#critlib + the future of ALA

Discussion questions: Q1. What’s your ALA story? How do you feel about ALA and how has your journey caused those feelings? Q2. Do you feel participation in ALA is a/an (explicit or implicit) requirement for library professionals? Should it be? Q3. How could ALA be made more valuable for non-MLIS-holding library workers? Q4. What would you like to see ALA do that it’s not doing now?

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**Violet Fox**
@violetbfox

Join @MaxRenewals & @bembrarian & me for #critlib chat on the future of ALA this Tuesday 9pm Eastern/6pm Pacific. critlib.org/future-of-ala/

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**Violet Fox**
@violetbfox

We’d love to hear from library workers in public, school, special, or academic libraries during this chat! #LIS students welcome! #critlib twitter.com/violetbfox/sta...

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**Jenna Freedman**
@zinelib

On my calendar! This #critlib about @ALALibrary is a do-not-miss! twitter.com/violetbfox/sta...

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**Helene Williams**
@bibliorogue

Join @UW_iSchool #MLIS grads in this #critlib chat! I’m hoping to be there! twitter.com/violetbfox/sta...
Ooh! #critlib calendar! Thank you! calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/... [iCal, which Outlook happily added] pic.twitter.com/xVgImsef5i

@MFGaeDe FRANNY GAÉDE

An upcoming conversation about the past, present, future of librarians in association and disassociation. #critlib twitter.com/violetbfox/sta...

@bembrarian Greg Bem

#critlib chat about @ALALibrary tonight, 9pm eastern (and if you're a member don't forget to vote in the elections!) critlib.org/future-of-ala/

@EamonTewell Eamon Tewell

Join me for #critlib in an hour? Topic is The Future of ALA, which should appeal to library folks of all types. critlib.org/future-of-ala/

@kevinseeber Kevin Seeber

If we've got any folks joining us for tonight's #critlib who are brand new to Twitter chats, here's a brief how-to: critlib.org/twitter-chats/

@violetbfox Violet Fox
Welcome to tonight's #critlib chat about the future of the American Library Association (ALA)! Find questions at critlib.org/future-of-ala/

11 MONTHS AGO

I'm delighted to co-moderate with fellow @UW_iSchool grads @bembrarian & @MaxRenewals. They'll be posting tonight's #critlib questions.

11 MONTHS AGO

.@UW_iSchool @bembrarian @MaxRenewals The questions we've come up with are just starting points, we're interested to see where the conversation will take us! #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

.@UW_iSchool @bembrarian @MaxRenewals If you'd like to post anonymously to tonight's #critlib chat, you can use @metageeky's relay, available here: script.google.com/macros/s/AKfyc...

11 MONTHS AGO

.@UW_iSchool @bembrarian @MaxRenewals @metageeky Let's get started: please introduce yourself! If you're ordinarily a lurker, we'd love to hear from you tonight. #critlib

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So happy to be here! #critlib twitter.com/violetbfox/sta...

11 MONTHS AGO
Hi #critlib. I’m Kate, a lib techie from the University of Washington Libraries.

11 MONTHS AGO

Hi #critlib friends! I’m Kevin, an academic instruction librarian in snowy Denver, CO. ALA member since 2009.

11 MONTHS AGO

Hi! Faculty @UW_iSchool and long, long, longtime academic librarian #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

This is Jenna in Brooklyn, NY. I haven’t #critlib bed in a while. Thanks to the mods for a super compelling topic! pic.twitter.com/JC38iEJ0Fj

11 MONTHS AGO
Violet Fox  
@violetbfox

I’m a cataloger with a heart of gold at small academic library in the middle of Minnesota. 😊 Excited for a great discussion! #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

UserHasTooManyHolds!  
@radicalibrarian

Hey #critlib! Youth Services consultant from Austin, TX!

11 MONTHS AGO

Kenny Garcia  
@kennygarciamtls

Hi, Kenny, academic librarian in Central Coast, California. Child caring so may lurk tonight. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Diana Moronta  
@DianaMoronta

Hi #critlib, recent grad from NYC and library assistant at Columbia U.

11 MONTHS AGO

Nancy Foasberg  
@nfoasberg

I'm an academic librarian from New York, trying to #critlib on my phone from the train, let's see how this goes

11 MONTHS AGO

Scott Walter  
@slwalter123

Hi, I'm Scott, academic library director from Chicago & running for ALA president #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

@zinelib Greetings Jenna, dearest ol' #critlib co-mod!

11 MONTHS AGO
Hello, #critlib pals. I'm Erin, a cataloger in Georgia.

@violetbfox @UW_iSchool @bembrarian @MaxRenewals @metageeky I'm Alyssa, a reference & instruction librarian from Seattle Central College. Long-time #critlib lurker and first time speaking up. :)

I'm a humanities librarian who loves to coordinate all the events In ohio & happy to be here! #critlib

Hi #critlib recent grad and library assistant.

Me, I'm a faculty librarian at @TheLWTech. I also work with the Cambodian Library Association in my free time, and live in Seattle. #critlib

hi, I'm an academic instruction librarian in texas and I *finally* remembered to show up for the #critlib chat!! (it's been a while)
Mandy Henk
@MandyHenk

I'm not sure what I am these days! I'm a US librarian turned Kiwi who is now the public lead for Creative Commons ANZ. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Maura Smale
@mauraweb

Hi #critlib, I'm Maura, academic lib director at a public college in NYC.

11 MONTHS AGO

Dr.EB
@LNBel

Hi #critlib Ellen, Academic Special Collections Librarian in NYC. Was active in ALA circa 1991-1998, no longer.

