connecticut and, since 1995 until her retirement, with Multnomah County Library in Oregon.

Fader's list of personal accomplishments is a long one. She is a practitioner, author, teacher, reviewer of books, trainer, consultant, and leader. Fader serves as a mentor to numerous young librarians. Her vision, unfailing energy, generosity, and leadership have contributed to the flourishing of children's library services throughout her community, the state of Oregon, and the nation.

A past Board member and president of ALSC, Fader continues her impact on the field in her support of the development of a cadre of new and diverse librarians to work in the field of library service to children. For a fourth year, Fader has provided a generous donation to the Spectrum Scholarship. (See Scholarships section.)

Bookapalooza Award

A donation program providing select libraries with a collection of recently published books, videos, and recordings

- Gay-Kimball Library, Keene, New Hampshire
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Toppenish, Washington
- Lewiston Public Library, Lewiston, New York

Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Program Grant

(Donor: Baker & Taylor)

A \$3,000 grant to support an innovative summer reading program in a public library

- Nevada County Public Library, Nevada City, California

Bechtel Fellowship

(Donor: University of Florida's Endowment in memory of Louise Seaman Bechtel and Ruth M. Baldwin)

A \$4,000 grant to support four weeks of study at the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature, University of Florida, Gainesville

- Angela Reynolds, Annapolis Regional Library, Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, Canada

Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Visit Award

(Donor: Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing)

Up to \$4,000 to provide a visit from a nationally-known author/illustrator with children who have previously not had such an opportunity

- Snipes Academy of Arts & Design, Wilmington, North Carolina

Light the Way: Library Outreach to the Underserved Grant

(Donor: Candlewick Press, in honor of Kate DiCamillo)

A \$3,000 grant to assist a library in conducting exemplary outreach to an underserved population

- J. Lewis Crozer Library (in partnership with Middletown Free Library), Chester, Pennsylvania

Penguin Random House Young Readers Group Award

(Donors: Penguin Young Readers Group and Random House Children's Books)

A \$600 stipend for a member to attend her first ALA Annual Conference

- Emily Bayci, Naperville Public Library, Naperville, Illinois
- Katy Halpern, Lake Hiawatha Library, Lake Hiawatha, New Jersey
- Kathia Ibacache, Simi Valley Public Library, Simi Valley, California
- Laura Tucker, Homewood Public Library, Homewood, Alabama

Scholarships

Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship

(Donor: Bound to Stay Bound Books, Inc.)

- Vincent Hyland (Attending: Long Island University)
- Megan Hoak (Attending: Valdosta State University)
- Keshia Latrice-Carol Nash-Johnson (Attending: San Jose State University)
- Melissa Wise (Attending: University of North Texas)

Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship

- Cynthia Rogers (Attending: Emporia State University)
- Naomi Giles (Attending: Longwood University)

ALSC Spectrum Scholarship

ALSC Past President Ellen Fader, Portland, Oregon, provided a generous donation to the Spectrum Scholarship for a fourth year. Her contribution will support a student through the 2017-2018 school term and provide for a follow-up, Crossing the Finish Line grant for a Spectrum Scholar alumnus entering the final semester of work in Fall 2017.

- Darnetta Bolton (ALSC Scholar, in honor of Ellen Fader; Attending: University of Illinois)
- Beatrice Elizabeth Canales (ALSC Scholar; Attending: Texas Woman's University)

- Seungyeon Yang-Peace (Crossing the Finish Line Grant; San Jose State University, Class of 2017)

Literary and Related Awards

2017 Winners

ALA's Youth Media Awards (YMA) press conference at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta was Webcast live; the archive presentation is at <http://ala.unikron.com/2017/>. ALSC winners included:

Newbery Medal - *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, Kelly Barnhill (Algonquin)

Newbery Honor Books – *Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan*, Ashley Bryan (Atheneum); *The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog*, Adam Gidwitz (Dutton/Penguin); *Wolf Hollow*, Lauren Wolk (Dutton/Penguin)

Caldecott Medal - *Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat*, Javaka Steptoe (Little, Brown/Hachette)

