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ALA: Who Is She? #CritLib chat moderated by @lil_lesbrarian & me. critlib.org/ala-who-is-she/
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We'd love to have participation from people who are critical of ALA.

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We'd love to have a discussion that centers voices of people whose identities and experiences are marginalized & minoritized.

An interesting listen for our #critlib chat tonight!

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#critlib @lil_lesbrarian and I are prepping for tonight's chat, ALA: Who Is She? that starts in 37 minutes. We're stoked for folks to join us. Also shout out to @violetbfox for support, editing, and promotion! This will be the first #critlib in over a year!
Welcome/back to #CritLib! Please share who you are and where you are and anything else you want to say! @lil_lesbrarian and I are your moderators for ALA: Who Is She? critlib.org/ala-who-is-she/

I'm Jenna, zine librarian at Barnard College, typing to you from the Lower East Side of Manhattan. #critlib
Hey everybody and welcome to the #ala: who is she #critlib chat! Here's a link to some orientation info on how these usually go down! critlib.org/twitter-chats/

I am Maggie Farrell, Univ of Nevada Las Vegas and ALA Treasurer #critlib

Hey #critlib! Only going to be here part of the time today, but pleased the chat is alive. I'm Anastasia, and I'm in NY.

Hello all, I'm Violet, a cataloger-type in Minnesota. I'm glad to have #critlib chats back again!
Rebecca Kennison, Digital Content Editor at the Columbia Health Sciences Library, from Manhattan's Upper West Side #CritLib

Roxanne Shirazi
@RoxanneShirazi
Hi #critlib! I'm Roxanne, academic librarian at a public university in NYC 🧡

Adrianna Martinez
@lil_lesbrarian
I'm Adrianna, research & education librarian at SUNY New Paltz typing in from occupied unceded stolen munsee lenape land #critlib
Hi, hi 👋

I'm Andrea, a Systems & Electronic Resources librarian in MA #CritLib

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@lil_lesbrarian

Q1: What is the value of #ALA for library workers? #CritLib

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Hi #critlib! I'm Gina, a librarian who works with Brooklyn-centric digital collections here in New York City.

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Hi #critlib! I'm Leah, a special collections librarian tweeting from the DC area.

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I am Kelvin Watson (he/him/his) ED LVCCLD AND ALA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE #critlib

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You can respond by typing A1: [your answer] #critlib

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Q1: What is the value of #ALA for library workers? #CritLib
Violet Fox @violetbfox

A1. I think the value of ALA to library workers isn't always as clear as it should be. But I think the lobbying they do to ensure funding for libraries is significant. #critlib

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A1: I let my membership lapse a few years ago, kind of out of laziness, but clearly I wasn't feeling like ALA was as strong an advocate for library workers as I would have liked. #critlib

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A1: at this point, I mostly rely on ALA for standards and statements, for advocating in institutional contexts. I guess that helps me as a worker? #critlib

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The advocacy for library funding has been impressive—LSTA funding is directed to NV local libraries and prof dev. #critlib

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A1. I think the lack of strong answers to this question is certainly saying something! 😼 #critlib

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A1: Does the ALA help library workers? #CritLib

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Andrea 🌟
@puglibri

A1) It is the major advocacy leg for libraries. It aspires to be a space for librarians to connect but I’m not sure it actually succeeds here. I also think ALA is useful to library workers in that librarians can point to ALA when trying to justify services or lib standards

#critlib

Adrianna Martinez @lil_lesbrarian

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A1: Is it possible that ALA is doing powerful advocacy for library workers, and we don't know about it? Is outreach a challenge? #critlib

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Gina “Rethink Normal” Murrell
@GinaMurrell1
A1. I’ll be honest in saying that I don’t believe ALA is of much value to the majority of library workers. I genuinely question who or what the organization is truly advocating for. Not for the everyday library worker, it seems. #critlib

Adrianna Martinez
@lil_lesbrarian
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Anastasia
@chiuchiutrain
A1: tough to start for me bc I often debate whether ALA is valuable to library workers. I like that library workers can connect around it, but I don’t like that you have to do a lot of work to make that happen meaningfully. Immediate benefits hard to find #critlib
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Adrianna Martinez
@lil_lesbrarian
A1: I'm asking this question because it is hard for us as library workers to see the real practical value we gain from #ALA when we aren't involved in committees or the infrastructure of it. But I think it's an important question to consider at the top of this convo #critlib
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Maggie Farrell
@FarrellMaggie

I turned to OIF for support/advice on community challenges to NV and WY libraries during the past 18 months - for a library supporting BLM in NV and book banning for a WY library and a citizen reached out to me. ALA worked behind the scenes supporting librarians. #critlib

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New Jersey woman
@jvinopal

A1: Not sure. For most of my career I was not a member. I found community and professional engagement elsewhere. #critlib

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Replying to @violetbfox

The office of intellectual freedom helped me immensely!!