11 MONTHS AGO

Erin V.
@MaxRenewals

(keep saying hi as I get started!) What's your ALA story? How do you feel about ALA and how has your journey caused those feelings? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Caitlin Tormey
@ctorm

Hello there #critlib friends! I'm a @UW_iSchool alum and now a youth services librarian at Sacramento public library

11 MONTHS AGO

Gina Murrell
@GinaMurrell1

Hi! I'm Gina, an early-career librarian who's moving from Oregon to California for contract work. Intrigued by tonight's topic! #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Spencer Brayton
@brayton_spencer

Hello, I'm Spencer. Academic librarian from central Illinois. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Adam Mizelle
@adammizelle

Hi #critlib. Adam academic #Nightlibrarian waiting to close the info lit classroom. Lurking with pleasure before I commute home.

11 MONTHS AGO

Ryan P. Randall
@foureyedsoul

Hi #critlib! I'm Ryan, I do instruction & outreach at a community college in Boise, I'm feeling extra scattered today, & I'm exited to chat.

11 MONTHS AGO

Greg Bem
@bembrarian

A1 My ALA story consists of a lack of involvement post-grad-school. Is it that ALA's too big? Is there a lack of personal interest? #critlib twitter.com/MaxRenewals/st...

11 MONTHS AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

A1. I joined ALA out of perceived obligation after grad school. Never considered leaving until the bungled Trump response last year #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jenna Freedman
@zinelib

A1: I was active in ALA (& SRRT) in library school & maybe 10 years after. I was even on ALA Council. I've let my membership lapse. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Kate Crowe
@kcrowe

Hi #critlib I'm Kate - an academic archivist from Denver.

11 MONTHS AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

A1. My ALA story: as a cataloger ALA feels impossible to ignore. To stay up-to-date & involved in cataloging, ALA is where it's at. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

UserHasTooManyHolds!
@radicallibrarian

A1 I was a member for one year post grad school. I have attended one ALA conference. MOSTLY reason for not renewing was $$... #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Nancy Foasberg
@nfoasberg

I was encouraged to join in library school. When I got a lit librarian job, I found the Literatures in English section. #critlib twitter.com/MaxRenewals/st...

11 MONTHS AGO

Max Bowman
@maxgbowman

Hi #critlib friends! Academic librarian in NC, just lurking while working. 🤓

11 MONTHS AGO

Mandy Henk
@MandyHenk

A1: I’ve been a member off and on. Done some committee work. Written for them. They are big! Overwhelmingly so. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Scott Walter
@slwalter123

A1: Been involved since grad school, mostly ACRL but also Council, needed ALA to be different to remain meaningful to me in 2017 #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Adam Mizelle
@adammizelle

A1: Rotating lapsing/joining/lapsing from grad school til now, depending on funds, events I want to go to, job searches etc. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

A1.2 The last five months I've been in LOTS of conversations about what the point of ALA is, if not to stand up to this crap? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Helene Williams
@bibliorogue

Been an active ALA member since 1989, and then had severe doubts when last year's renewal came 1/2 #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Diana Moronta
@DianaMoronta

A1: Active as a student, can't afford it as a grad. #critlib

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Dr.EB
@LNBel

Q1- back then, worked in Preservation Admin in L Academic/Research Libraries, thought we decided policy for everyone. Ridiculous. #critlib

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UserHasTooManyHolds!
@radicalibrarian

Texas has a quality conference that I felt was just as beneficial for what I do. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jenna Freedman
@zinellb

It's prob not ALA's fault I lapsed. I think once I found my niche I didn't need it anymore. I found zine librarians & @RadReference #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Erin Leach
@erinaleach

A1.) I got involved in a Section of ALCTS (the technical services division of ALA) when I won an early-career award from them. 1/3 #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Maura Smale
@mauraweb

A1 Similar, tho I joined in grad school. Am staying for now b/c of ACRL & also cheered by rad folx on/running for council/offices. #critlib twitter.com/kevinseeber/st...

11 MONTHS AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

I was lucky to fall in with a group of zine folks before my first ALA conference, which has made everything ALA 1,000 times better. #critlib

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Helene Williams
@bibliorogue

2/2 Used botched ALA election response and my question about renewing in classroom: interesting student responses across spectrum #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Kenny Garcia  
@kennygarciamlis  
A1: ALA member since grad school. Been more active past three years. ACRL professional home, but need to be ALA member to join ACRL #critlib  
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Kate Deibel  
@metageeky  
A1 Not a member. May think about it as I'll be starting an online MLS program this summer/fall #critlib  
11 MONTHS AGO

Nancy Foasberg  
@nfoasberg  
I've mainly worked with them & a few other groups and have not been involved in "big" ALA #critlib  
11 MONTHS AGO

ariana  
@aripants  
A1: I didn't join ALA until my last semester of grad school, had to get that student rate!! I think I wasn't as aware earlier on #critlib  
11 MONTHS AGO

Spencer Brayton  
@brayton_spencer  
A1 agree w @kevinseeber. Felt like i was supposed to join during/ post-mls. Realizing it's OK to do things differently. #critlib  
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Greg & Bem  
@bembrarian  
@DianaMoronta Employer won't pay? (Assuming you're employed.) #critlib  
11 MONTHS AGO
Erin Leach @erinaleach
A1.) I rose through the leadership ranks until I became Section Chair, a position that gave me a seat on the ALCTS Board. 2/3 #critlib

Caitlin Tormey @ctorm
A1: Trying hard to be active in ALSC but sometimes it's daunting. #critlib

Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber
@bembrarian Want to leave bc of Todaro’s statements/commitment of the org to support the legislative office, even at the expense of our users. #critlib

Kate Crowe @kcrowe
I come from a lib fam w a fair amount of ALA involvement. I found real connex in ALCTS and ~in RBMS but mostly am involved in SAA. #critlib twitter.com/MaxRenewals/st...

