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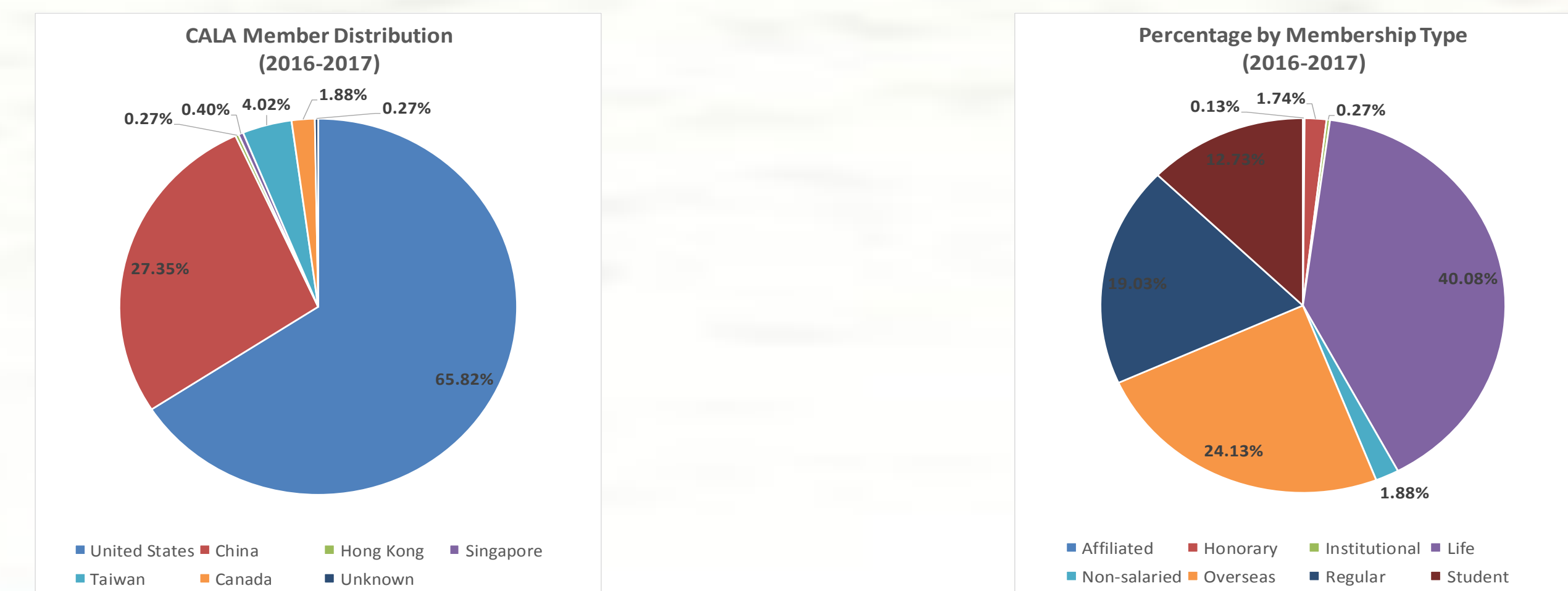
Embracing Diversity and Outreaching to the Global Community



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Attracting Members Globally

In 2016-2017, CALA's membership surpassed 700, covering the US, mainland China, Taiwan, Canada, Singapore and other places (see figures on the right).



Showcasing Member Scholarship & Achievements

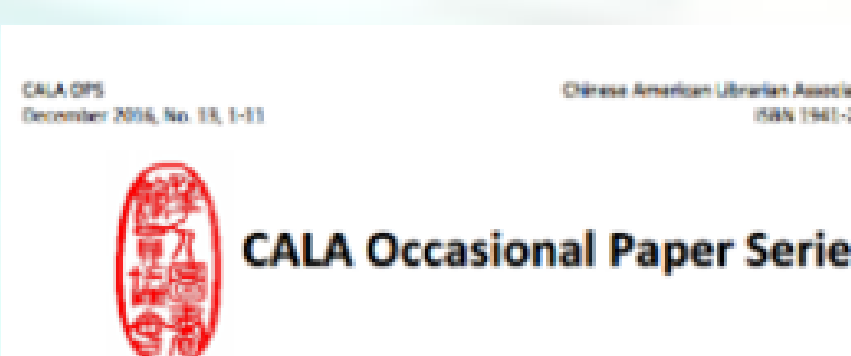
International Journal of Librarianship (IJOL)

- An open access, refereed journal of research and discussion dealing with all aspects of libraries and librarianship;
- Published Vol. 1, No. 1 in 2016;
- Website: <http://ojs.calalib.org/index.php/ijol>



CALA Occasional Paper Series (OPS)

- Open access publication which provides an opportunity for CALA members to publish articles on a peer-reviewed, official, and professional platform;
- It started in 2008; till 2016, 13 issues have been published.



