



YOUR VOICE COUNTS

Anyone can speak up for your libraries—your voice counts! People who are passionate about providing access to information, literature, and lifelong learning have always been at the heart of the American library movement. This is true now more than ever, and citizens must use their voices to ensure our library legacy remains viable and fully funded. Library advocacy doesn't have to be complex; it can be as simple as telling others—at the grocery store, student union, bank, post office, or parties—why you value your library.

Plan a Library Event

Any event during the year is an opportunity to showcase your library. Create an event or promotion that will get your Friends, trustees or other volunteers involved. You can host the event at the library or a local mall, county fair, park, or any campus venue and invite the media to attend.

Visit www.ala.org/pio and click on “initiatives” for information on initiatives celebrated nationwide, including Banned Books Week, Library Card Sign-up Month, Teen Read Week, and National Library Week. Always invite elected officials to your events!