ariana @aripants
A1: been a member since 2012 and increasingly involved. def helpful in meeting ppl/getting some experience as an eager early-career #critlib

Adam Mizelle @adamnizzle
@kevinseeber I’m agnostic about professional associations, but presenting at ACRL is expected and you can’t have one w/o the other. #critlib
A1. The more I learned about ALCTS, the more I saw its strengths and its flaws. I want to run for ALCTS President some day. 3/3. #critlib

Kaitlin Kechnemuyi
@kaitlinmlk

Joined in school for access to scholarships #critlib

UserHasTooManyHolds!
@radicallibrarian

@aripants The student rate was awesome!! #critlib

Kaitlin Kechnemuyi
@kaitlinmlk

@ctorm Nice to hear that someone else thinks jumping in is daunting #critlib

Adam Mizelle
@adammizelle

bye #critlib, wish i could stay

Dr.EB
@LNBel

A1- Quit ALA circa 1997/8 because 1. ALA did nothing about library school closures 2. ALA opened D.C. lobbying office, raised dues #critlib

Greg Bem
@bembrarian

Not sure about other libs, but living in #Seattle's EXPENSIVE. Barely make enough just to afford to live, let alone be in ALA #critlib
Jessica Schomberg
@schomj

A1. I felt lost and unwelcome until I met some ALCTS leaders on here... 10 years after entering the profession. #critlib twitter.com/MaxRenewals/st...

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Violet Fox
@violetbfox

@nfoasberg "Big" ALA feels really overwhelming to me! I have a hard time following what is happening on so many levels. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

DanaLibrariana
@DanaVLeMa

Hi #critlib. I'm an MLIS student @SJSUiSchool. Also currently interning at an academic library @sjsulibrary.

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Greg Bem
@bembrarian

And my library has a membership, but my school doesn’t have the budget to send me to everything or pay for individual membership #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jen Hoyer
@jenhoyer

Hey #critlib! Lurking tonight...interested in this chat as former #CanadianLibraryAssociation member who quit when it stopped being relevant

11 MONTHS AGO

Jessica Schomberg
@schornj

A1. Had previously had better luck with other, smaller orgs though. ALA is a reaaaaally big pond. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber
@MaxRenewals @adammizelle As an academic librarian, I’m very interested in separating ACRL from ALA membership. #critlib

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Mandy Henk @MandyHenk
A1.2 Most of my work was on the RUSA/STARS/CODES. Lots of talking about commas. I came to doubt that we were making an impact #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

DanaLibrariana @DanaVLeMa
#critlib A1: Joined ALA as part of free membership offered by school. Read magazine, follow social media and blogs. No real involvement.

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Violet Fox @violetbfox
@radicalibrarian Heard great things about the TX conference, I wish all state library associations were so valuable! I’ve had mixed experiences. #critlib

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Erin V @MaxRenewals
@maggiehm real talk. and it feels like such a behemoth, necessary thing, I didn’t think much about it at all... #critlib

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Erin Leach @erinaleach
Related to A1.) if you’re a member of ALCTS and you feel lost in the division, lmk and I’ll do my best to help connect you! #critlib

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Q2. Do you feel participation in ALA is a/an (explicit or implicit) requirement for library professionals? Should it be? #critlib

@bibliorogue

Big ALA is daunting; many people find home w/in sections, or, increasingly, in other orgs that are less expensive, more diverse #critlib

@radicallibrarian

A1 Definitely feels daunting, in-crowd, hard to break into, etc. #critlib

@LNBel

@kevinseeber @MaxRenewals @adammizelle I’d join ACRL if ALA wasn’t coupled to it, RBMS too #critlib

@kevinseeber

@bembrarian And where does the money GO? And why? We fund a Washington office to support federal budget initiatives, which, you know, LOL. #critlib

@ctorm

@kaitlinmlk I think it's a combination of being starstruck with all the amazing professionals and my annoying imposter syndrome #critlib
@kevinseeber @MaxRenewals @adammizelle #critlib I would love to see this! Was thinking about that at the conference a couple weeks ago

@bembrarian
I def felt the "in-crowd" effect when I attended my one and only annual. #critlib twitter.com/radicallibraria...

@zinelib
When I was on Council, I was irritated with how phobic its lawyers were abt its nonprofit status. I want an org to push boundaries. #critlib

@foureysedoul
A1 Joined ALA in grad school, i.e. just a couple years ago. Honestly not sure yet how I feel, but so far it's short of excitement. #critlib

@MandyHenk
Implicit requirement for academics. Mixed feelings about whether it should be. ALA needs us. We need them. Need to sort out scale. #critlib

@kcrowe
A1 Felt like it-esp since fac positions put pressure for nat’l involvement & I didn’t hv co-workers to connect me to orgs elsewhere. #critlib twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...
Kenny Garcia
@kennygarciamlis
A2: Expected to do committee work and other professional applications for work. Found SRRT and became my ALA home along with ACRL #critlib

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Jessica Schomber
@schomj
A2. Depends on your job. I could have continued on my career path successfully without it. Don’t need to be in ALA to join @OLACinc #critlib twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...

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Nancy Foasberg
@nfoasberg
Definitely felt that way in library school! I wonder if that’s different with more/less experienced people #critlib twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...

