

APALA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Asian Pacific Americans
Librarians Association

(APALA)

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Would you like to be added to APALA-L,
discussion list? ___ Yes ___ No

Dues are enclosed for:

- Personal (\$20)
- Student (\$10)
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HISTORY

Founded in 1980, the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) was incorporated in Illinois in 1981 and 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 organized/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 librarians and those who serve Asian/Pacific American 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 interest

MISSION

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



AWARDS

Annually, APALA gives out the following awards:

- **Asian Pacific American Award for Literature** – To honor and recognize individual work about Asia/Pacific Americans and their heritages based on literary merit and artistic merit. Three awards include: Illustrations in children's picture books, youth literature and adult books. – NEED BLURB
- **Scholarship Award** - To provide financial assistance to a student of Asian/Pacific background who is enrolled, or has been accepted into a master's or doctoral degree program in library and/or information science at a library school accredited by the American Library Association (ALA).

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, their affiliates and other ethnic associations with similar interest
- Discuss challenges concerning our profession
- Participate in mentoring programs
- Seek funding or scholarships
- Join the APALA electronic discussion lists
- Receive APALA Membership Directory
- Receive APALA Newsletter

GET INVOLVED

APALA has many standing committees. Contact information can be found on the back of this flyer.

NETWORK

Keep in touch with

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