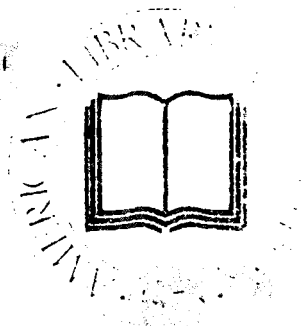


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Resolution on Librarian Loan Reductions

Whereas, public and community college librarians are not currently eligible for loan reduction programs for education professionals under the Higher Education Assistance Act of 1965; and

Whereas, public school librarians and teachers are eligible for loan reduction programs under said act; and

Whereas, public and community college librarians provide similar services to those provided by school librarians, and in low income areas, most often fill the gap left by underfunded and understaffed school libraries; and

Whereas, the costs of undergraduate studies, graduate programs for degrees in library science add up to thousands of dollars in loans; and

Whereas, entry-level salaries for public librarians are lower than entry-level teachers' salaries; and

Whereas, a loan forgiveness program can be an incentive for attracting effective librarians into the public and community college libraries, to serve the needs of diverse populations; and

Whereas, the American Library Association is committed to promoting ways of recruiting effective librarians for diverse communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the ALA Washington Office be directed to lobby Congress and the U.S. Department of Education for prompt legislative action that would make public and community college librarians serving low-income communities eligible for the same loan reduction programs as teachers and school librarians, under the higher Education Assistance Act of 1965, as amended.

Motion by Salvador Guarena, ALA Councilor

Seconded by Cesar Caballero, ALA Councilor

Endorsed by. ALA Black Caucus, Bibliotecas Para La Gente, REFORMA: National Association to Promote Library Services to the Spanish Speaking, the directors of the following public libraries in California: Berkeley, Oakland, Richmond, San Francisco, and the personal endorsement of Tobin deLeon Clark (President, California Library Association).

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