

# Welcome to ALA and NMRT

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**App:** ALA Mobile Conference

**Highlight:** FAQ and Discussion Groups

**Networking** ---> Search the scheduler for

- chat
- yoga
- discussion
- coffee talk

**Job Placement:** <http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/employment/placement>

**Wellness:** [APA Mental Health Support Wellness](https://ala-apa.org/wellness/): site <https://ala-apa.org/wellness/>

## Quick Conference Orientation & Important Links

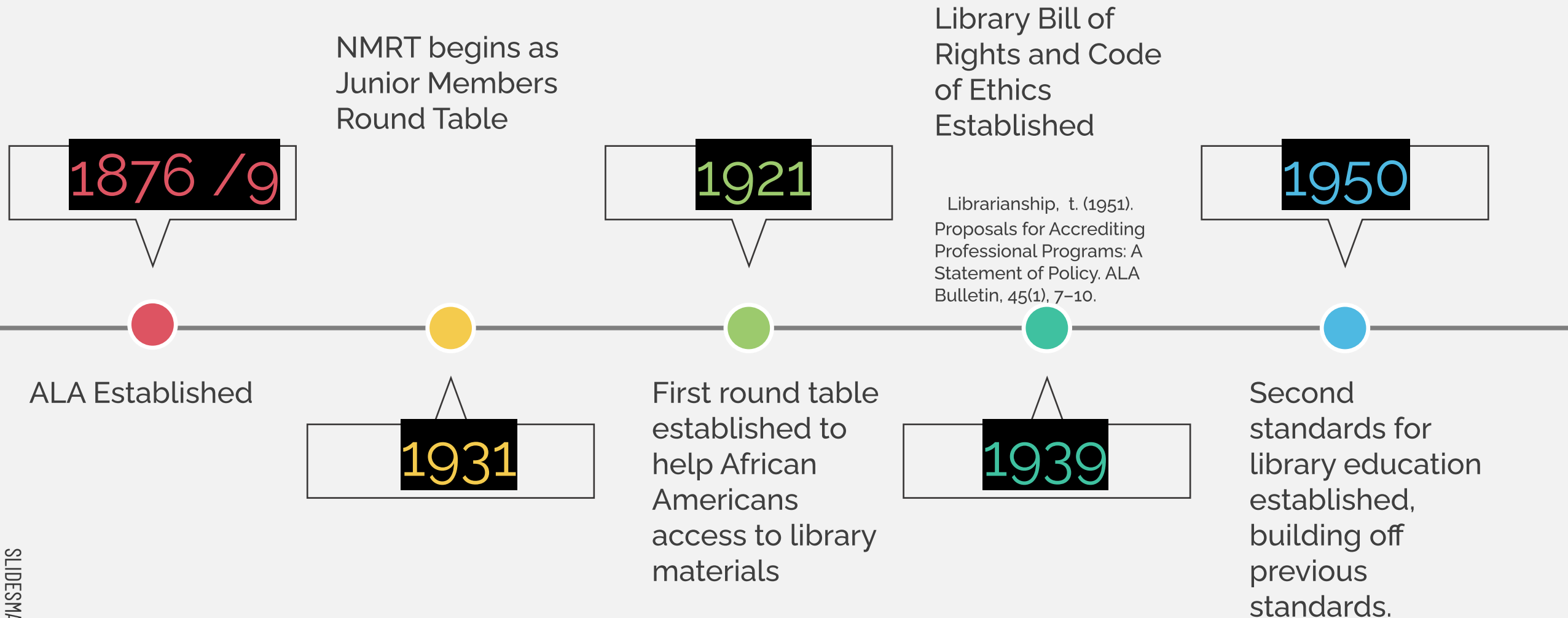
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- ALA Motto



