



Executive Director Report
VLA Council
April 16, 2021

2021 Membership

- 217 Individual members (144 unpaid 2021 renewal invoices)
- 42 Life Members
- 81 Affiliate Members (4,283 members)
- Institutional Dues invoices have been sent and \$41314 of anticipated \$45,000 has been collected

Joblines for 2021:

38 (28 invoices, 10 posted for free for public libraries who paid Institutional Dues)

Presentations:

February 5, ALA Chapter Leaders Forum

March 22, ALA Connect Live with President Julius Jefferson

April 7, State Librarian Dr. Sandra Treadway, school librarian Mary Keeling and I met with a representative from Congressman Ben Cline's office (VA-06) as part of an ALA effort to emphasize financial support for libraries.

April 8, Virginia Public Library Director's Association Spring Meeting

VLA Projects:

2021 Conference Session Proposals

2021 Scholarship Applications

2021 Graphic Novel Diversity Award call for Judges

2021 LGBTQIA+ and Librarians of Color donations request

2020 VALLA gift (Rocketbooks from VLA and sponsor Quinn Evans)

2021 VLACRL Spring Program registration

2021 VLA Conference Exhibitor Registration

2021 The Innovative Library Classroom (administrative support)

COVID-19 and Vaccinations: Continuing conversations with the VA Department of Health to ensure that libraries are included in 1b or 1c, in the future. We saw very little consistency across the country and localities as to where library staff were placed, despite CDC guidelines that staff be in 1C.

ALA Policy Corps:

Letter to the Editor by Clint Rudy, Suffolk Public Library Director and I, to be published in the Daily Press (hopefully by the end of the week) promoting the Build America's Libraries Act. We are doing a dtong push in Rep. Bobby Scott's district (VA-03) since he is the Chair of the House Committee on Labor and Education and will have a say in funding for libraries.

ALA currently has TWO Advocacy Alerts and would like your participation in them.

Please share amongst your networks:

- ALA Build America's Libraries Act, directed at Senators and Congresspeople. No VA legislators have signed on yet. <https://cgrcengage.com/ala/app/write-a-letter?4&engagementId=511327>
- ALA #FundLibraries LSTA and IAL for FY 2022. <https://cgrcengage.com/ala/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=511238>