

MISSION STATEMENT

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc. serves as the civil and human rights advocate for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and other information services and resources to the nation's African American community, and provides leadership for the recruitment and professional development of African American librarians and other information service providers and advocates.

VISION STATEMENT

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc. will be the most influential organization serving the information needs, past, present, and future, of the African American library and information service community.

CORE VALUES

These core values are the intrinsic guiding standards and principles that collectively define and determine the character of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc. (BCALA)

- BCALA values human rights.
- BCALA values leadership within ALA, other professional organizations, and libraries.
- BCALA values increased recruitment efforts and advancement of African American librarians.
- BCALA values equitable access to information and increased resources for African American librarians and the African American community.
- BCALA values its relationship with the African American community in promoting and preserving information resources and its services.
- BCALA values membership satisfaction.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Subscription to BCALA Listserv
- Complimentary Newsletters
- Listing in BCALA Membership Directory
- Opportunities to serve on BCALA committees and task forces and as an officer
- Voting privileges in BCALA elections
- Reduced registration fees at BCALA NCAAL Conference
- Networking with colleagues

COMMITTEES:

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association invites BCALA members to apply for positions on BCALA's standing committees. The committees sponsor programs, perform research, and conduct much of the organization's business. Newer members are especially encouraged to consider committee service as a way to become involved in the Association.

Please check your committee interest. For a complete list of committee charges visit the BCALA website at www.bcala.org

- ❑ Affiliates/Chapters Committee: Serves as a liaison between affiliated member organizations.
- ❑ Affirmative Action Committee: Prepares organization's position statements and keeps abreast of affirmative action legislation on the national, state and local levels as it relates to BCALA.
- ❑ ALA Relations Committee: Keeps abreast of ALA Council and Divisional activities and local, state, national and international legislation as they relate to BCALA.
- ❑ Awards Committee: Solicits nominations, selects the recipient, and presents the Annual Distinguished Service Award; presents, in conjunction with the President, Certificates of Appreciation and Special Recognition Plaques.
- ❑ Budget/Audit Committee: Monitors fiscal affairs of the BCALA.
- ❑ Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Reviews and recommends needed changes of the Constitution and Bylaws.
- ❑ Dr. E.J. Josey Scholarship Committee: Recognizes the efforts of Dr. E.J. Josey, the founder of the Black Caucus of the ALA, Inc., this monetary award is given annually to a Library Science student of color.
- ❑ Dr. John C. Tyson Award Committee: Recognizes the accomplishments of individuals during their first ten years as professional librarians.
- ❑ Fundraising Committee: Coordinates and engages in fundraising activities to support the programs and activities of BCALA.
- ❑ History Committee: Encourages research, preservation and publication of African American library history.
- ❑ International Relations Committee: Develops programs and services that promote awareness and increase understanding of issues affecting global librarianship and libraries worldwide.

- ❑ Membership Committee: Develops and coordinates membership promotion and keeps records of membership status.
- ❑ Newsletter: Assists and coordinates production of BCALA, Inc. Newsletter.
- ❑ Nomination & Elections Committee: Solicits nominations for office; prepares, receives ballots, and reports results of elections.
- ❑ Program Committee: Plans, initiates, recommends and coordinates programs for membership that will promote the goals and vision of BCALA.
- ❑ Public Relations Committee: Provides visibility, a voice, and view point of BCALA in print and electronic media.
- ❑ Recruitment & Professional Development Committee: Promotes and develops recruiting strategies for African Americans into the field of Librarianship.
- ❑ Services to Children and Families of African Descent Committee: To promote and support quality programs that educates and enhances the African American experience. In addition, the Committee can provide information and appropriate African American resources for use by the community.
- ❑ Smiley Student Fund: By participating in this award program, it is hoped that there will be an increase in the overall minority participation by students in the field of Library Science.
- ❑ Technology Advisory Committee: Advocates use of technology within BCALA.

Dues must be paid for calendar year to serve as a committee member.

BCALA PUBLICATIONS:

Annual Report

- Status of Black Librarianship
- Trends and accomplishments
- Highlights of national and international programs and services
- Roster of Officers, Executive Board, and Committee Chairs
- Strategic long-range plan
- Membership demographics

Membership Directory

- Alphabetic, classified by type of library and geography of BCALA members

Newsletter

- Bi-monthly news on members, events services, and resources
- Job announcements

Application Form➔

Please Join BCALA, Inc.!!