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Violet Fox
@violetbfox
@schomj Have you? I’ve always felt that as a someone who does cataloging (and is interested in changing it) ALCTS was unavoidable. #critlib

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Kaitlin Kehnemuyi
@kaitlinmlk
@etorm stop reading my mind! Can I also add the "I can do things but it seems like everyone has it under control already” #critlib

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Greg Bem
@bembrarian
@MandyHenk How does one sort out scale in a country where scale tends to always be a major problem? Can it be sorted? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Maura Smale @mauraweb
@LNBel @kevinseeber @MaxRenewals @adammizelle I wonder about this too, I can't afford ALA confs/ALA is so big but I feel connected to ACRL. #critlib
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Erin Leach @erinaleach
A2.) I feel like nobody benefits from a forced service opportunity. Bad for the person and bad for the org. #critlib
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Mandy Henk @MandyHenk
@zinelib Very much agreed. We need a strong advocate. #critlib
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Nancy Foasberg @nfoasberg
Lots of people in my department aren't members #critlib
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Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber
A2. Membership is definitely an implied requirement and it definitely shouldn't be. #ALAIopinions #critlib
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Jessica Schomberg @schornj
A2. But I also see so much potential good that could be done with the larger org. And ALCTS does some tremendous work. #critlib
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Jenna Freedman
@zinelib

A2: In the two non-tenure track academic libraries I’ve worked in post-MLA, ALA participation is/was not the norm. At All. #critlib

Ryan P. Randall
@foureyedsoul

A1.1 My feelings on many things currently is that we need to move from monuments to masses. Not sure how/if can do this in/via ALA. #critlib

Spencer Brayton
@brayton_spencer

A2: membership should not be a requirement. #critlib

Erin V.
@MaxRenewals

YES and no, esp. if you’re not f/t #critlib twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

Same. #critlib twitter.com/nfoasberg/stat...

Spencer Brayton
@brayton_spencer
@mauraweb @LNBel @kevinseeber @MaxRenewals @adammizelle Definitely feel more connected to ACRL #critlib
@bibliorogue

#critlib Q2. Doesn't feel like the requirement it used to be, which is good: let new professionals explore local/regional options twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...

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@schornj

@violetbfox I do media cataloging, so for me, groups like OLAC, WAML, Music Lib Assoc provide most of what I needed #critlib

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@bembrarian

Very curious about what certainly seems a more intimate, personable ACRL versus a more disassociated ALA. #irony #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

@A_meeksie

Late to the convo, joining now! I don't feel it's req'd & it feels overwhelmingly bureaucratic when I've tried to be more involved #critlib twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...

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@MaxRenewals

@nfoasberg I notice that, too, sometimes, and I think "is this req'd just because i'm new-ish to the field? can i opt out once i get tenure?" #critlib

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@LNBel

@mauraweb @kevinseeber @MaxRenewals @adammizelle Big conferences - I used to really enjoy swimming in all the hotel pools and once the beach in Miami I had wet hair at ALA confs #critlib

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Maura Smale
@mauraweb
A2 Mine too, I think with little $ for conference/meeting travel there's not really a requirement for national service to the prof. #critlib twitter.com/nfoasberg/stat...
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Чебушка
@brinepond
My only feeling about ALA is that it should advocate more for librarians and not libraries #critlib
11 MONTHS AGO

Gina Murrell
@GinaMurrell1
A2 It's assumed if you're a librarian or want to be, you're an ALA member. Considering cost/unclear benefits, it shouldn't be reqd. #critlib
11 MONTHS AGO

Kate Deibel
@metageeky
A2 I think there's an expectation to know what ALA is up to. I've had other library folks expect me to know/care about ALA actions #critlib
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Violet Fox
@violetbfox
Q2. Librarians aren't faculty at my library & there's little ALA participation--some state assoc participation & specialty confs. #critlib
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Craig Arthur
@NicestLibrarian
A1 like others, joined ala in grad school bc discount w state assoc. I "have" to be involved w ACRL so there's that. Tepid at best. #critlib
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A2: we're required to do professional service, but that can mean nationally, locally, or a combination. #critlib

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Thomas Weeks
@thombrarian

A2: in my current position, yes. But I don't think that has to or should be true. Something has the value we give it. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Scott Walter
@slwalter123

A2: ACRL membership always expected, thus ALA, but also good for my work across RUSA, AASL. Less expectation of Chapter involvement #critlib

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Erin Leach
@erinaleach

It is interesting how many people seem to feel so warmly about ACRL. I have had a not-great volunteer experience there. #critlib

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Nancy Foasberg
@nfoasberg

@mauraweb Being in NY might make a difference there too -- lots of other prof dev available #critlib

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UserHasTooManyHolds!
@radicalibrarian

A2 I feel that professional development IS necessary & ALA participation provides this. But we can't REQUIRE it in current state. #critlib

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Jenna Freedman
@zinelib

True story: when I applied to my current library, my father had recently been ALA President and only the cataloger mentioned him. #critlib

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Violet Fox
@violetbfox

@foureyedsoft Can you explain/elaborate on "monuments to masses"? #critlib

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Kate Deibel
@metageeky

A2 Honestly, I think this is similar to a lot of fields having a large organization everyone is expected to be a member of #critlib

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Helene Williams
@bibliorogue

#critlib So much this: it needs to be about the people not the organizations. twitter.com/brinepond/stat...

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ariana
@aripants

I have colleagues who are *very* involved in our state association, not so much in ALA. Whereas I haven’t even joined TLA (yet) #critlib

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Katlyn
@libraringkat

jumping into #critlib late. I always remember the "9pm" but not the "8pm central."

11 MONTHS AGO
Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber
@bembrarian Blame also rests w/ library people like me who work w/ MLIS grad students. I've spent two weeks talking up ACRL. #critlib

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Alyssa Jocson Porter
@itsuhLEEsuh
.@ala_apala I forgot to add #critlib to my A1! I'm such a newbie.