Caldecott Honor Books – *Leave Me Alone!*, Vera Brosgol (Roaring Brook); *Freedom in Congo Square*, R. Gregory Christie (Little Bee/Bonnier); *Du Iz Tak?*, Carson Ellis (Candlewick); *They All Saw a Cat*, Brendan Wenzel (Chronicle)

Batchelder Award – Enchanted Lion Books for *Cry, Heart, But Never Break*, Glenn Ringtved

Batchelder Honors – Chronicle Books for *Over the Ocean*, Taro Gomi; NorthSouth Books for *As Time Went By*, José Sanabria; McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster for *The Ballad of a Broken Nose*, Arne Svingen

Belpré Author Award – *Juana & Lucas*, Juana Medina (Candlewick)

Belpré Author Honor Book – *The Only Road*, Alexandra Diaz (Wiseman/Simon & Schuster)

Belpré Illustrator Award – *Lowriders to the Center of the Earth*, Raúl Gonzalez (Chronicle)

Belpré Illustrator Honor Books – *Esquivel!: Space-Age Sound Artist*, Duncan Tonatiuh (Charlesbridge); *The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes*, Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams)

Carnegie Medal –Ryan Swenar, Dreamscape Media for *Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music*

Geisel Award – *We Are Growing: A Mo Willems' Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! Book*, Laurie Keller (Hyperion/Disney)

Geisel Honor Books – *Good Night Owl*, Greg Pizzoli (Disney-Hyperion); *Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run! An Alphabet Caper*, Mike Twohy (Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins); *Go, Otto, Go!*,

David Milgrim (Simon Spotlight/Simon & Schuster); *The Infamous Ratsos*, Kara LaReau, illus. by Matt Myers (Candlewick)

Odyssey Award – Listening Library for *Anna and the Swallow Man*, Gavriel Savit

Odyssey Honor Audiobooks – Simon & Schuster Audio for *Ghost*, Jason Reynolds; Recorded Books for *Dream On, Amber*, Emma Shevah; HarperAudio for *Nimona*, Noelle Stevenson

Sibert Medal – *March: Book Three*, John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, illus. by Nate Powell (Top Shelf)

Sibert Honor Books – *Giant Squid*, Candace Fleming, illus. by Eric Rohmann (Neal Porter/Roaring Brook/Holtzbrinck); *Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story*, Caren Stelson (Carolrhoda/Lerner); *Uprooted: The Japanese American Experience During World War II*, Albert Marrin (Knopf/Penguin Random); *We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler*, Russell Freedman (Clarion)

Wilder Award – Nikki Grimes

2017 Notable Lists

Also during Midwinter, ALSC's evaluation committees chose the best of the best books, recordings, and videos released in 2016. The Notable Children's Books, Recordings, and Videos lists are available on the ALSC website.

Nye to Deliver 2018 Arbuthnot Lecture

The 2018 Arbuthnot Honor Lecture will be given by Naomi Shihab Nye, writer, poet, recipient of four Pushcart Prizes, and National Book Award finalist. The lecture will be hosted by Western Washington University and the Whatcom County Library System, Bellingham, Washington, in Spring 2018.

YMA Winners on YouTube

Reaction videos on YouTube featured 2017 award winners responding to the Midwinter announcements. Wilder Medalist Nikki Grimes, Belpré Honoree Alexandra Diaz, and Newbery Medalist Kelly Barnhill were among the winners who shared a personal response (<http://bit.ly/2017-reaction-vids>).

2017 Award Ceremonies

The summer award presentations—Belpré Celebration, Newbery-Caldecott-Wilder Banquet, Awards Program, and Odyssey Program—are the culmination of ALSC's literary award year. Librarians, educators, publishers, and other children's book enthusiasts came together in Chicago to celebrate the winners and their work as the authors and illustrators accepted their honors and delivered acceptance remarks, many of which are available at <http://bit.ly/award-speeches>.

Publications and Communications

ALSC connects with members and constituents in myriad ways, from social media channels to more traditional means like newsletters and our journal, *Children and Libraries* (CAL).

