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SPECIAL NOTE TO EDITORS -- **ALA NEWS RELEASES ARE NOW AVAILABLE VIA INTERNET;
NOTE THE FOLLOWING.**

Access ALA via the Internet

The American Library Association (ALA) Chicago Headquarters and the ALA
Washington Office are accessible through the Internet.

Approximately 100 members of the ALA Chicago staff can be reached
electronically. To obtain a listing of staff electronic mail (e-mail)
addresses, use one of the following commands (the BITNET command for users on
BITNET; the UIC.EDU command for other Internet users): **tell
listserv@uicvm.bitnet send ala idlist**, or **tell listserv@uicvm.uic.edu send
ala idlist.** Users can also send a note to the listserv with the text: **send
ala idlist.**

ALA Headquarters staff members are also beginning to post a number of
informational files in a new ALA FILELIST. These include the "Directory of
Officers, Executives & Conferences of the State and Regional Library
Associations" prepared by the ALA Chapter Relations Office, ALA news releases
and the Library Bill of Rights.

To find out what is currently available, use one of the following
commands as appropriate: **tell listserv@uicvm.bitnet send ala filelist**, or
tell listserv@uicvm.uic.edu send ala filelist.

The ALA FILELIST contains the list of files with exact filenames and filetypes. To get a particular file, issue the command -- **send "filename" "filetype"** -- to **LISTSERV@UICVM.BITNET**, or **LISTSERV@UICVM.UIC.EDU** where "filename" and "filetype" represent the exact listing from the ALA FILELIST.

For more information, contact Richard Roman at ALA Headquarters (U38501@UICVM).

The ALA Washington Office addresses are: **alawash@alawash.org**, ALA Washington Office; **cch@alawash.org**, Carol Henderson; **aah@alawash.org**, Anne Heanue; **mrc@alawah.org**, Mary Costabile, and **fdk@alawash.org**, Fred King.

The ALA Washington Office also publishes ALAWON (ALA Washington Office Newsline), an electronic newsletter that supplements other current ALA Washington Office communications such as the ALA Washington Newsletter and key legislative network contacts alerts.

ALAWON has stories on such topics as the GPO WINDO/Gateway legislation, appropriations for libraries and library-related projects, hearings and legislation of interest to the library community, availability of grants and fellowships and Library Legislative Day.

To subscribe, send the command -- **subscribe ala-wo "FirstName" "LastName"** to **LISTSERV@UICVM.BITNET**, OR **LISTSERV@UICVM.UIC.EDU (Internet)** where "FirstName" and "LastName" are your first name and last name respectively. Back issues of ALAWON are also available. To retrieve the list of files, send the command: **get ala-wo filelist** to the Listserv.

Internet users who have trouble subscribing, can send a message to **ALAWASH@ALAWASH.ORG.** ALAWON is also available through CompuServ, MCI Mail and any other e-mail serve that can receive Internet messages.