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Caitlin Tormey
@ctorm
A2: I feel compelled to be a member because of my adoration of the #ALAYMA and my involvement with Every Child Ready to Read #critlib

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Maura Smale
@mauraweb
@nfoasberg For sure, we are lucky that way (even if unlucky w/travel funding). #critlib

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Ian Beilin
@ibeilin
Also late- Ian here in nyc! I miss most ALAs 'cause too far away & too much time away from family; other conferences more imp to me #critlib

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Jenna Freedman
@zinelib
I am critical of ALA, but I also wonder if it cd event meet our expectations. Is it too big? Can change be sustained w a 1-yr prez? #critlib

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@kevinseeber I talk up #critlib before any associations :D

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Jenna Freedman
@zinelib

Another reason I stopped attending ALA was carbon footprint concerns. I went a couple/few years without flying at all. #offtopic #critlib

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Spencer Brayton
@brayton_spencer

@kevinseeber @bembrarian Great point. I definitely push memberships, especially for networking opps #critlib

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Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

@brinepond Yes! Problem is, it's the American Library Association, not Librarians. Very problematic, but something We can change. #critlib

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Erin V.
@MaxRenewals

& this, too. money is rarely covers costs (if it's even offered) yet the prestige of nat'l presentations, etc. looms lg. #critlib twitter.com/mauraweb/statu...

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Denisse
@Luna_Dee

Lib stu here. Implicit I think. For ex. In order to receive a promotion/tenure ALA is the way to get published/professional serv #critlib twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...

11 MONTHS AGO
Helene Williams
@bibliorogue

I make sure my MLIS students know about range of organizations--ALA not often at top of list anymore #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Maura Smale
@mauraweb

@metageeky Yep, & IME folx find homes in smaller orgs too, when I was an archaeologist I chose the arch org over the all-of-anthropology org. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Alyssa Jocson Porter
@itsuhLEEsu

Q2: I'm the only librarian at my college who is active in ALA. The others focus on ACRL. Maybe it's good that we spread out though. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Greg Bern
@bemlibrarian

@zinolib I want to see the electric bills of all those conference/convention centers. #YouKnowTheyDontSolar #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

@erinaleach I don't get the ACRL love--I never feel like people are as friendly or willing to open up at ACRL--too worried abt being "profesh". #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Craig Arthur
@NicestLibrarian

A2 yes, natl service is v imp in my current role. ACRL seemingly prioritized over other orgs. 1day, I skip ala & just pay ACRL? 😐 #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
@kevinseeber @brinepond it's one of the things I like about the name for SAA - Society of American Archivists - not Archives. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

@zinelib Is all that flying around the country really necessary?? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

@zinelib Not #offtopic at all, earlier today I was researching train possibilities to Cleveland! (ACRL's 2019 location) :) #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

@violetbfox

#critlib twitter.com/itsuhLEEsuh/st...

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@violetbfox

#critlib twitter.com/itsuhLEEsuh/st...

11 MONTHS AGO

@violetbfox @erinaleach Interesting. I haven’t been to ACRL but colleagues tell me to go. Recent tweets lead me to believe it's not so friendly. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Erin V @MaxRenewals
@kevinseeber @brinepond but how to keep other, non-MLIS-holding folks in the convo? I want to advocate for people who love the mission, regardless of degree #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Helene Williams @bibliorogue
#critlib ACRL has run hot and cold: when I started, was like rushing a sorority, where they had to like you enough to put you on committees twitter.com/violetbfox/sta...

11 MONTHS AGO

Kate Crowe @kcrowe
(no). #critlib twitter.com/ibelin/status...

11 MONTHS AGO

Erin V @MaxRenewals
Q3. How could ALA be made more valuable for non-MLIS-holding library workers? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Thomas Weeks @thombrarian
I'd forgo ALA for just ACRL, but I may even forgo ACRL if prof service wasn't expected in academics #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Katlyn @libraringkat
I am tenure-track, so I definitely do. Some of my colleagues have had success with just doing state & LOEX. #critlib twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...

11 MONTHS AGO
@bibliorogue This sounds so un-librarian. I am choking on my stale coffee over here. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Amanda Meeks @A_meeksie

@bibliorogue I also feel this in other professional orgs, but especially these ones! #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

@kevinseeber @bembrarian As a lib stu I feel it’s helpful. Lots of networking opportunities, get a feel for the field, but mostly the student $ membership! #critlib pic.twitter.com/W9ub9hPo5G

DENISSE @LUNA_DEE · 11 MONTHS AGO

Kevin Seeber @kevinseeber

Excellent point here, and a really good question. Maybe American Library Workers Association? ALWA? #critlib twitter.com/MaxRenewals/st...
Mandy Henk
@MandyHenk
@ibeilin @zinelib Not since we invented the internet. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox
@bibliorogue OH NO I would've been out of there so fast. I definitely don't think it's that bad now, just not really my scene. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Ryan P. Randall
@foureyedsoul
@violetbfox A1.2 Hmm. Sometimes orgs (NAACP, ACRL, etc) seem akin to monuments, where Great Names somehow Make Resistance & Progress Happen. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Max Bowman
@maxgbowman
A3: Never ask "are you a librarian?" This question is extremely alienating. Mirrors academic hierarchies. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jenna Freedman
@zinelib
THEN AGAIN, I do value F2F convos, connections, & accountability. Cd be why I started traveling again, but ALA Annual is bloated. #critlib twitter.com/MandyHenk/stat...

11 MONTHS AGO

Kenny Garcia
@kennygarciaamlis
A3: lower the membership costs, mandate hybrid meetings; separate mandatory ALA membership to join divisions such as ACRL #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Q2.2 some other colleagues have been more explicit about the importance of being involved at the national ALA/ACRL level #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jessica Schomberg
@schornj

A3. More virtual + free opportunities to participate? Many non-MLS staff don't receive time or money for professional development #critlib twitter.com/MaxRenewals/st...