Children and Libraries

Children and Libraries' (CAL) very first digital supplement, featuring Jacqueline Woodson's 2017 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture, was released this year. It is available online at <https://journals.ala.org/index.php/cal>. A supplement will be released each spring, showcasing the year's Arbuthnot lecture.

CAL received a 2017 Apex Grand Award for publication excellence, the highest recognition the Apex judges confer. Apex Awards are given for excellence in design, content, and overall communications.

According to judges, "The visuals in [CAL] are excellent, ... the copy shines, with superb, well-researched and very well-presented features, each a resource in itself for librarians working with children. A valuable resource for professionals in the field."

New Publication from ALSC and ALA

Newbery and Caldecott Awards: A Guide to the Medal and Honor Books, 2017 was released in the spring. The annual guidebook is a resource for quick reference, collection development, and readers' advisory. This year's edition featured an interview with four-time Caldecott honoree Bryan Collier.

Serving Diverse Communities Resources

Since the 2016 election, families of diverse backgrounds are facing increased uncertainty and are turning to their public libraries as a resource for information on navigating issues in our changing times. ALSC compiled a [list of resources](#) to help librarians support children and families through times of unrest and uncertainty.

Great Websites for Kids

The Great Websites (GWS) committee recommended 21 new sites in the fall of 2016.

- Babyradio (español) - <http://babyradio.es/>
- Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government - <http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>
- Biz Kids - <http://bizkids.com/>
- canTEEN - <http://canteengirl.org/>
- Choose My Plate - <https://www.choosemyplate.gov/>
- DK Find Out! - <http://www.dkfindout.com/us/>
- Engineering, Go for It! (eGFI) - www.egfi-k12.org/
- Exploratorium - <http://www.exploratorium.edu/explore>
- Girls Communicating Career Connections - <http://gc3.edc.org/>
- Girls' Life - <http://girlslife.com/>
- KidLit TV - <http://kidlit.tv/>
- KinderArt - www.kinderart.com/

- LEGO Star Wars (español) - <http://www.lego.com/es-es/starwars>
- NRICH - <http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>
- Oh Noah! - <http://pbskids.org/noah/>
- Origami Yoda - <http://origamiyoda.com/>
- Plum Landing - <http://pbskids.org/plumlanding/>
- The Radio Adventures of Eleanor Amplified - www.eleanoramplified.org
- Space Scoop - www.spacescoop.org
- Scholastic Election News 2016 - <http://election.scholastic.com/>
- Sparticl - <http://www.sparticl.org/>

In December 2016, the Board voted to expand the scope of the Great Websites committee. It was renamed the Notable Children's Digital Media committee. (See Board Actions.) The Great Websites for Kids site will evolve in 2018 to a comprehensive site presenting all ALSC-recommended media for children, comprising all ALSC media award winners and Notable selections, including the new Notable Children's Digital Media list.

Book Lists

ALSC produced a variety of book lists, thanks to our member-volunteers. Lists are available to download from the ALSC website.

2017 President's Program Book List. List of resources, including books, videos, articles, and links to relevant research, to complement the 2017 President's Program on digital-age technology and its relationship to child development and literacy.

Building STEAM with Día. Multicultural titles that showcase STEAM topics.

Comforting Reads for Difficult Times. Titles intended to help children going through challenging situations such as the death of a loved one, an unexpected move, natural disasters, and more. Also includes links to resources to aid adults in supporting children.

Evergreen Audio Books. Outstanding audiobooks, including classics and recent releases.

Great Gifts to Give. Recommended titles to give for special celebrations.

Mismatched Pairs: Paired Nonfiction and Fiction for Tweens. Paired titles that encourage tweens to explore their interests across genres.

Summer Reading. Titles to keep children engaged and reading throughout the summer.

Unity. Kindness. Peace. Resources for librarians, parents, and other caring adults faced with tough questions from children about the 2016 election and looking for positive ways to take action.

Winter and Summer Reading. Lists compiled for and distributed by Chipotle for their reading program.

