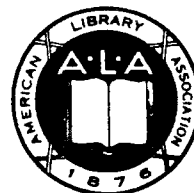


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RESOLUTION ON HIGHER EDUCATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, The academic library community has identified the need to invest in technology and to connect to the Internet/National Research and Education Network, to strengthen collections and provide access to materials in research libraries, to address the shortage of librarians and library professors, to conduct research, and to provide access to foreign materials, as critical challenges; and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association has pledged its support and assistance to the appropriate congressional committees to achieve timely and effective reauthorization of the Higher Education Act; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The American Library Association supports reauthorization of the Higher Education Act with the following components:

TITLE II-A, ACADEMIC LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY AND COOPERATION GRANTS

Replace the current grants for college library resources with a reinvigorated program of technological and cooperative assistance, building on the current II-D, with a priority for needy institutions not yet linked to library resource sharing networks. Encourage linkages to the Internet/NREN.

TITLE II-B, LIBRARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

Continue the current program with emphasis on doctoral candidates and other areas of shortages; change research and demonstrations to research and development.

TITLE II-C, STRENGTHENING RESEARCH LIBRARY RESOURCES

Continue current program with emphasis on projects related to the Internet/NREN; and encourage interinstitutional cooperation in collection development.

TITLE II-D, COLLEGE LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY AND COOPERATION GRANTS

Continue and enhance this program by making it the initial HEA II program (see HEA II-A).

ALSO RECOMMENDED; Continue other parts of HEA that affect academic libraries:

TITLE IV-C, STUDENT ASSISTANCE, WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS

Increase the ratio of federal financial support to work-study students. Continue and emphasize the eligibility of academic libraries as a student workplace site.

TITLE VI, INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS PART A, SECTION 607, PERIODICALS PUBLISHED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Continue this as yet unfunded section and add as an eligible purpose the translation of foreign language materials.

TITLE VII, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND RENOVATION OF ACADEMIC FACILITIES

Continue the eligibility of libraries. Add eligibility for projects that ensure library and research facilities that will efficiently and adequately support the use of all new technologies including use by the disabled and those enrolled in distance learning, as well as facilities that promote preservation of library materials.

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