11 MONTHS AGO

Erin Leach
@erinaleach

A3.) Make resources available for people who want to learn more and do more to get involved. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Denisse
@Luna_Dee

I know some of my libs rotate years they’re members of certain organizations since they can’t afford all of them. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Amanda Meeks
@A_meeksie

Provide more travel support/awards and prof. dev. for non-MLIS-holding library workers! More ops for leadership within the org, too #critlib twitter.com/MaxRenewals/st...

11 MONTHS AGO

Helene Williams
@bibliorogue

@zinelib #critlib Top orgs I tell students about: Digital Library Federation, Educause, Modern Lang Assoc ( & other discipline-related orgs)

11 MONTHS AGO
Coming late to the #critlib party—lib para & LIS student in TX. Recently joined ALA & TLA & am considering on which to focus energy..

11 MONTHS AGO

#critlib A2: I feel ALA membership can be helpful to stay current and develop a network. Also a member of SLA for same reason.

11 MONTHS AGO

A3: Maybe non-holding MILS folks don't feel included/not taken seriously because of lack of degree. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

A3. So maybe another part of that would be for ALA to emphasize the importants of prof dev for *all* library workers #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

A3: If many 'professional' librarians have trouble affording attending ALA/ACRL, how can 'non-prof' lib workers be able to go? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

@violetfox A1.3 Instead of "history made by Great Men" (ick), things like Occupy & labor history suggest we need dispersed action (masses) #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
@Luna_Dee @kevinseeber @bembrarian I've been telling our Ref Assistants to try ALA at the student price. If they don't like it, then at least they had the discount! #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Erin Leach
@erinaleach

A3.) Advocate for non-MLIS library workers, though I guess that more ALA-APA's wheelhouse. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Helene Williams
@bibliorogue

@violetbfox #critlib ACRL is better at the moment: some strategic retirements of careerists who didn’t want to let newbies in...probably cyclical?

11 MONTHS AGO

Maura Smale
@mauraweb

@itsuhLEEsuh @violetbfox @erinaleach I've enjoyed the conf more the longer I've been a libn, catching up w/folx #onhere esp, but I know that's not everyone's exper. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Kate Deibel
@metageeky

@zinelib Yes. I have a mentor who due to health issues can no longer travel. Just giving talks remotely does not compare for him. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Thomas Weeks
@thombrarian

A3: I think part of the onus of that is on MLISers to do less gatekeeping of whose voices we accept in prof orgs #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Nicola Andrews
@maraebrian

Q3. ALA will become more relevant for non-MLIS staff, when non-MLIS staff are deemed worthy of prof. development & investment #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Diana Moronta
@DianaMoronta

A3.2 lower the cost of membership and conferences #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

A3, cont: We should all put pressure on our own library admins. to support prof dev of *all* library workers #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Greg Bem
@bembrarian

@itsuhLEEsuh @Luna_De @kevinseeber We're all "lifelong students" so why can't those who claim that status get the discount 4-eva? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Greg Bem
@bembrarian

@bibliorogue @zinelib @CLIRDLF FTW. My school will never afford it, but the conf costs = totally worth it. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

@maraebrian Seems both ALA & state/local organizations could nudge that with more scholarships/programming designed for non-MLIS staff. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
@metageeky @zinelib right, F2F convos & connections are soooo much of what I get from conferences...can't get that from a webinar #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Gina Murrell
@GinaMurrell1

A3 Inclusivity on panels+in publicity/outreach so non-MLS holders can see themselves in libraries, esp bc MLS requirement excludes. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

@maracbrarian But you're right that underlying issue of not investing in staff is at the heart of the problem. And not easily fixed. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jessica Schomberg
@schornj

@violetbfox @maracbrarian My state org is actual as expensive to join as ALA 😢 #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

A colleague was note taking intern on a committee & I was all 😅. But I also recognize the power big orgs can potentially wield. #critlib twitter.com/maxrenewals/st...

11 MONTHS AGO

Dr.EB
@LNBel

A3- As I remember it ALA conf. isn't relevant to anything me or my colleagues do prof or para, beyond free candy, pools, travel #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Nicola Andrews  
@maraebrarian

ALA & state chapters need to be financially accessible for non-MLIS. I know so many librarians who find ALA too expensive already #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jenna Freedman  
@zinelib

A3 There r support staff who can & shd be encouraged to attend ALA, but others have diff goals & don’t want 2b be nagged 2 Do More. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Kate Deibel  
@metageeky

This. However, speaking from experience regarding women in CS, don’t overload diverse members from having to be on too many panels #critlib twitter.com/GinaMurrell1/s...

11 MONTHS AGO

Craig Arthur  
@NicestLibrarian

A3 like @brinepond said earlier, advocate for library workers as much as or hopefully even more than libraries #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Greg Bem  
@bembrarian

Q4. What would you like to see ALA do that it’s not doing now? #critlib (Feel free to keep responding to all the questions! Great convos!)

11 MONTHS AGO

Nicola Andrews  
@maraebrarian

@violetbfox I like the WLA model this year of having 3 separate days of mini-conferences, it makes it more accessible for everyone to attend #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Diana Moronta
@DianaMoronta

A3.3 Include professional development in their union contract. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Lindsey Hutchison
@lindsbrary

@MaxRenewals Q3 lead the field in dismantling the assumption that degree = competency // lack of degree = not qualified for advancement. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

@foureyedsoul @violetbfox I think we need structure within which to organize. Maybe ALA could be that structure? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

@NicestLibrarian @brinepond Do you think it's possible to change ALA to be more member-focused? Or is its orientation essentially unchangeably towards policy? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Nancy Foasberg
@nfoasberg

@aripants @metageeky @zinelib It's silly, but for me, traveling to a conference helps me actually put the time aside for conference content. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Kate Crowe
@kcrowe

Support more regionally based/focused programming, more remote access to programming at tiered levels. #critlib twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...