Violet Fox
@violetbfox

I'm super glad to hear that!! I know there is good work done, but it can be hard to hear about over the criticism. #critlib

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Rebecca Kennison @rrkennison
Perhaps it's the behind the scenes aspect that makes it seem less helpful? #critlib

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romel espinel @CUDJOE70
Hey #critlib people! This is Romel jumping on late and intermittently. Web Services and Teaching Librarian from New Jersey.
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confession: I don't know what this gif means #critlib
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Q1: What is the value of #ALA for library workers? #CritLib

kelvin watson
@kelwat103

A1: #critlib we certainly need to more for all library workers to have everyones voices heard. I've created inclusive processes regardless of degrees to have everyone included

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alpha whale
@gone_catfishing

A2: yes! because I got extra credit in mlis and also because I love when people ask me to vote for things :3 #critlib

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A2) Not anymore. Can’t afford the Membership cost, and when I was trying to be active within it, seemed really strange to pay for access to perform unpaid labor 😞😞

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Q2: Are you a member of #ALA? Why or why not? #critlib
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Tina Gross
@aboutness

I wonder if the lobbying for funding and the weakness on other issues, the hesitancy and risk aversion, are because those goals are (or are seen as) in opposition. #CritLib
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Rebecca Kennison
@rrkennison

A2: Yes. But mostly so I can vote for change. #critlib
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Violet Fox
@violetbfox

Really appreciate your experience here, Maggie. There's clearly a disconnect between the good work that's being done and what's being heard by many library workers! #critlib
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Tina Gross
@aboutness
A2: Yes, but I am teetering on the edge and have been for a long time.
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Roxanne Shirazi
@RoxanneShirazi
A2: No. Too expensive, unclear benefits, conservative politics #CritLib
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Tina Gross
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Anastasia
@chiuchiutrain

A2: I rejoined in 2020 bc I started doing a new type of librarianship and I thought it would help me shift my prof knowledge/networks. I sometimes consider leaving again #critlib

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romel espinel
@CUDJOE70

A1: ALA has value in that it can on the one hand centralize library workers into a unit of operation but what it does on the other hand, especially politically, depends on the people who organize it. #critlib

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kelvin watson
@kelwat103

A2: #critlib we should look at Ethnic Caucuses where their is value and people feel valued about the work and support. That's where I started on my library journal.

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Maggie Farrell
@FarrellMaggie

A2: Interesting that some think ALA is too liberal - recent NYTimes opinion and other criticism directed to the Board #critlib

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A2: I found ALA to be a good umbrella while I was building my library networks and affinity groups, but once I found them, I wasn't as invested, which is probably why I let my membership lapse. #critlib

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Oh my gosh, yes! But we need ALA to enact its vision of the political middle to something that better reflects the ALA Bill of Rights #critlib

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Violet Fox @violetbfox

A2. I am an ALA member, which I was able to afford during my low paid contract work because of funding provided by ALA. People mocked this effort when it was announced (saying it was "not enough"), but it's made a difference to me. #critlib

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ALA Core: Leadership, Infrastructure Futures @ALA_Core

Learn more about @ALALibrary's new ReMember Fund and how you can help support library workers during challenging times. bit.ly/3rUYaBF

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An example of a thing I often need, but rarely find: recommendations for optimal librarian–student ratio. Or minimum/ideal staffing levels, etc. These would be helpful along with all the advocacy to love libraries #CritLib

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Gina “Rethink Normal” Murrell
@GinaMurrell1

A2. I was, starting in library school, but in the past 5 years let my membership lapse. It’s costly to join, and what exactly am I getting for my money? Also, I’ll never forget ALA’s “let’s work with Trump” attitude and letting the CIA table. Seriously, what the fuck??? #critlib

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#critlib I'm a moderator for blog's sake and forgot to use the hashtag

❤️ this response. One good thing in ALA is finding your niche, and it's lovely to hear that the ethnic caucuses provide that for people holding marginalized identities. twitter.com/kelwat103/stat...

