

Periodically there will be guest posts to the RUSA Presidents message. Thanks to current RUSA Professional Resources Committee Chair Donna Maher for the post below.

According to the Ave M membership study commissioned by ALA, guidelines are highly valued by members.

The RUSA Professional Resources Committee (PRC) is charged with “the maintenance and development of all RUSA Standards and Guidelines” and Recommendations documents. We track the creation and revision dates of these documents, and recommend that each is updated at least every five years. Members can access the full list with their last updated date on the [Documents by Topic: Standards, Guidelines, and Recommendations page](https://www.ala.org/rusa/documents-topic-standards-guidelines-and-recommendations) (<https://www.ala.org/rusa/documents-topic-standards-guidelines-and-recommendations>).

For the past few years, there has been a serious push to get these documents updated. The PRC and collaborating sections have been busy.

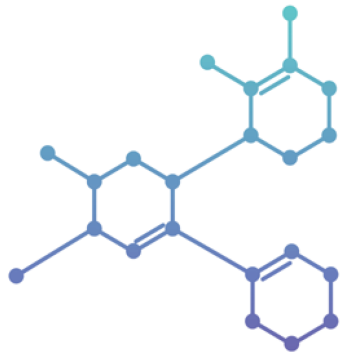
- BRASS: 2
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- STARS: 4. Including the soon to be released Professional Competencies for Library Resource Sharing Practitioners.

There are still 12 documents that need to be updated. The push continues.

As part of this updating process, several guidelines and documents have been discussed by the owning sections and sunsetted. You should be able to find these retired documents in the RUSA section of the American Library Association Institutional Repository (ALAIR) (<https://alair.ala.org/handle/11213/10>) by adding the search word "retired". Thank you to our division archivist in making sure these older documents can be retrieved as needed.

If you have ideas for new documents, please feel free to [reach out to us](https://www.ala.org/rusa/contact/rosters/rusa/rus-pr) (<https://www.ala.org/rusa/contact/rosters/rusa/rus-pr>) or visit [Chapter 4 of the Guide to Policies & Procedures](https://www.ala.org/rusa/guide-policies-procedures/chapter-4-documents) (<https://www.ala.org/rusa/guide-policies-procedures/chapter-4-documents>).

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