

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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SUBJECT: **ALA Councilor Report**

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

ALSC and YALSA reunification

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) divisions officially reunited on September 1. This process has been underway for more than a year, guided by input and collaboration from ALSC and YALSA members, boards, committees, and staff.

Beginning September 1, all YALSA memberships will transition to ALSC memberships, giving members access to the resources and benefits of the reunified division. Members who currently belong to both ALSC and YALSA will likewise be part of the combined membership.

The division will continue operating under the ALSC name during the initial transition period while a comprehensive rebranding process takes place. The 2026–2027 ALSC Board of Directors will work with a consultant to develop the division's new vision, mission, and strategic plan in alignment with the ALA Strategic Plan, while gathering input from members to help inform the division's future identity and name.

The reunification will also bring together committee structures and volunteer opportunities. YALSA standing committees and task forces will conclude their work as currently structured on September 1, with award committees transitioning to operate within ALSC. Existing ALSC committees have been reorganized and expanded to reflect the reunified division's broader focus on library services for children and teens. The structure is intentionally flexible during the inaugural year, allowing committees, charges, and rosters to evolve as members and leaders assess workload, capacity, and emerging needs.

Incidents Against Immigrants in Libraries Reporting Form

The Services to Refugees, Immigrants, and Displaced Persons Sub-Committee of the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services Advisory Committee has launched the [**"Incidents Against Immigrants in Libraries"**](#) reporting form.

Modeled in part on the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom's censorship reporting system, this new tool provides a confidential way to document anti-immigrant incidents occurring in libraries, archives, and other information institutions. Reports may involve individuals from any immigrant community, including refugees,

international students, undocumented immigrants, people with temporary immigration status, permanent residents, and others.

Reporting these incidents is essential to helping the library and information professions better understand, address, and prevent the challenges affecting the immigrant communities we serve in the current moment. Reports may be submitted anonymously. All information will be kept confidential, and incidents will be reported only in aggregate. The information collected will help the American Library Association and SRIDP identify patterns, assess emerging concerns, and develop resources that support immigrant communities and the institutions that serve them.

This project is in partnership with ALA's Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services and the LINA Project.

If you'd like to learn more about the form and how it works, please watch the committee's introduction that provides an overview of the subcommittee and the form.

- [Introductory Video: SRIDP's New "Incidents Against Immigrants in Libraries" Reporting Form](#)

For more information, please visit the following resources.

- [Introducing SRIDP's "Incidents Against Immigrants in Libraries" Reporting Form | ALA](#)
- [Libraries Respond: Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers | ALA](#)
- [Services to Refugees, Immigrants, and Displaced Persons \(SRIDP\) Sub-Committee | ALA](#)