



Annual Board Report 2022

2022 Accomplishments

- Recipient of the AZ On-Track Grant for \$1.24M to help rural libraries provide summer learning opportunities to children and youth.
- Provided monthly professional development webinars to members and nonmembers across Arizona.
- Hosted the Annual Conference in Prescott, Arizona with nearly 300 library professionals in attendance.
- Recognized excellence through service awards and scholarships.
- Improved the association's fiscal position through updated investment policies.
- Collaborated with the Arizona State Library, Archives & Records to plan the YA Summit for February 2023.
- The AzLA Board invited the State Librarian and State Library staff members to join them for a [Board retreat](#) May 5 & 6, 2022. LSTA funds administered by the State Library were used to hire Jana White as a facilitator for the retreat.
- One of the agenda items was the [presentation of a study](#) commissioned by the State Library by a past AzLA President, Brenda Brown, on how AzLA and the State Library can work together to support Arizona libraries.
- The State Library is sponsoring the opening keynote speaker of the 2022 AzLA Conference, Jamie LaRue.

President Report – Lisa Lewis

- Appointed President in February 2022 after a special election.
- Negotiated with Prescott Resort for the Annual Conference and developed the theme for the event.
- Held a board retreat to develop goals and priorities for her term of office.
- Oversaw transition of duties from Association Manager to board members.
- Compiled the application for an Arizona On-Track Grant resulting in an award of \$1.24M. Coordinated the distribution of grant funds to rural libraries, data collection, and final reporting for the grant.
- Recruited committee members for the conference committees and the website. Negotiated contract with the new webmaster.

President-Elect Report – Casey Van Haren

- Appointed to the board in March 2023 after a special election.
- Recruited committee members for the conference committees and the website.
- Worked closely with the website design team to improve the website.
- Served on the Louise Stephens Scholarship Award Committee.

Past President Report – John Walsh

- Oversaw a special election and chaired the Election Committee for the regular election.
- Assisted with the transition to the new AzLA President.

Secretary Report – Amber Kent

- Attended regularly scheduled board meetings, taking notes and providing a summary at the conclusion of each meeting.
- Met with the bank to update authorized users as officers and operations changed.
- Provided technical assistance to board members needing access to the Google Workspace account and files.
- Assisted with both the special election and the regular election, Service Awards Committee, and Louise Stephens Scholarship Award Committee.
- Appointed MPLA Rep in August 2022 and served in a dual role through the end of my term in October 2022.

Treasurer – Natalie Menges

- Reconciled revenue and expenditures and created monthly and YTD financial statements.
- Contacted 2021 Service Award winners and arranged delivery of award plaques.
- Arranged for a new Accountant to prepare IRS Returns and AZ Corporation Commission Annual Reports.
- Worked with the investment firm to update investment policies for the benefit of the association's financial sustainability.

Central Region Representative– Shelley Reddy

- Created surveys for membership.
- Communicated with regional members and resources, and connected them with AzLA leadership, marketing, and communication tools.
- Continued to serve with both the Membership, Marketing and Outreach Committee as member and co-chair, including: standard and special promotions, reaching out to interested non-members who attended professional development webinars, forwarding interview requests, and overseeing the credential change and transfer of committee leadership to Erin Lorandos.
- Provided history of the institutional Membership Fee Structure in meetings and discussions
- Reached out to locations to explore options for social events and a possible Summit/Forum in Spring 2023
- Established a Central Region Google Group as a part of the website
- Attended regularly scheduled board meetings, and connected with additional individuals and groups to assist as needed with promotions and projects. Supported the Conference Committee by forwarding contacts generated for the canceled 2021 Conference and contacting additional parties regarding the new Artist's Alley.
- Began creation of protocols for welcoming Student Members/Interns on committees for MMO

ALA Councilor Report – Liz Garcia

- Attended LibLearnX in January 2022 virtually. Participated in three council sessions where I represented the Arizona Library Association. Attended governance meetings.
- Attended ALA annual conference in June 2022 virtually. Participated in three council sessions where I represented the Arizona Library Association. Attended governance meetings.
- Participated in additional monthly council meetings from July until September virtually.
- Report ALA information monthly at the AzLA meetings.
- Participating in planning the Annual Teen Summit.

MPLA Report – Amadee Ricketts

Between October 2021 and August 2022, when I was MPLA Rep, I represented Arizona at MPLA board meetings, provided MPLA information and updates to the AzLA board, and contributed Arizona news for each issue of the MPLA Newsletter. I also reached out to lapsed or former MPLA members in Arizona to encourage them to rejoin and represented Arizona at the MPLA / Montana Library Association / Pacific Northwest. In late 2021 and early 2022, assisted with an AzLA election and special election.

