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Events

- [March 17: DCLA Presents: Leaders on Leadership from the Frontlines/Wine & Cheese Social](#)
- [March 24: Career Focus: Federal Government Information Jobs Online Panel](#)

Presidential Message

Greetings DCLA Members,

I want to share with you some of the upcoming networking and professional development opportunities planned by the DCLA Programming Committee.

March 17, 2016 – [Leaders on Leadership from the Frontlines/ Wine and Cheese Social](#)

As we continue to focus on leadership, please join Career & Leadership Development Director, Kimberly Knight, as she moderates a diverse panel of leaders. There will be opportunities to ask questions about pathways and skills needed to become an effective leader. Click [here](#) to register.

DCLA Seeks New Leaders

The District of Columbia Library Association needs a few people to step up and lead our Association over the next couple of years. Without these leaders, the Association may not be able to continue providing our community with the types of programming and information we rely on. DCLA currently needs candidates to step up to the following positions:

- [President-Elect/Vice-President](#)
- [Treasurer](#)
- [Membership Director](#)
- [Chapter Councilor](#)
- [Systems Director](#)

To learn more about these

April 12, 2016 – National Library Week & National Library Workers Day

In April, we will be celebrating [National Library Week](#) (April 10-16) and recognizing [National Library Workers Day](#) on Tuesday (April 12) of that week.

May 2-3, 2016 – [National Library Legislative Day](#) (NLLD)

Are you a DC resident and passionate about your local libraries? Want to contribute a small amount of time but still make a huge difference? Then consider joining the DC Delegation on National Library Legislative Day. Stay tuned for more information from NLLD chair, Teresa Boyd and Advocacy Director, Eboni Henry.

May 18, 2016 – DCLA Annual Reception & Award Ceremony

This year's DCLA Annual Reception & Award Ceremony will be held at The City Club of Washington from 6-8pm on Wednesday, May 18. This event will give members an opportunity to network during the reception and hear from the Acting Librarian of Congress, David Mao.

Finally, I am excited to share with you that DCLA and the [Library of Congress Federal Credit Union](#) (LCFCU) have entered into an agreement allowing all DCLA members in good standing to be members of the LCFCU. To join, please contact Kelly Garisto at kgaristo@lcfcu.org, 202-707-0035.

Best regards,
Julius Jefferson, DCLA President

DCLA Presents:

[Leaders on Leadership from the Frontlines/Wine & Cheese Social](#)

Are leaders born or are they made? The craft of leadership is explored in a revealing live interview with well-known library and cultural institution leaders. Come with your questions about the pathways and skills needed to become an effective leader, challenges of decision making and managing libraries, and achieve success in leadership.

Panelists include:

- **David Christopher**, Chief of Operations for the

positions, [click here](#). If you're interested in running for a position, [contact DCLA Past-President](#), and stay tuned for more information.

Announcements

ALA Task Force Seeks Your Input on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

[The survey can be accessed here.](#)

Responses will be collected through **March 18, 2016**. ALA members and non-members are encouraged to participate.

IFLA Columbus 2016: Call for demos (March 18 Deadline)

If you use social networks in your institution or if you have out of the ordinary methods for sharing knowledge for everyday work, this “call for demos” is for you! Tell us how you use social media to share the best practices of your organization, to involve colleagues in new projects, to connect your library with other projects at your institution, to improve your work processes, and to create team spirit. We want you to present your success stories and share with the public live, on stage, with a computer and a use case in a very practical way.

Submission criteria:

- An abstract explaining your method in a few words
- A live demo of your concept in 5 minutes

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- **Jennifer Boudrye**, Director for Library Programs at the District of Columbia Public Schools; and
- **Alexandra Gomes**, Associate Director for Education, Information & Technology, Health Sciences Library at George Washington University

Following the panel discussion, guests will be offered wine & cheese and have the opportunity to network with panelists and other attendees. [RSVP here](#).