Working Together for Justice. A companion to the Unity. Kindness. Peace. list, created to affirm the rights of children and families, while encouraging discussions about social justice and equity.

Social Media

Facebook. The ALSC Facebook page features timely, relevant information related to library service to youth. With more than 10,000 followers, the account proves to be a vibrant space.

Twitter. In November 2016, ALSC officially changed its Twitter account from @alscblog to @WeAreALSC. The account has more than 13,000 followers and is steadily increasing in supporters each month. It has developed into a great platform for members to engage with one another, especially through opportunities like #alscchat, Twitter discussions hosted by ALSC on topics related to children's services.

ALSC Blog. The blog, which turned ten this year, strives to be the definitive destination for individuals seeking ideas and inspiration related to library service to young people. This spring, the blog received an Honorable Mention in the Best Blog category of [PR News' Social Media Awards](#). In 2016-2017, the blog averaged about 19,271 visits per month.

Board Actions

Over the past year, the ALSC Board of Directors took the following actions.

Midwinter – January 2017

Approved, co-sponsorship of a memorial resolution commending Ruth Gordon

Approved, funding for the two current co-chairs of the Advocacy and Legislation committee to attend 2017 National Library Legislative Day.

Accepted, the preliminary proposed budget for FY-2018 and the Budget committee recommendations.

Adopted, recommendation #5, and, recommendations 1-4 in principle, in Board Document #29b from the Summer Reading and Learning task force.

Accepted, the report of the Valuation and Advocacy Research task force; thanked the TF for its work; planned to refer recommendations #1 and #4 to the Budget committee for further information on potential implementation; and approved implementation of recommendation #'s 2, 3, 5, and 6, from Board Document #29a, in principle, to support organizational excellence.

Approved, the updated charge for the Advocacy and Legislation committee to include the promotion of ALSC advocacy initiatives and ensure a channel of communication between the committee and the ALA Committee on Legislation.

Approved, the request of the Advocacy and Legislation committee to function as a virtual committee and to reflect this in the composition statement of the committee.

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Accepted, the Dorothy Evans Memorial Resolution as presented.

Accepted, the recommendations of the Diversity within ALSC task force, in spirit, and called for the formation of a task force: to implement recommendations 2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.5, 5.4, and 5.7; to consider recommendation 1 and report back to the Board at Midwinter 2018 on whether and how to address the spirit of this recommendation; and to prioritize the remaining recommendations, including identifying performance metrics for them and implementing them, as well as possible, within the length of the TF term, which will be concurrent with the duration of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan.

Accepted, the extension of the CSK Morris Seminar Pilot Program, as accepted by the previous ALSC Board, and the addition of a board liaison to report back on success.

Approved, co-sponsorship, in name only, of the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association's President's Program at the ALA 2018 Annual Conference.

Approved, a revised charge, from the Organization & Bylaws committee, for the Liaison to National Organizations committee, as amended (to remove the word "external").

Approved, a name change recommended by the Organization & Bylaws committee: "Liaison to National Organizations" committee to "Building Partnerships" committee (amended to remove the word "External" from the name).

Approved, a name change recommended by the Organization & Bylaws committee: "Library Service to Special Population Children and Their Caregivers" committee to "Library Service to Underserved Children and Their Caregivers" committee, and the revision of the committee's charge to reflect the new name (changing "special populations" to "underserved").

Approved, a composition change, from the Organization & Bylaws committee, for the Library Service to Underserved Children and Their Caregivers committee (fka Library Service to Special Population Children and Their Caregivers committee) to: Two co-chairs appointed in alternating years, plus five members (2 co-chairs + 5)

Accepted, the Budget committee's recommendations for Fiscal Year 2018, as outlined in their report to the Board and in Document 31a.

Approved, the donation of the honorarium, from ALA's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) Political Activism Award, to the LGBT Center of Raleigh (NC) Library, and in honor of the Award, allocate \$1,400 from Friends of ALSC for a scholarship supporting attendance at the 2018 ALSC National Institute for a North Carolina ALSC member who identifies as LGBTQ.

