

**Research Agenda Priority Areas- 6/7/2018**

The following are six priority areas that emerged from the survey of ALSC members and internal task force discussions. We expect to format the research agenda similar to YALSA's.

[http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/2017YALSA\\_NatlResearchAgenda\\_Pri nt.pdf](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/2017YALSA_NatlResearchAgenda_Pri nt.pdf)

**Programs and Services for Children and Families In and Out of the Library**

This priority area focuses on encouraging and emphasizing research that investigates library service and outreach to children, families, and caregivers both in early and middle childhood. This priority area will also highlight the need for research in the area of community engagement--particularly around family engagement, community partnerships, and outreach.

The suggested research questions for this priority area will focus on the topics referenced above.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

This priority area focuses on encouraging and emphasizing research that explores diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of public library service for children and their families, including library staff, literature and other resources, and services.

The suggested research questions for this priority area will focus on the topics referenced above.

**Summer and Out-of-School Time Learning**

This priority area focuses on encouraging and emphasizing research that explores summer reading/learning services for children, families, and caregivers.

The suggested research questions for this priority area will focus on the topics referenced above.

**Media Mentorship and Technology Use in Library Services**

This priority area focuses on encouraging and emphasizing research that explores media mentorship and technology use in public library service for children, families, and caregivers.

The suggested research questions for this priority area will focus on the topics referenced above.

**Literature and Other Resources for Children**

This priority area focuses on encouraging and emphasizing research that explores a variety of aspects around literature and other resources (such as apps, ebooks, and other circulating materials) for children, with a particular focus on research that aligns with the awards administered by ALSC.

The suggested research questions for this priority area will focus on the topics referenced above.

**Professional Development / Continuing Education of Library Staff**

This priority area focuses on encouraging and emphasizing research that explores professional development of library staff working with children and families. This will include the knowledge and skills necessary for the role, professional development and training opportunities, and library programs in higher education institutions.

The suggested research questions for this priority area will focus on the topics referenced above.