A2. Also my library doesn't kick in for memberships so price has kept me away. #critlib
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A2.2 Also, what has been the org’s response to protecting the health and safety of library workers during the pandemic? What is it doing in the face of the latest book bans? I feel its responses have been lukewarm at best, ineffectual at worst. #critlib
#critlib I'm an unemployed library worker. I have been without a job for two years. I'm at risk and I'm afraid of loosening restrictions and cancelled mask mandates.

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@critlib_anon

Adrianna Martinez
@lil_lesbrarian

Q3: What is the role of the #ALA President and/or ALA Council in a critically sustaining context? What should it be? #CritLib

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@critlib_anon

#critlib A1 A2 I've never been part of ALA. ALA and regional associations have done nothing to help me. Don't see the point of giving them any of my time or money

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A3: The ALA President has some big opportunities during their President year and on the executive board the year before and after, but it's a big job to make big changes in one year. #critlib

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Lanky Librarian
@LankyLibrarian

A1. The Graphic Novels Roundtable is what pulled me in to join again. I've been looking to write on developing a GN collect in an academic library so the GNRT programs got me in. #critlib

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A3: I was on ALA Council for three years. While I learned a lot, I still felt like a lot of the work was passing insubstantial resolutions. The most substantial resolutions were inevitably referred to a committee and watered down. #critlib

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A3: tbh I still don’t understand what ALA Council is. Not really sure what the president does, beyond making statements (which can be useful!). My sense is that Council makes resolutions? #CritLib

A3: I don't know what the alternative is, but I didn't feel like serving as an ALA Councilor was the strongest act. On the other hand, I was part of a group that established Library Workers Day, and that felt good. #critlib

A: those are very real concerns that #ala could really have a lot of people's backs in taking a stand on
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I love seeing someone use the anonymous relay (but I hate that people are in a position where they need to) #critlib

shout out to @metageeky for programming the anonymous chat option

宭 anonymous critlib @critlib_anon

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Rebecca Kennison
@rrkennison

A3. The positions do seem almost more symbolic than anything else. Not that that is nothing! But as we know (from shows like #YesMinster and elsewhere) the ones who really run the organization and set its priorities are the permanent staff. #critlib

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And I think there's much to be learned. These are spaces that are affirming and are pipelines to being able to better navigate ALA & membership dues are nominal. This is how I got involved with ALA.

Q4: What would a racial and social justice-centered ALA look like? #critlib

A3. Good question. Who does the ALA president answer to? And, ultimately, whose interests do they support? I know some good people are running, but I wonder how much power one person has to make much needed changes to an org that is out of touch and problematic. #critlib

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alpha whale @gone_catfishing

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Violet Fox @violetbfox

A4. I don't know. I know a lot of amazing BIPOC have spent a lot of time and energy into trying to make this transformation. But the inertia seems to drag down their efforts. (And to be clear, "inertia" means white supremacy reasserting itself.) #critlib

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Not a response to Q4, but a related question. Does anyone know of any professional organization, in any profession, that operates in that way? Are there good models? #critlib

Great question! Is ALA too big to succeed? #critlib

A4: TBH, I stopped giving the energy it takes to build affirmative new visions to ALA awhile ago. But it would prob be a place where ACRL Diversity Alliance's member dues directly served institutional capacity to provide good experiences to BIPOC residents #critlib
#critlib

A3 A4 ALA should do more for library workers without the MLIS or with foreign degrees. Get more involved in organizing, labor unions, student debt. Make sure there are consequences for bad actors in management and degree programs.

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Anastasia

@chiuchiutrain

A4: I also think it could be a good step to evaluate our professional values documents and reframe the points that rely on neutrality and vocational awe. Spoiler, it’s most of the points. #critlib

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which I've decided is also my A3 #critlib

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A4. (cont.) I really hate that I can't envision what it would look like or how it might possibly happen, to make ALA an activist organization. Perhaps that's my personal failure, after my own incredibly painful experiences. #critlib

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A3.2 I've known good people with good intentions on ALA Council, but there are bad apples on the council and counterproductive and harmful behaviors that are allowed to stand, getting in the way of work that needs to be done. CAN the work be done in these circumstances? #critlib
Q4: What would a racial and social justice-centered ALA look like? #critlib

Roxanne Shirazi
@RoxanneShirazi

A4: I think it’s impossible for an organization of this scale, aimed at protecting a social institution, to be centered on racial and social justice. I think it’s on activists to press and pull the org to the issues that matter at the time. #CritLib

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Wow. Yes. #critlib

anonymous critlib @critlib_anon
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A3. #critlib @GinaMurrell1 I don't know about other ALA Presidents but I answer to the membership. I support the membership and their interests.