Another Successful MKL Day of Service for DCLA & DCPS

By Yvonne Dooley

The day before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was taken from this world forever he made the statement, “Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness.” On Monday, January 18, 2016, District of Columbia Library Association (DCLA) members came together with District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) staff during this year’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service embracing this ideal of “dangerous unselfishness.” Volunteers worked at both C.W. Harris and Houston Elementary School libraries located in Ward 7, one of the most underprivileged wards in the District.

The effort was part of the #MySchoolLibrarian campaign organized by DCLA and DCPS. The initiative brings together area librarians, information professionals and library supporters to help improve and advocate for D.C. public school libraries. [Continue reading on capital.librarian.tumblr.com](http://capital.librarian.tumblr.com)

ALA Midwinter 2016 Chapter Councilor Report

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as Chapter Councilor. I must say, it has been and continues to be a very exciting and educational experience for me.

During the ALA Midwinter meeting, I attended the ALA Policy Process – An Introduction for New Councilors (Joseph Eagan, Chair Council Orientation Committee, led

through internet (or video)

On the day of the open session, your presentation will be a 20-minute live demo and a 10-minute live exchange with your audience.

We look forward to hearing your ideas! Send it to julien.sempere@universite-paris-saclay.fr or send it to the KM section through our [FB page](#).

Registration for National Library Legislative Day 2016 is Open!

This two-day advocacy event brings hundreds of librarians, trustees, library supporters, and patrons to Washington, D.C. to meet with their Members of Congress to rally support for libraries issues and policies. As with previous years, participants will receive advocacy tips and training, along with important issue briefings prior to their meetings.

Job & Internship Board

- [Data Management Specialist, John Hopkins University Homewood Campus](#)
- [Digital Assets Librarian, Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens](#)
- [Head of Processing & Special Collections Management](#)

the session). I found the program to be most informative. The agenda included remarks by Sari Feldman, ALA President, Keith Fiels, ALA Executive Director, Mario Gonzalez, Treasure, Lorelle Swader, ALA-APA Director, and Eli Mina, ALA Parliamentarian. Key Takeaway: Council is ALA's policy-making body. Once a policy proposal is moved on the floor of Council, Council may take any of the following actions: debate, amend, refer, postpone, defeat, and/or pass. [Read the full report on dcla.org.](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Candice Townsend

[Eastman Grant Recipient ALA Midwinter 2016 Report](#)

By Paul J. Kelly

I was the recipient of the [2015 Ann Heidbreder Eastman Grant](#), and used the funds to attend [ALA's Midwinter Meeting](#) from January 8 to January 12 in Boston, MA. What follows is a summary of my experiences at the conference.

January 9 kicked off with the [GLBT Round Table](#) Board Meeting. Although, I am not a board member, regular members are encouraged to attend to gain insight into how ALA roundtable business is conducted. The most interesting item of discussion (to a non-board member) was the continuing development of a toolkit for public libraries that wish to start collecting LGBTQ-related materials. The toolkit is approaching completion, and will be available from ALA very soon. This toolkit was then presented in further detail to the general ALA membership later that day at the News You Can Use Diversity session, and is an exciting first step for libraries that require assistance in this area. [Read the full report on dcla.org.](#)

[Article on Ruth Fine](#)

[Information Is Power: Women as Information Providers to the President's Budgeting Men; A History of the Bureau of the Budget Library, 1940-1970](#) (PDF), begins on p. 86 of

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New & Returning DCLA Members

Emilie Ashby, USF student
Kelly Hoffman, UMD student
Ellen Terrell, Library of Congress

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Anna Tomlinson, CUA student
Jennie Tomlinson, CUA student

Throughout her career, Ruth Fine served as a mentor to budding librarians and encouraged talented, service-oriented people to enter the field of library and information service, especially in the public sector. She was also a leader in the library field, serving as President of DCLA from 1963 to 1964.

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