Publications

CALA 40th Anniversary Issue

Reaching beyond ourselves: Celebrating 40 years of CALA (1973 - 2013)



CALA Newsletter

- CALA published its first newsletter in September 1973; its newest issue is the 2017 Spring Issue (right image);
- It's CALA's official publication and it disseminates information about Chinese American librarianship and the activities of the association and its members.



CALA 30th Anniversary Issue

Bridging Cultures: Chinese American Librarians and Their Organization: A Glance at the Thirty Years of CALA 1973-2003 (《架起中美文化的桥梁——華人圖書館員協會回歸三十年, 1973-2003》)



Spotlight on CALA Members

CALA Member Won National Recognition
 ALA Honors Haipeng Li with Equality Award

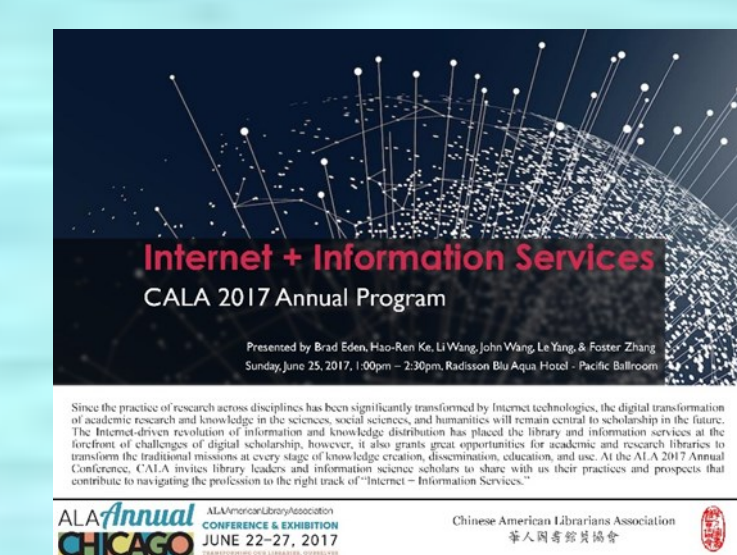


CALA Annual Program

- CALA's 1st Annual Conference was held in Chicago, Mar. 31, 1973;
- 20th Anniversary Program: "Empowerment: The Asian American Perspective," New Orleans;
- 30th Anniversary Program: "Chinese American and Other Ethnic Librarians Building Library Community," Atlanta;
- 40th Anniversary Program: "Together We Make a Difference – Celebrate CALA 40 Years and Beyond," Chicago.



Programs



Awards

CALA Award Banquet

- A long-standing CALA tradition;
- It provides a venue to: recognize and award members' achievements;
- Network with library leaders, CALA members and friends, including representatives from other associations (e.g., ALA, IFLA) and places (e.g., mainland China and Taiwan).



CALA 2017 Annual Award Banquet brochure.

2016 CALA Leadership Academy

The 2016 CALA Leadership Academy was successfully held on June 27, Orlando, FL. Led by ALA Past-President Maureen Sullivan and the CALA Leadership Taskforce. Invited panelists (right photo): Dr. Zhijia Shen, Patty Wong, Dr. Clara Chu, Dean Xuemao Wang, Dora Ho, Dr. Lian Ruan.



Outreaching & Building Alliances

CALA and ALA

- CALA became an affiliate of the ALA and a member of the Council of National Library and Information Associations in 1976;
- CALA has representatives on the ALA's New Membership Round Table Council and the Advocacy Coordinating Group;
- CALA participates in the ALA Diversity and Outreach Fair at the ALA's Annual Conference every year.



2017 ALA Emerging Leaders met with Project Guide Mingyan Li and CALA president Qi Chen at ALA Midwinter, Atlanta, GA. (L-R) Kate, Mingyan, Jingjing, Nitra, Minhao and Qi.

