



Resolution Reaffirming ALA's Commitment to Intellectual Freedom
in a Digital Age
Library communities are essential in our

community
between
maintaining
libraries to
strengthen



and trained librarians, and legislation or regulatory changes removing ALA standards from official requirements for library work on the state and local level;

Whereas social media, artificial intelligence, and other technologies have been weaponized by extremist groups and other bad actors to deliberately spread dis- and misinformation; preventing the free flow of reliable information, the open exchange of ideas, the ability of information professionals to do their jobs, and threatening the principles of intellectual freedom;

Whereas teachers and library workers in many states have had the ability to exercise professional judgment in their collection development and provision of reading materials to students questioned; and

Whereas there is a chilling effect on libraries, library workers, and library users in jurisdictions and states where courts and legislative bodies actively consider codifying restrictions that prevent library workers from exercising their professional discretion and expertise; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