Approved, in principle, a proposed collaboration with the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund (CBLDF) to produce a comic with details to be coordinated by appropriate ALSC staff.

Online

Approved, ALSC's participation as a collaborating partner with Erikson Tech Center in their IMLS Grant Proposal. (August 2017)

Adopted, the Executive committee's recommendations to move forward with a logo rebranding and a "Designing Youth Spaces" white paper. (April 2017)

Accepted, the appointment of ALSC Board member Amy Koester to the 2017-2018 Budget committee. (March 2017)

Approved, the application for an IMLS grant, supporting vulnerable communities in collaboration with another external national organization. (March 2017)

Adopted, the ALSC Leadership Transition Plan as proposed. (March 2017)

Adopted, the ALSC Three-Year Strategic Plan, 2017-2020. (February 2017)

Accepted, by consent agenda, two recommendations from the Budget committee. (February 2017)

Endorsed, "The Library's Role in Protecting Teen Privacy: A YALSA position paper" and will work with existing ALSC committees to communicate to our members and other youth services library staff the knowledge and strategies to uphold the rights to privacy of those we serve. (February 2017)

Approved, a letter of support for the University of Washington's IMLS grant proposal. (January 2017)

Approved, six motions—with an amendment to "Expanding the scope of the Great Websites committee (renamed: Notable Children's Digital Media)"—related to enacting the Digital Media Plan. (December 2016)

Approved, the November 2016 statement asking the ALA Executive committee to recommend, but not require, candidates for the ALA Executive Director position to hold the MLIS degree. (November 2017)

Selected, Jamie Naidoo to be considered by ALA to serve as ALA/ALSC representative to the United States Board on Books for Young People (USBBY). (September 2016)

Selected, the following members to be considered by ALA to serve as ALA/ALSC representatives to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA): 1) Marianne Martens, Section on Libraries for Children and Young Adults; and 2) Allison Kaplan, Section on Literacy and Reading. (September 2016)

ALSC Finances

In consultation with the Executive Director, the ALSC Board of Directors and Budget committee carefully reviewed and monitored ALSC's budget performance over the course of the 2016-17 fiscal year (FY17).

ALSC Budgetary Performance – as of August 31, 2017

	Budgeted	Actual
Total Revenues	\$1,382,515	\$1,602,280
Total Expenditures before Overhead & Taxes	\$1,252,307	\$1,134,367
Overhead to ALA	\$151,940	\$176,043

Taxes	\$280	\$280
Total Expenditures	\$1,404,527	\$1,310,130
Contribution Margin	\$130,208	\$467,913
Net Revenue for FY17	(\$22,012)	\$292,150
Beginning Net Asset Balance (as of September 1, 2016)		\$2,461,926
Transfer from Net Asset Balance to Endowments		\$162,000
Ending Net Asset Balance (as of August 31, 2017)		\$2,592,076
Net Gain		\$130,150

Budget Highlights

ALSC has been fortunate to see another year of growth. The operating budget had planned for a net loss of -\$22,012. The deficit was intentionally approved by the ALSC Board to support strategic priorities. ALSC ended the year, however, with net revenue of \$292,150. \$162,000 from the net asset balance was transferred to the endowments to support the Children’s Library Services Endowment (\$139,000) and the Charlemae Rollins President’s Program (\$23,000).

Total revenue was ahead of budget by 16% or \$219,765. Dues revenue performed ahead of budget by 2%. Membership increased 2.12% when comparing August 2017 (4,183) to August 2016 (4,096). The student membership category saw significant growth (25% or 108 members) due to the student gift pilot program where 100 student memberships were covered by Friends of ALSC funds. In addition, physical award seals and digital licensing sales performed 24% ahead of budget.

Total expenses including overhead were under budget by 7% or \$94,397. Two main areas where ALSC was well under budget were salary and benefits (offset by grant funds) and professional services.

Conclusion

ALSC remains financially strong, thanks to diverse revenue sources, managed expenses, and sharp fiscal oversight by the ALSC Board, Executive Director, and Budget committee. Strong seal sales and dues revenue, and grant support resulted in a better than expected bottom line for FY17.