Gina “Rethink Normal” Murrell @GinaMurrell1

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Or is the idea of a professional organization part of the problem? Do we need a union instead? (Not that those are always racial and social justice-centered... but more likely to be than a prof org) #CritLib
Adrianna Martinez @lil_lesbrarian

Q5: How can #ALA affirm its members’ needs, leading or supporting conversations around race, labor, copyright/fair use, censorship, etc.? #CritLib

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I think the ALA-APA was meant to help serve this purpose, but I think it ended up mostly providing certifications. The certs are useful, but not the strongest advocacy tool. #critlib

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Adrianna Martinez
@lil_lesbrarian
A4: For me it's about allocating money to support us and seeing our bipoc libr* and patrons as priority in need of more support that doesn't always look the same as it does for the almost 90% white libr* #ala is accountable to. (also are they even truly accountable?) #critlib

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A5: this is v random/specific, but I would not cry if the CONTU guidelines for Interlibrary Loan were officially sunnsetted. They perpetuate weird inaccuracies about fair use and unnecessary/disempowering fear around copyright in general. #critlib

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A4. Several years ago I did a survey in which librarians both acknowledged the importance of social justice to their bosses while (pretty horrifyingly) admitting they themselves liked the "traditional" (read: white dominated) profession they entered decades ago. #critlib

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A5: I think @mnylc has done a good job of providing support and programming for racial justice in NYC metro area libraries and library workers. #critlib

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That many of these folks are ALA members does make me wonder how racial and social justice can figure prominently in real terms even with the ALA presidents we have running, who are both committed to diversifying the profession. #critlib

I often refer to this framework regarding ALA's not for profit status which limits what ALA is able to do so as a profession, we can think about the APA role and other organizations to complement ALA bit.ly/34rajyT #critlib
Violet Fox
@violetbfox

A5. I dunno! I think this audience, at least, has stopped believing that this is even a possibility. Which is really unfortunate. It's unpopular to defend any aspects of ALA on twitter, so I don't know if this is the right venue for this discussion? #critlib

Adrianna Martinez @lil_lesbrarian
Q5: How can #ALA affirm its members' needs, leading or supporting conversations around race, labor, copyright/fair use, censorship, etc.? #CritLib

Roxanne Shirazi @RoxanneShirazi

A5: Returning to my A1 answer, I think it can be worthwhile as a means to collectively draft guidelines and standards that all of us can point to when trying to move our specific organizations in a particular direction. Beyond that? 😞 #CritLib
When I was on ALA Council I was frustrated with how risk averse ALA was, re: the limits of its nonprofit status. Our job sometimes is to push on limits and fight frivolous/malicious threats! #critlib

Maggie Farrell @FarrellMaggie

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I have become the Very Boring Librarian 😴 #CritLib

As always with #critlib, time has flown! Thanks so much for participating. If you are an #ALA member, consider voting this election cycle. The open period is March 14 to April 6.

Please share anything you want to promote.
Thank you to co-moderator @lil_lesbrarian who was a pleasure to collaborate with and to @violetbfox for above and beyond support. #critlib

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Rebecca Kennison
@rrkennison

A5. All organizations are defined by their members, but I would like to return again to my point that ALA has full-time staff whose job it is to reflect the needs/desires of their members. Surely this is what we're hoping a strong advocate as president will help to do #critlib

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Violet Fox
@violetbfox

Glad to have #critlib chats back; they're a great way to create community & encourage productive discussion. If you would like to see a chat happen on a particular topic, please submit your idea via this form! critlib.org/twitter-chats/...

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Gina “Rethink Normal” Murrell
@GinaMurrell1

A5. ALA can meet members’s needs around copyright/fair use, but race, labor, and censorship? I’d love to see it. Again, it’s not that kind of org (but for the sake of everyday library workers, I’d love to be proven wrong). Too much white supremacist, capitalist bullshit. #critlib

Adrianna Martinez
@lil_lesbrarian

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Also I see DeJoy trending, and I would very much like to see him ousted from the #USPS. That's my high on my political agenda. Putin can also piss off, obviously. #critlib

Maggie Farrell
@FarrellMaggie

Thank you for the conversation and the honest reflections that I hope improve ALA but more importantly advance our librarians and library workers toward a better future #critlib
Yesss. I'd love to see #critlib more active again! Learning from you all is invigorating.

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