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Dues are enclosed for:

- Personal – \$30
- Retiree – \$15
- Student – \$10
- Life – \$350
- Library Support Staff – \$15
- Institutional – \$60
- Corporate – \$200
- APALA Scholarship Fund – \$ _____
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Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association

(APALA)



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**An Affiliate of the
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www.apalaweb.org

HISTORY

Founded in 1980, the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) was incorporated in Illinois in 1981 and became formally affiliated with the American Library Association (ALA) in 1982. A predecessor of APALA, the Asian American Librarians Caucus (AALC), was organized in 1975 as a discussion group of the ALA Office for Library Outreach Services, reflecting the interest in library services to minority communities. APALA, and AALC before it, were both organized and founded by librarians of diverse Asian/Pacific ancestries committed to working together toward a common goal: to create an organization that would address the needs of Asian/Pacific American (APA) librarians and those who serve Asian/Pacific American communities.

MISSION

APALA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing leadership opportunities through informed dialogue that addresses the needs of Asian/Pacific American librarians and those who serve APA communities.

PURPOSE

- To collaborate and exchange ideas with ALA and other ethnic associations
- To mentor APA librarians
- To support library services to APA communities
- To discuss issues affecting APA librarians
- To provide scholarships and other awards
- To support organizations having similar or allied interests



AWARDS

- **Asian/Pacific American Awards for Literature** – Honors and recognizes individual works about Asian/Pacific Americans and their heritages based on literary and artistic merit. Award categories include: Children’s Picture Books, Children’s Literature, Literature for Teens, Adult Fiction, and Adult Non-Fiction. Awarded annually.
- **Scholarship Award** – Provides financial assistance to a student of Asian/Pacific background who is enrolled, or has been accepted to, a master's or doctoral degree program in library and/or information science at a library school accredited by the American Library Association (ALA). Awarded annually.
- **ALA Emerging Leaders Sponsorship** – Provides funding for one APALA member to participate in the ALA Emerging Leaders program. Awarded annually.
- **Travel Award** – Provides financial assistance to one APALA member of Asian/Pacific heritage to attend the ALA Annual Conference. Awarded annually.
- **Sheila Suen Lai Research Grant** – Awarded to an APALA member engaged in a research activity that contributes to the field of library and information science and APA librarianship. Awarded selected years.

JOIN US

Membership is open to all librarians and information specialists of Asian/Pacific descent and others who support the goals and purpose of APALA.

Benefits include:

- Meet, communicate, and collaborate with ALA, its affiliates, and other ethnic associations with similar interests
- Discuss challenges concerning our profession
- Participate in mentoring programs
- Seek funding or scholarships
- Join the APALA electronic discussion list

GET INVOLVED

APALA has many standing committees that cater to various interests. Our organization is a welcoming place for attaining valuable experience in committee participation and leadership.

NETWORK

Keep in touch with:

- Academic Librarians
- Public Librarians
- Information Specialists
- Library School Faculty
- Library School Students
- Library Support Staff
- School Media Specialists
- Special Librarians
- Webmasters
- Other Ethnic Librarian Caucuses