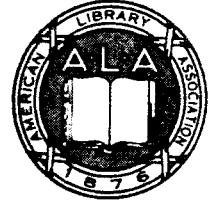


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THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERY CHILD USING AND OBTAINING A PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD

- WHEREAS, U.S. Secretary of Education William J. Bennett has stated in First Lessons: A Report on Elementary Education in America, GPO, 1986, that "Every school should have a library, and every child should have and use a library card," and
- WHEREAS, Secretary Bennett has further called for the initiation of a national campaign to ensure that every child obtain a library card by the end of the 1986-87 school year, and
- WHEREAS, Use of the public library begun in childhood becomes a lifelong habit and resource, providing for the fulfillment of Secretary Bennett's words that "Education is a continuum lasting a lifetime," and
- WHEREAS, The ALA Council adopted a resolution in June, 1984, to be added as a priority to ALA's official goals that "ALA promotes the creation, maintenance, and enhancement of a learning society, encouraging its members to work with educators. . .to provide lifelong learning services to all," and
- WHEREAS, The nation's public libraries have long advocated the early introduction of children to their resources by means of a library card issued in the child's own name;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED, That the Council of the American Library Association recommends that Council and its members and the appropriate divisions immediately initiate and actively pursue a campaign, in cooperation with the nation's schools, to ensure that every child throughout the country obtain and use a public library card by the end of the 1987-88 school year.

ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
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