

Chapter 21: Library Associations

Being familiar with and becoming involved in state and national library associations will help you be an effective trustee.

Iowa Library Association

The Iowa Library Association (ILA) is the professional association for librarians, trustees and interested persons in Iowa. ILA sponsors an annual conference in the fall and supports a lobbyist to represent library legislative interests at the state level. The committees and subdivisions of ILA offer an opportunity to be involved in library activities and issues beyond your own library.

Iowa Library Association
525 SW 5th Street, Suite A
Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 282-8192 or (800) 452-5507
Newsletter: *The Catalyst*
<http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/>

Iowa Library Trustees Association

The Iowa Library Trustees Association (ILTA) is part of ILA. ILTA participates in the ILA Annual Conference and honors the Iowa Trustee of the Year as well as providing trustees the opportunity of working together on issues...

American Library Association

The American Library Association (ALA) is the national association for librarians, trustees and others interested in library concerns. ALA sponsors national conferences every summer and winter, and publishes books and journals on professional issues, including its news journal, *American Libraries*. The Washington Office of ALA advocates for libraries on national library-related issues and concerns.

American Library Association
50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
(800) 545-2433
Journal: *American Libraries*
<http://www.ala.org/>

ALA Washington Office
1615 New Hampshire Ave, NW
First Floor
Washington, D.C. 20009
800-941-8478
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United for Libraries: The Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations

“United for Libraries is a national network of enthusiastic library supporters who believe in the importance of libraries as the social and intellectual centers of communities and campuses. No one has a stronger voice for libraries than those who use them, raise money for them, and govern them. By uniting these voices, library supporters everywhere will become a real force to be reckoned with at the local, state, and national levels.”

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<http://www.ala.org/united/>

Public Library Association

The Public Library Association (PLA) is the division of ALA which enhances the development and effectiveness of public library staff and public library services. PLA sponsors its own national conferences in even numbered years as well as programs at ALA conferences.

Public Library Association
50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
(800) 545-2433
Journal: *Public Libraries*
<http://www.pla.org/>

Association of Rural & Small Libraries

The Association for Rural & Small Libraries, Inc. (ARSL) is a network of persons throughout the country dedicated to the positive growth and development of libraries. ARSL believes in the value of rural and small libraries and strives to create resources and services that address national, state, and local priorities for libraries situated in rural communities.

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