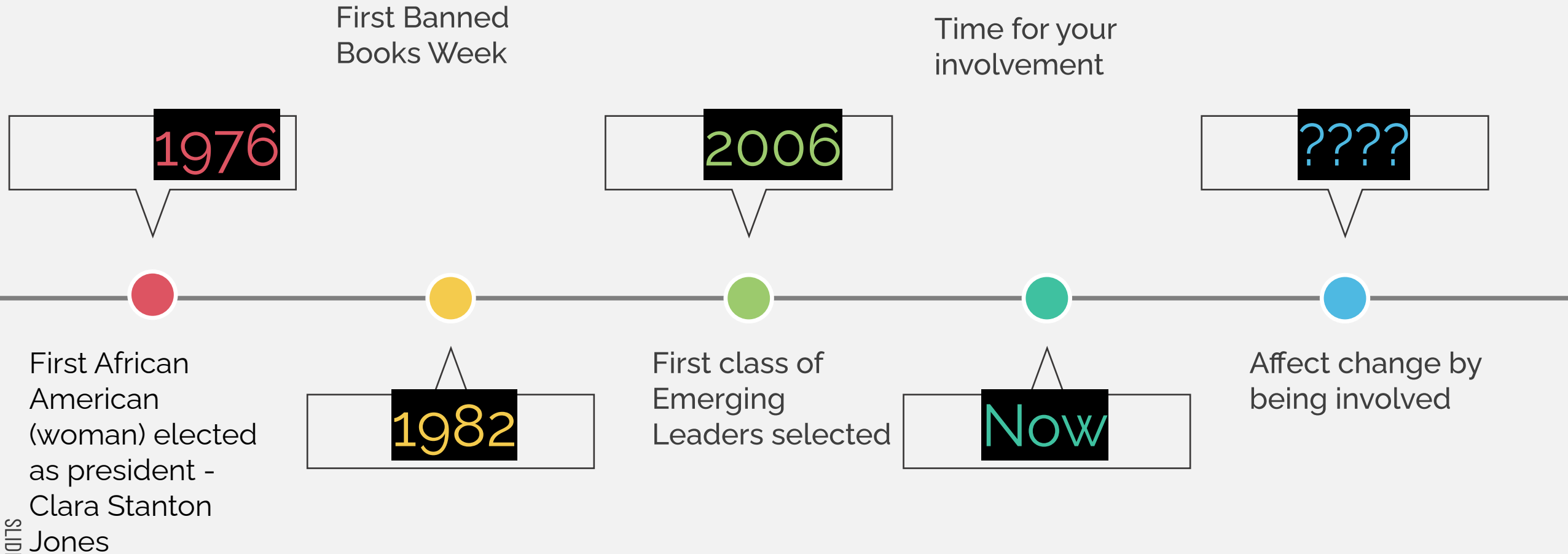
# ALA Mission Statement

To provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.

# ALA History



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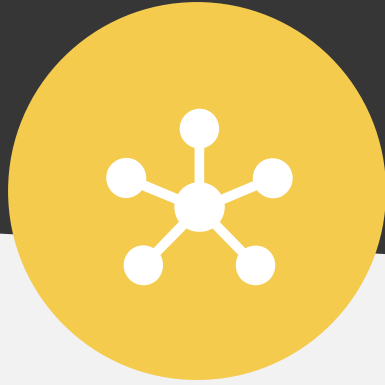


# How to Get Involved!



## **Divisions**

Join as part of your membership. These may involve separate dues.



## **Round Tables**

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## **Council**

Elected membership



## **Executive Board**

Elected membership



## **Committees**

There is a volunteer committee form that allows you to choose from over 100 committees throughout ALA

Divisions	Round Tables	Round Tables	Council	Executive Board
American Association of School Librarians (AASL)	Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange	Library Research	At Large	President
Association of Library Services to Children (ALSC)	Exhibits	Library Support Staff Interests	Chapter	President Elect
Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)	Film and Media Round Table	Map and Geospatial Information	Division and Round Table	Immediate Past President
Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures	Games and Gaming	New Members	Executive Boards	Treasurer
Public Library Association (PLA)	Government Documents	Rainbow	Officers of the Council	Executive Director
Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)	Graphic Novel and Comics	Retired Members		Eight board members
United for Libraries (Trustees, Friends, and Foundations)	Intellectual Freedom	Social Responsibilities		
Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)	International Relations	Staff Organizations		
	Library History	Sustainability		



# Divisions

- Eight membership divisions
- Type-of-library or type-of-library-function specialization
- Each division has:
  - statement of responsibility developed by its members and approved by the ALA Council
  - a set of goals and objectives to drive its activities
  - an executive director and other personnel
  - responsibility for generating revenue to carry out its programs
  - separate Board of Directors, elected by the members of the division

# Round Tables

- Round Tables are membership groups
- may charge dues
- develop programs
- issue publications
- have affiliate with regional, state or local groups with the same interests.

# Council

- The Council is the governing body of ALA
- Only personal members of the Association may serve on Council
- Determines all policies of the Association and its decisions are binding unless set aside by a majority vote by mail in which one-fourth of the members of the Association have voted
- officers of Council are the president, the president-elect and the executive director
- There shall be 100 councilors at large who are elected by the Association membership

# Executive Board

- The ALA Executive Board consists of
  - the president
  - president-elect
  - immediate past president
  - treasurer, executive director
  - eight members elected by Council from its membership for three-year terms.
  - The members of the Executive Board are members of Council
- The Executive Board acts for Council in the administration of established policies and programs and is the body that manages within this context the affairs of the Association, delegating management of day-to-day operation to the Association's executive director.

# Committees

- The American Library Association carries out its work through a member-driven structure of committees and subcommittees, divisions, round tables, and several other types of groups.
- Each committee has a specific purpose, defined at the time it is established.
- Each division and round table also may create committees and other working groups to carry out the work of the division or round table.
- Over 100 committees throughout all parts of ALA



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# NMRT Mission Statement

Our mission is to help those who have been association members less than ten years become actively involved in the association and the profession. The goals are fourfold: (1) to **structure formal opportunities for involvement** and/or training for professional association committee experiences on the national, state and local levels; (2) to provide a **wide variety of programs** to assist, encourage, and educate those new to the association and the profession; (3) to offer a variety of **leadership training and opportunities** to help those approaching the end of their NMRT eligibility make the transition to future positions in the association and the profession, and; (4) to **develop and implement ongoing programs for library school students** which encourage professional involvement and networking.





# NMRT

NMRT is a roundtable for those who have been members of ALA for fewer than ten years and are looking to augment their involvement in ALA..

- Run by an executive board
  - President: Jen Wilhelm
  - Vice President: Dani Cook
- Committees (24!)
  - Archives
  - Awards
  - Online Discussion
  - Resume Review
  - Mentoring
- Why join?
  - meet other library workers
  - join committees to get involved nationally



# THANK YOU

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