11 MONTHS AGO
Jenna Freedman
@zinelib
@jenhoyer Same. But I do like ALA as an umbrella. Some folks can get their jobs to pay them to go to a @RadReference meeting for example. #critlib

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber
A4. I desperately want an email from ALA that doesn't start with "Act Now to Stop X from Happening." All we do is react these days. #critlib

Greg Bem
@bembrarian
@violetbfox @NicestLibrarian @brinepond American Librarians Are Real People Association? #critlib

Nancy Foasberg
@nfoasberg
@aripants @metageeky @zinelib If I were trying to watch things online from my office... I couldn't. Too many demands. when I say I'm at a conference ppl get it #critlib

Ian Beilin
@ibeilin
A4: I'd like to see ALA be more openly self-critical (bite the hands that feed it?) #wishfulthinking #critlib

Ryan P. Randall
@foureyed soul
@edrabinski @violetbfox A1.4 Same. My ALA Q is "can it be 'both/and' or do monuments only/always obstruct masses?" (Also I meant ACLU not ACRL earlier.) #critlib
Erin Leach
@erinaleach

A4.) Better cross-division communication, better recruitment and retention of volunteers, move to a 1-conference-per-year model. #critlib

Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

I was all, "This exists simply to perpetuate itself." But hey! Maybe we could just take it over! #critlib

Helene Williams
@bibliorogue

#critlib Would love ALA to be proactive, not reactive. Listen to members, actively recruit all levels. And stop privileging white men. twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...

Lindsey Hutchison
@lindsbrary

@MaxRenewals Q3 push libs to (& support in) developing internal skill-building programs & pathways to more responsibility, varied work, $. #critlib

Dr EB
@LNBel

A3 HOWEVER, how amazing would it be if all library workers in ALA conference city got free passes to exhibits & time off to go #critlib

Kate Crowe
@kcrowe

thisisthisthisthisthis. Proactive, not reactive. #critlib twitter.com/kevinseeber/st...
Violet Fox
@violetbfox
@edrabinski @foureyedsole ALA is not currently set up to have that structure (too hierarchical), but we could make it more member-focused and -activated. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

ariana
@aripants
@nfoasberg @metageeky @zinelib oh, same! I put webinars on my calendar, then do something else instead. harder to fit in the day-to-day, confs are dedicated time #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Kate Deibel
@metageeky
For those saying be proactive, proactive about what exactly? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jen Hoyer
@jenhoyer
A4 what about taking some time to rethink the relationship between ALA and vendors, esp. with regard to conferences? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Greg on Bem
@bembrarian
@bibliorogue I'm curious of white patriarchal presence in contemporary ALA. Any good reads on this? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Nicola Andrews
@maraebrarian
Just a reminder that if you are an MLIS student, you may be able to join ALA & yr state chapter for $38: ala.org/groups/joint-m... #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Kevin Seeber
@kevinereeber
A4.2 Also, let's defund and close the Washington office. ALA existed for 100+ years without it, and it's not helping us today. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jessica Schomberg
@scomj
A4. My head keeps thinking about unions, so... more emphasis on unionizing and collective action #critlib twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...

11 MONTHS AGO

UserHasTooManyHolds!
@radicalibrarian
A4 What I have found most disappointing of late is reacting far too late to issues that are extremely important to our core values. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Scott Walter
@stwalter123
All good, plus stronger collaboration across Big ALA & Chapters & new partnerships w/grassroots groups that share our interests #critlib twitter.com/erinaleach/sta...

11 MONTHS AGO

Ian Beilin
@ibeilin
A4: If we want ALA to better represent librarians, won't it have to distance itself from the corporate bodies that finance it? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Amanda Meeks
@A_meeksie
I was thinking the same thing--if enough of us can get more involved and shape how it is run #critlib twitter.com/edrabinski/sta...
@metageeky I for one would LOVE to see a big ALA campaign that wasn’t about banned books #critlib

@bembrarian Seriously hoping @alanews and all related accounts are reading #critlib tonight. Should have asked everyone to cc them to draw attention.

@erinaleach A4.) I also want the Association to better represent its core values and the values of its members. #critlib

@MaxRenewals @lindsbrary yes, we can love a current job & know we want more & dif. things to do in the future. don’t make me job hunt b/c i want new skills #critlib

@kevinseeber @metageeky Privacy. I’d love an email from Todaro that reads "INSTALL TOR BROWSER ON ALL PUBLIC MACHINES TODAY." cc: @libraryfreedom #critlib

@violetbfox And that ALA student price lasts for up to five years! Use as long as you’re able! #critlib twitter.com/maraebrarian/s...
#critlib Say what we DO do, what we CAN do, not just "help, save libraries." Tell our story. Not wait for a crisis ($, policy) to act. twitter.com/metageeky/stat...

11 MONTHS AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

This. #critlib twitter.com/ibeilin/status...

