

Periodically there will be guest posts to the RUSA Presidents message. Thanks to current RUSA Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Interest Group (FAFLIG) Chair Ben Leubsdorf for the post below.

The Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Interest Group (FAFLIG) has started the new year strong!

Last month, we hosted our first FAFLIG Speaker Series webinar of 2024, and heard from U.S. Marine Corps librarian Elan M. Birkeland about her career path and current work. We'll announce additional webinars this spring as they are scheduled.

We're also gearing up to host our always-popular "How to Get a Federal Library Job" panel, which is scheduled for March 19. More details to come soon from RUSA, so stay tuned.

FAFLIG's mission is to promote the library and information service profession in the federal and military communities. We are a common forum and professional network for library staff, supporting their current needs and helping them prepare for the future.

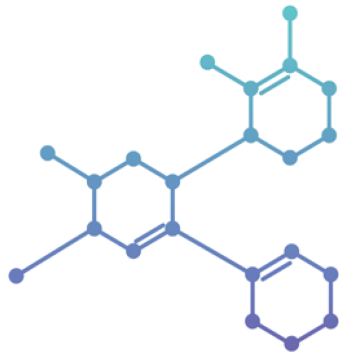
We want to strengthen the pipeline of future federal library workers, whether that's through public events like our "How to Get a Federal Library Job" webinar or in one-on-one conversations with students and people looking to make a career change. If you're interested in learning more about what it's like to work in a federal or military library, or if you have specific questions, please contact us at faflig.ala@gmail.com and we'll try to connect you with a current librarian.

We're also committed to helping make connections among current federal and armed forces library workers. Our FAFLIG Speaker Series webinars allow us to hear from our colleagues in other agencies and branches of government, learn about their work, and ask questions.

We also want to recognize accomplishment in our field, and so we encourage people to submit nominations for two RUSA division-level awards: the Federal Achievement Award and the Federal Rising Stars Award. The Federal Rising Stars Award may be of special interest to people who are relatively new to the profession, and self-nominations are both welcome and encouraged.

I'm so proud to work with a great team on FAFLIG's Executive Committee, which held its quarterly meeting this past week. It's their hard work that makes all of

this possible. We also appreciate all the support we get from Ninah Moore and Bill Ladewski at RUSA. And of course, thanks to RUSA President Joseph Yue for this opportunity to let our fellow division members know about our work.



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