MMO Committee - Erin Lorandos

This year, MMO has worked to promote Professional Development webinars, increase membership communications, and other opportunities through AzLA social media channels. Prior to Erin Lorandos stepping into the role of chair, Shelley Reddy worked with Conference Committee, Professional Development, and AzLA Leadership to reach out to folks interested in joining, and committee-member Donna Throckmorton managed the social media.

Southern Region Representative - Bob Diaz

- This year, I have had the good fortune to be a member of both the AZLA Board as well as the president of the Tucson Chapter of REFORMA. Being in these leadership roles gave me the opportunity to work across these organizations to engage in community programming and other activities.
- Received a \$2500 grant from the Arizona Center for the Book to sponsor a very successful Dia De Los Ninos/Dia De Los Libros event in Tucson on April 29. Over 700 hundred free books and other materials were given away to children in the community of South Tucson.
- I attended and actively participated in most of this year's Board meetings.
- Promoted the AZLA Conference to UA staff. As a result, UA Library programs will be well represented at this year's conference.
- Participated in Board Retreat in May.
- Was elected to another two-year term as southern region representative.
- Participated in the initial efforts of the AZLA 2022 elections committee, and then recused myself after I decided to run for office.
- Spoke to Library school students about the benefits of joining professional organizations such as REFORMA and AZLA.

Professional Development Committee

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Prepared by: Lauren Clementino, Committee Chair

Current Committee Members

Chair: Lauren Clementino

Academic Library: Vacant

Public Library: Lauren Clementino, Peter Grant

School Library: Patricia Jimenez

Special Libraries: Pam Rogers

Tribal Library: Vacant

State Library Continuing Education: Melissa Kummen

Recap

Throughout the 2021-2022 year, the Professional Development Committee continued hosting free monthly professional development webinars. These webinars included:

- November 4, 2021: [Interactive Library Projects During the Pandemic: A High School Experience and Re-Inventing the School Library](#) with Monica Lourenco and Erica Urban
- December 9, 2021: [Has the Library Ever Been Neutral? Re-examining Traditions and Expanding Boundaries in Librarianship](#) with Catherine Lockmiller, Megan McGuire, Michelle Miranda-Thorstad, Patricia Jimenez, and Sean George
- January 13, 2022: [The 4% Matter: Why Reaching the Black Community in Pima County is a Critical Need](#) with Tenecia Phillips and Jessica Pryde
- February 10, 2022: [eBooks from the Arizona State Library](#) with Christine Peterson, Mary Villegas, Megan Hammond, and Melanie Toledo
- March 10, 2022: [Using Open+ Technology and Collaboration to Service Library Patrons](#) with Mandy Carrico, Sky Larsen, and Beckie Gallivan Butler
- April 14, 2022: [Don't Be a Chill Host: This Meeting Won't Be Terrible and Neither Should Yours](#) with Bridget Wipf and Chris Holthe
- May 12, 2022: [Connecting with Community: Lessons from Arizona Genealogy Day](#) with Kori Tueller, Janelle Breedveld, Brittany Styles, and Linda McCleary
- June 9, 2022: [AZLA Diversity Committee: Leading for the Future of Libraries](#) with Catherine Lockmiller and Megan McGuire
- July 14, 2022: [A Tri-University Approach to Strengthen Arizona Research Data Management Services](#) with Fernando Rios, Brittany Blanchard, and Matthew Harp
- August 11, 2022: [Patents and Trademarks 101: What Library Staff Need to Know](#) with Kori Tueller and Janelle Breedveld
- September 8, 2022: [Indigenous-Led, Community-Driven: Indigenous Libraries = Cultural Resilience](#) with Alex Soto, Lourdes Pereira, and Elizabeth Quiroga

- October 13, 2022: [Understanding Copyright Education Need in Libraries: Leading from the West](#) with Rachel Bridgewater, Karen Grondin, Patrick Newell, Anali Maughan Perry, Max Robinson, and Lori M. Weber

The 12 webinars during this period reached the following audience:

- 944 registrants
- 442 live attendees
- 47% live attendance rate
- 744 webinar archive views on YouTube (as of 10/20/2022)
- Registration breakdown by library type:
 - 39.8% academic
 - 2.8% archive
 - 1.3% museum
 - 35.4% public
 - 13.1% school
 - 3.9% special collections
 - 3.5% tribal
 - 9.2% other
- Registration breakdown by AzLA membership:
 - 44% members
 - 56% nonmembers

Other notable projects from the year include:

- Distributed the monthly “What's New for You in Professional Development” email blast to all AzLA members.
- Moved the webinar archive from a separate Professional Development YouTube Channel to a [Professional Development playlist on the main AzLA YouTube Channel](#). Past webinar recordings on this channel were edited and missing recordings were uploaded. The separate YouTube channel linked to the Professional Development account is now hidden - the content and analytics are preserved, but the duplicate videos are no longer visible to the public.
- Assisted the EDI committee with launching their own webinar series. The EDI Committee presented the June webinar in our series and launched a separate webinar series on September 20, 2022 with their webinar *Surviving and Thriving Through Library Challenges: Two Idaho Librarians' Experiences*.
- Continued to send contact information for nonmember webinar registrants interested in joining AzLA to the MMO Committee for follow-up. Information for 123 nonmembers was sent to MMO during this period.
- Sold three webinar sponsorships to Emporia State University generating \$284 for AzLA.
- Updated information on the Professional Development Committee page of the former AzLA website.

- Created webinar series marketing materials for distribution at the 2022 AzLA Conference.
- Developed a draft Professional Development Committee best practices document to be reviewed and implemented in the next year.

Over the last year, we said goodbye to former committee members Ann Marie Creegan, Elizabeth (Carrie) Dawson, Ellen Greene, Rachel Martinez, and Xuan Zhou and greatly value the time and expertise they shared with our committee during their tenure. We also welcomed Melissa Kummen, the new Arizona State Library Continuing Education Coordinator, to our committee in September and look forward to working with her in the year ahead. Lauren Clementino served the first year of her two-year appointment as Committee Chair. Peter Grant, Patricia Jimenez, and Pam Rogers remain active and highly valued committee members.

AzLA Legislative Committee Report
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Erin MacFarlane
October 27, 2022

Arizona Legislative Activity

The 55th Legislature adjourned Sine Die on June 25, 2022. Before the end of the session, they passed a historic \$18 billion state budget with bipartisan support. The session saw several bills proposed and/or passed with the potential to harm library services to communities. Most notably, HB2439 was signed into law by Governor Ducey in April with the intent to produce a list of material ordered for school libraries to be posted on District websites for parent access. Throughout the session, AzLA advocated in opposition to legislation that would adversely affect libraries across the state. Along with HB2439, AzLA was vocal in opposition to HB2495 which restricts student access to sexually explicit material in schools. Although both bills were signed into law, the language included is vague and leaves implementation up to interpretation.

Arizona held electoral primaries on August 2nd, and the candidates are set for the 2022 midterm elections in November. We are keeping a very close eye on candidates' rhetoric on social issues, which often turns a spotlight on censorship in libraries. We anticipate further proposed legislation this fall that intends to censor library material in school and public libraries.

Federal Legislative Activity

The Senate Appropriations Committee released its draft fiscal year 2023 funding bills. The bills would, for the first time in 26 years, provide federal funding to modernize library buildings nationwide. If enacted, the bills would provide \$20 million in new funding to improve public and Tribal library and museum facilities, distributed by IMLS, and to conduct a study of their physical condition. This is a crucial down payment on the Build America's Libraries Act that ALA and library supporters have advocated for! The bills would also continue funding for other vital library programs, including a \$3.6 million increase for grants under the Library Services and Technology Act and a \$3 million increase for Innovative Approaches to Literacy grants.

As a reminder, the House Appropriations Committee approved its versions of the FY23 funding bills in June (shortly before ALA Annual Conference). Ultimately, the House and Senate will have to resolve the differences between their bills and pass them through both houses. Notably, the House bill does not include the \$20 million for library facilities.

Senate Appropriations Committee Republicans currently oppose the Democrats' drafts, and Democrats alone don't have the votes needed to advance the bills. Consequently, Congress is not expected to reach an agreement before the end of the current fiscal year, which would require a stopgap funding bill (called a continuing resolution, or CR) in September. Congress will then return after the November elections and resume negotiations on these funding bills. Until then, we'll continue our advocacy for this funding to be carried through into the final bills.

Upcoming

Beginning in September, we will be actively recruiting additional members of the Legislative Committee. I do not anticipate that the battle for freedom of speech and library usage will settle down after the election this year. In order to meet the need this presents, we need a more robust committee to do the work. Specifically, I am looking for someone from these areas:

- Teacher Library Division
- Academic Library Division
- County Librarians
- Arizona State Library and Public Records
- Rural Library
- Tribal Library

Our first priority as we approach the mid-term elections will be to ensure that our methods of communication are set up and going to the right people. This includes social media and the Engage software provided by ALA.