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### ALA 2021 Council Updates

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# 2021 ALA COUNCIL UPDATES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2021 MIDWINTER AND ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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# WHAT IS COUNCIL?

- Governing/policy making body of ALA
- Approximately 180 members
- Representation from state chapters (my position), divisions, committees, and round tables
- Elect members to serve on the Executive Board

# LEGISLATION PASSED AT MIDWINTER

- RESOLUTION in Support of Broadband as a Human Right
- RESOLUTION to Condemn White Supremacy and Fascism as Antithetical to Library Work
- RESOLUTION in Opposition to Facial Recognition Software in Libraries
- RESOLUTION to Prioritize Library Workers to Receive the COVID-19 Vaccine
- RESOLUTION on the Misuse of Behavioral Data Surveillance in Libraries

# LEGISLATION PASSED AT ANNUAL

- Resolution to Achieve Carbon Neutrality for ALA Conferences
- Resolution on U.S. Enterprises Abridgement of Free Speech
- Resolution in Support of Open Educational Resources
- New guideline to the Code of Ethics

“We affirm the inherent dignity and rights of every person. We work to recognize and dismantle systemic and individual biases; to confront inequity and oppression; to enhance diversity and inclusion; and to advance racial and social justice in our libraries, communities, profession, and associations through awareness, advocacy, education, collaboration, services, and allocation of resources and spaces.”

# COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION PROCESS

- Forward Together Resolutions Group
  - Council approved creating a task force to review the ALA Core Values and make recommendations at ALA Annual in 2022
  - Council approved the resolution on Round Tables that requires RTs to
    - Have 150 members
    - Adhere to a common template for by-laws
    - Align annual membership dues
  - All other decisions about the make-up and decision-making abilities of Council, Divisions, Chapters, Board of Directors, etc., will be determined by an implementation working group that will take recommendations from the FT Resolutions Group and the FT Fiscal Analysis WG and bring resolutions to Council meetings at LibLearnX in January