11 MONTHS AGO

Maura Smale
@mauraweb

A4 I think there shld be an advocacy org for all librarians & libraries (ALLA?). Fewer confs = lower dues? Easier virtual cmmtees? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Erin Leach
@erinaleach

A4.) I also want the Association to start thinking of the value of membership beyond its providing access to volunteer work. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jessica Schomberg
@schomj

A4. Also, the idea that a one-year association president is going to swoop in and do much of anything is unreasonable #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Dr.EB
@LNBel

@bembrarian @bibliorogue ALA conf. = library directors sessions - that’s where the white dudes in suits are, women, POC everywhere else #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Jessica Schomberg @schomj

A4. Not to mention deeply unsettling for permanent staff. That part of the org should be reexamined #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jen Hoyer @jenhoyer

@ibellin Or, can ALA recognize the power it wields over corporate bodies who exist only because of ALA? Let's rethink power structures. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Erin Leach @erinaleach

A4.) I try to remember, though, that the membership is the Association and Association is the membership. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Gina Murrell @GinaMurrell1

A4. In my dreams, ALA is a proactive, militant org fiercely advocating for all library workers and shaking its fist at Tr-mp. Sigh. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Dr. EB @LNBell

@violetbfox ALA Student price disappeared for me as my library school closed the year I graduated #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jenna Freedman @zinelib

2b self-critical of #critlib ALA critiques, $ does have to come from somewhere. ALA confs r relatively cheap. Thanks Elsevier & ProQuest. 1/2

11 MONTHS AGO
Helene Williams @bibliorogue
#critlib And Big Heads meetings, where you’re not allowed to sit at the table unless you are one: hierarchy and patriarchy rule those mtgs. twitter.com/LNBel/status/8...

11 MONTHS AGO

Mandy Henk @MandyHenk
@GinaMurrell1 I think lots of us want that. How do make it happen? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Kenny Garcia @kennygarciamtis
A4: become more fiscally transparent (socially responsible investments, transparency with members, unionized ALA staff #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Jenna Freedman @zinelib
2/2 #critlib How do we square costs & values on the scale of 50K members? Is ALA too big to succeed critically?

11 MONTHS AGO

Helene Williams @bibliorogue
Not counting them out at all: but look at proportional representation on panels. #critlib twitter.com/ppayne510/status...

11 MONTHS AGO

Ian Beilin @ibeilin
@schomj In the case of some these presidents, tho, that might be a good thing... #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski
Todaro put out a statement on behalf of locked #BlackbirdNation librarians. Took major pressure from allies, but the org moved. #critlib

Max Bowman
@maxgbowman
@bibliorogue So much this - that was my very first experience with ALA. It was intimidating. It's still intimidating. #critlib

Scott Walter
@slwalter123
This has happened in Council in the past & can happen again; we just need the right people in place & we're on the way #critlib twitter.com/erinaleach/sta...

Helene Williams
@bibliorogue
#critlib Nothing like being asked to leave the table, being told "you don't belong" twitter.com/bembrarian/sta...

Amanda Meeks
@A_meeksie
@maxgbowman @bibliorogue I agree, every meeting has felt very uncomfortable and intimidating #critlib

Gina Murrell
@GinaMurrell1
@MandyHenk It took lib/info workers & librarians to start #NotMyALA to hold ALA's feet to the fire. Def a grassroots (not top-down) effort. #critlib
Violet Fox
@violetbfox

A4. This may be naive, but I have faith in #critlib (& like-minded folks) to change ALA to be more responsive & transparent.

11 MONTHS AGO

Greg Bem
@bembrarian

@bibliorogue Damn. Again, that sounds completely un-librarian. The irony of it all's mind-blowing but I shouldn’t have assumed ALA was better. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

Nearing the end of our hour together--thank you to EVERYONE who was able to participate! Let’s mix it up, friends! #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Ryan P. Randall
@foureyedsoul

@mauraweb I’d be into this! I imagine finding reliable virtual conference software/infrastructure would be one of the biggest expenses? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

No other prof association got it together. Solidarity messages driven by library unions, faculty unions headed by librarians. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Helene Williams
@bibliorogue

#critlib Yes, this was great (and good teaching opportunity): students who hadn't looked at ALA critically were forced to do so, in my class twitter.com/GinaMurrell1/s...
Huge thanks to my #critlib co-conspirators/co-moderators @bembrarian & @MaxRenewals, I’m grateful for their thoughtful inspiration.

@violetbfox But maybe we could do more change outside of ALA? Maybe? (I have no answer, but think about it often.) #critlib

Thanks to all who participated :D Fastest #critlib I think I’ve experienced. So... what’s the next step for revolutionizing the ALA? twitter.com/violetbfox/sta...

My heart is full, y’all. THANK YOU #critlib twitter.com/violetbfox/sta...

@kevinseeber I’ve thought about it too--actually think the scale has come down on being able to accomplish more good via ALA. Mileage may vary! #critlib

Thank you #critlib! Great chat! :)
Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

Now, if ALA could go grab my laundry from the dryer in the basement, that would be great. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Kate Deibel
@metageeky

@kevinseeber @violetbfox You can do this, but how much of a change is it if you create a new giant organization that becomes inflexible in new ways? #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Dr.EB
@LNBel

Thanks #critlib amazing hour of solidarity and hope for the future. Change. Lets go get it!

11 MONTHS AGO

Helene Williams
@bibliorogue

@maxgbowman @A_meeksie #critlib It can be a confusing process, and harrowing. Glad to talk in other venue and advise!

11 MONTHS AGO

Ryan P. Randall
@foureyedsoul

@mauraweb Agreed! Poor phrasing on my part; I meant the most prohibitive cost would likely be for conf., but for comm.s, seems quite doable. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Rusty Shacklefnord
@RSacklefnord

I would like to see ALA cease to exist. It's remarkably ineffective and out of touch for a membership driven org. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO
Maura Smale
@mauraweb

Great #critlib! Thanks @violetbfox @Max Renewals @bembrarian for modding and everyone for chatting.

11 MONTHS AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

@metageeky @violetbfox Size if definitely a concern, but we need to recognize ALA was poisoned at its founding by Dewey. We can (maybe?) redo it better. #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Ian Beilin
@ibeilin

Thanks @violetbfox @Max Renewals @bembrarian for helping ALA to get more #critlib

11 MONTHS AGO

Kevin Seeber
@kevinseeber

Thanks @Max Renewals @bembrarian and @violetbfox for modding tonight’s #critlib! And everyone for participating!

11 MONTHS AGO