Not a member? Join BCALA, Inc. for the latest information about issues related to Black library and information professionals worldwide! Get the official Newsletter of the BCALA, Inc.! Attend conference activities and events! Join NOW!

BCALA, Inc. Membership Form

Please **PRINT**. Fill out the application **COMPLETELY**. **DO NOT ABBREVIATE**.

MEMBERSHIP: New Member____ Renewal____

Name _____

Preferred Mailing Address

City _____ **State** _____

Zip _____

Phone () _____

Institution _____

Title _____

Business Address _____

City _____ **State** _____

Zip _____

Phone () _____

Fax () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

(Automatically subscribed to BCALA, Inc. electronic discussion forum if listed.)

CITE IN DIRECTORY: ___ Preferred Mailing Address
___ Business Address

From time to time, BCALA, Inc. rents its membership lists to selected organizations offering services or products related to libraries. If you do not wish to be included in these mailings, please check this box

No Mailing Lists

MEMBERSHIP

- Corporate \$200
- Institutional \$60
- Regular \$45
- LibSupStaff \$20
- Life \$500
- Retired \$0
- Student \$10 (3yr. restriction)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

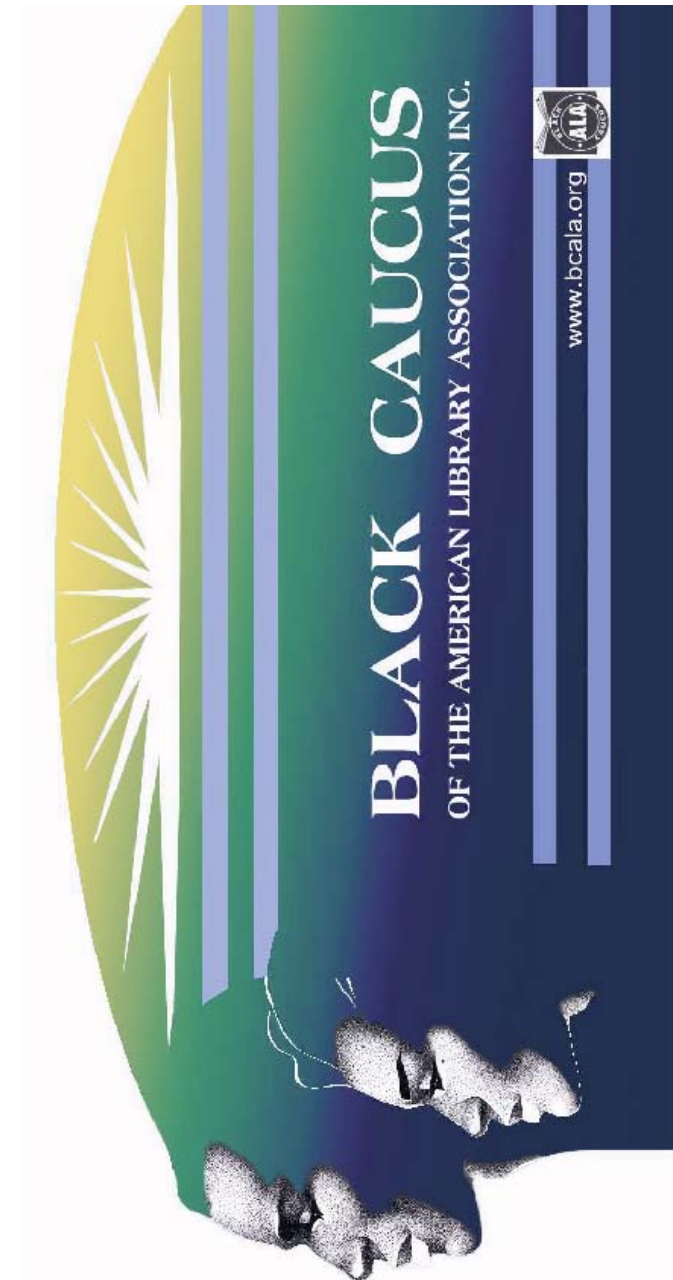
- \$___ ALA Spectrum Scholarship
- \$___ E. J. Josey Scholarship
- \$___ John C. Tyson Award
- \$___ Smiley Student Fund

LIBRARY AFFILIATION

- Public
- Special
- Academic
- School
- Library School
- Trustee
- Institutional
- Retired
- Publishing
- Government
- Teaching
- Library Science Student

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