- Sponsor of the ALA Emerging Leaders Program**
 Each year CALA has been able to sponsor two members with a monetary fund and more members with non-monetary sponsorships.

CALA and IFLA

- In September 2011 CALA joined the IFLA as a national association member;
- CALA representatives Min Chou and Shali Zhang attended the IFLA WLIC 2012 in Helsinki, Finland;
- CALA offers IFLA Registration Grant to its members.



CALA Members and Friends IFLA WLIC 2016.

Networking with Libraries in China

Chinese Library Annual Conference

- The first China-US Library Conference was organized by the National Library of China and the ALA. It took place in Beijing in 1996 and was on "Global Information Access: Challenges and Opportunities."
- The U.S. Organizing Committee was co-chaired by Hwa-Wei Lee and included some representatives from CALA. CALA members continued to be involved in subsequent China-US conferences.



Chinese Library Annual Conference 2016.

2016 Chinese Library Annual Conference

- Held on October 25-28 with the theme "Innovate China: Technology, Society and Library."
- The CALA team was led by Michael Bailou Huang and Qi Chen. Its session was titled: "Innovative Services and Technology in U.S. Academic Libraries."

21st Century Librarian Seminar Series

- The recent CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar was held at Pudong Library, Shanghai, China, June 12-14, 2017. The sponsors were: CALA and Pudong Library. The theme of this seminar was "Library and Social Development, New Setting, New Ideas and New Services" (《图书馆与社会发展：新环境 新理念 新服务》)。
- The 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series was officially established in 2007 as a CALA project and managed by CALA International Relations Committee with Xudong Jin and Guoqing Li as co-chairs.



CALA and Other Caucuses

- CALA's relationship with APALA can be traced back to 1980 when APALA was formed. The first APALA Vice President, John Yung-hsiang Lai, was the 1979-1980 CALA President.
- The first APALA/CALA Joint Annual Program was held in Los Angeles in June 1983. The theme was "Areas of cooperation in Library Development in Asian and Pacific Regions."



CALA Members and Friends at JCLC 2012.

JCLC 2012

CALA participated and co-sponsored the second Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) held in Kansas City, Missouri from September 19 to 23. Past President Haipeng Li was one of the two Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee, and Dora Ho is another CALA Representative to the JCLC Steering Committee.

JCLC 2018

CALA President Qi Chen and the Executive Director Lian Ruan serve on the JCLC 2018 Steering Committee.

International Symposium on Scholarly E-Communication Development and Academic Library Transformation, Northeast Normal University, Changchun, China, 2016



Books for China Project

"When the Books for China Project (B4C) was first created in late 2004, none of the five founders thought that it could last this long... As a pleasant surprise to all, B4C lasts longer than anyone thought it could. Last year, 11 years after its founding, B4C sent a total of 25,000 volumes of books to China. Apart from the library of Xi'an University, fifteen universities have received our books." – John Ma, Books for China Project 2016.

(Right photos) John enjoys keeping up with the news on his balcony; Workers load books to shipping containers.



Connecting Members and Friends Virtually

CALA Facebook Public Page

- Public platform for information dissemination and sharing; you can post as a guest;
- Can be accessed at: <http://bit.ly/1pOfFTI> (or search "CALA" in Facebook's search box).



CALA Facebook Private Group

- Supplemental to the CALA Facebook public page;
- A space where everyone can post, start discussions, and connect with each other;
- Join it by clicking: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/423045741400053/>



CALA YouTube Channel

- A space to post CALA's videos;
- Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CALACHannel>.

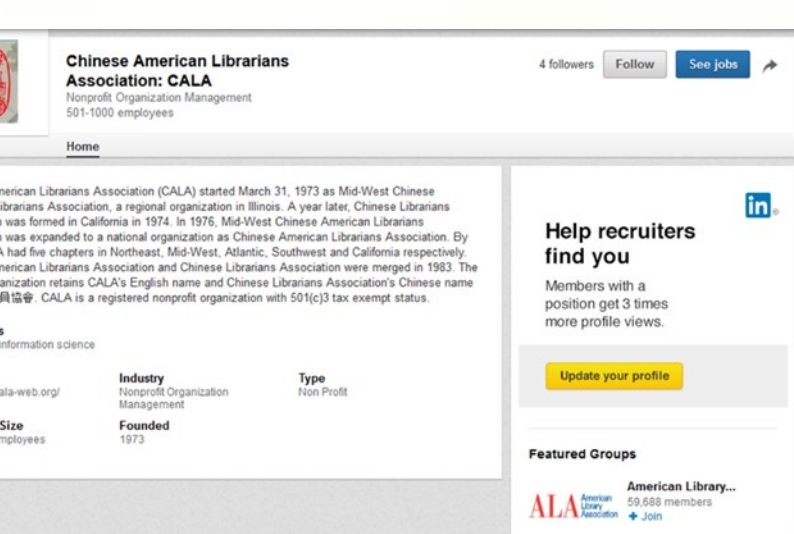
CALA WeChat

- A community space for communication and rapport building;
- A closed group but anyone who's interested in the CALA community can join;
- Additional members can be invited to join the WeChat group by existing members.



CALA LinkedIn Group

- A newly created official LinkedIn page for CALA;
- A space where everyone can post, start discussions, and connect with each other;
- Join it by clicking: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/calalib>



CALA Listserv

June 1994 CALA Listserv was launched at University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee. Dr. Wilfred Fong was the first list owner. It is still active.

Fostering Local Collaboration via Chapters

2017 CALA Midwest Chapter Annual Conference

- Held on April 21 in Chicago Public Library Chinatown Branch;
- Theme: "Collaboration and Innovation in Library Practices."



2017 GMA Chapter Spring Forum

- Held at Catholic University of America, Washington DC on Saturday, April 1, 2017;
- Theme: "Innovative Library Services and Research."



2017 CALA Southeast Chapter Spring Meeting

- Held in Georgia State University Library on Jan. 20, 2017;
- Themes: "Sharing Your Professional Expertise and Your Library's Collections" and "Visiting a Library, a Museum or a Cultural Institution in Atlanta."



2016 CALA Southeast Chapter Fall Meeting

- Held at Olin Library, Rollins College, Orlando, FL on September 23, 2016;
- Themes: "Visiting a Library, a Museum or a Cultural Institution in Your City" and "Discovering Chinese Images, Representations and Heritage."



Celebrating Cultures at Our Libraries

Chinese Ceramic Artist in Residence 2017 PVCC Buxton Library Helps to Bridge Cultural Exchange

(Right photo) Chinese master ceramist, Huang Xiaohong, was invited to be the artist in residence for Maricopa Colleges in February 2017.



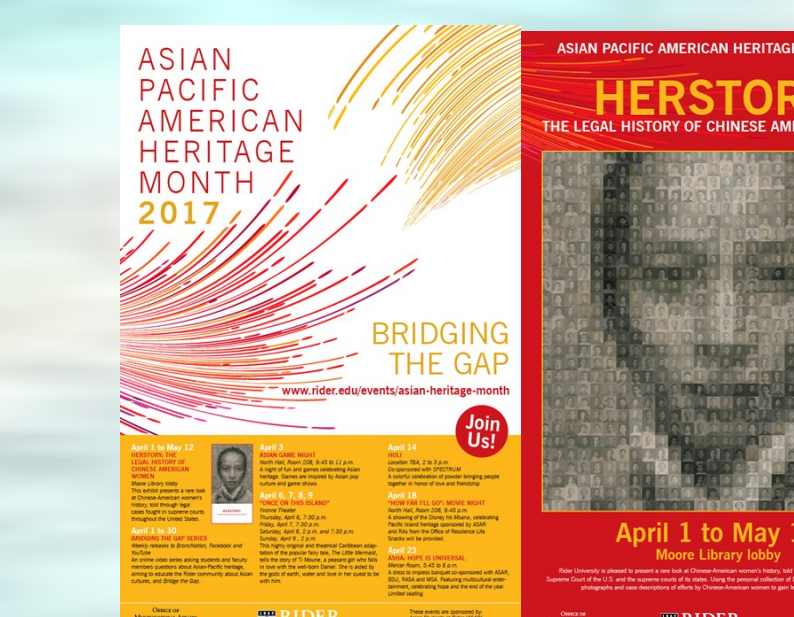
One-Shot Library Information Literacy Orientations @ Laney College Library

The Laney College Library provides One-Shot Library Information Literacy Orientations to different levels of students with vary information needs. See right photo.



Herstory: The Legal History of Chinese American Women

Exhibit at Rider University to celebrate the 2017 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.



International Student Day

The Miller Nichols Library at the University of Missouri Kansas City hosts annual event to celebrate the international students from countries around the world.



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