



PNLA History

***PNLA Mission:** To facilitate and encourage communication, networking and information exchange for the development and support of libraries and librarianship in the Pacific Northwest.*

A Century of Cooperation: The Pacific Northwest Library Association, 1909-2009

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Based on the records, documents and artifacts found in the PNLA archives, located at the University of Washington in Seattle, as well as three earlier histories (Gershevsky; Moore; Smith), the following is the culmination of a six-month sabbatical project by the author.

The Early Years

At the beginning of the twentieth century migration and industry brought an increasing population to the Pacific Northwest. The distance that separated the region from the eastern and central portions of the United States and Canada, however, meant travel and communication was slow. Individuals and institutions were largely dependent on local resources. To overcome this geographic isolation, a vigorous and forward-looking group of librarians (Smith, 8) met early in the new century to form an association that would bring together “the united strength of all the Northwest in order to create an interest in libraries and library legislation essential to their establishment and support.” (Smith, 6)

With the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition of 1909 as the backdrop and the five-year old Washington Library Association as a sponsor, thirty-five librarians from Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia met at the University of Washington in Seattle to compose the first constitution and by-laws of the association. On June 10, 1909, the documents were adopted and PNLA was born. The association membership was to be made up of any person or organization interested in library work in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Utah (Gershevsky, 7). Establishing this cooperation was an important impetus and one of the earliest, and recurring, themes of the organization. PNLA provided an important and previously non-existent structure and venue for sharing regional issues and concerns, ideas and innovations.

The first organizational configuration included a President, First and Second Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a General Executive Committee and committees from British Columbia, Oregon and Washington. Annual membership dues were set at 50 cents that soon increased to \$1.00 (Proceedings 1911, 62). From the beginning, annual conference proceedings provided a good survey of the scope, growth and activities of the association. Then, as now, annual conferences featured short programs and interesting topics. The programs have been attractive bait to bring librarians together. The meeting of the CFLAs has been the main thing. Other forms of entertainment have been as beneficial as formal papers and community drives around cities and post-convention outings through picturesque scenery have been helpful in extending acquaintance, understanding, and good will. (Smith, 16).

During these early years, other issues of interest included marketing of library services and the need for library legislation in Alaska and the Yukon. Local history and World War I became focal points of later meetings. At the 10th anniversary conference in Vancouver, BC,

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Canadian John Ridington suggested libraries held the key to preventing warfare in the future by upholding ideals, creating sympathies and disseminating knowledge (Proceedings 1919, 7-8). Books of all kinds were the primary focus of sessions at initial conferences, and with good reason. These “early librarians were people who handled books, read and recommended books, and thought and lived books. Many proceedings are studded with articles on books and literature...it was assumed that an interest in literature was common to all.” (Gershevsky, 11).

With many early conferences “given over almost entirely to our problems as keepers of books,” (Powell, 30), it is not a surprise that one of PNLA's first initiatives was the formation of the Subscription Book Committee and the launching of the Subscription Books Bulletin in 1917. Intended to provide information on books of inferior quality printed cheaply in bulk serial subscription form by unscrupulous publishers, the Bulletin proved to be popular with libraries outside the Pacific Northwest and in 1930 the American Library Association (ALA) took over its publication, eventually merging it into what became the ALA Booklist (Gervetsky, 15). Other committees formed during PNLA's first decade included Publicity, Libraries in Alaska and the Yukon, School Libraries, Northwest Bibliography, Membership Extension, Trustees, War Records, and Salaries (Proceedings 1920, 1-2).

Libraries and librarianship drew the attention of the association following the First World War. During the 1920s, wages for library workers were low but work was plentiful. With the Great Depression, the situation changed dramatically. Library staff was cut everywhere, book buying budgets were frozen, and building projects scaled back or put on hold. However, much like today, libraries saw heavy use during poor economic times (Gervetsky, 15).

In 1934, PNLA celebrated its silver anniversary in Walla Walla by looking ahead. The Proceedings reflect a profession concerned with familiar issues: balancing the needs of a general public with leisure time against specialists and their needs, marketing, publicity, centralized library administrations, regional cooperation of libraries, focusing on the needs of children as they outgrew the resources in the children's section, and making the catalog more accessible to the public (Gervetsky, 16).

The 26th conference took place in Portland in 1935, with several important issues coming up for votes. These included opposition to war preparation and fascism, advocacy for federal funding of nationwide library service, the creation of a quarterly publication and a call to reform ALA; giving rank and file members more voice (Gervetsky, 17).

A recurring theme of the organization has been communication and publicity. Conference proceedings were prepared and mailed to members as well as “publicity albums.” Consisting of conference programs, attendance registers and newspaper clippings, the albums “enabled librarians who had been unable to attend to get a good idea of what transpired long before the printed proceedings were distributed.” (Smith, 17).

The first issue of the PNLA Quarterly was published in October, 1936. Subtitled “A Northwest Journal of Current Library Opinion,” the Quarterly was an outgrowth of the need for both a recruitment tool and also a centralized communication channel for association members. It is the winner of three ALA/H.W. Wilson Periodical Awards and has been in continuous publication for the past sixty-three years. Similar to conference proceedings, the Quarterly

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serves as both a mirror and measure of current issues and interests.

From its earliest years, PNLA recognized the need for cooperative resource sharing in the region. Long before the philosophy of resource ownership was replaced by that of access, the predominantly small collections and budgets of libraries in the Pacific Northwest meant cooperation to develop the library resources of the region was a necessity. For these libraries “co-operation works a hardship on no one, and widens the scope of service each co-operating library renders (Van Male, 5).

At the same time, Bibliography Committee members gathered citations on books related to the Pacific Northwest. Over the years, these notes evolved into a checklist and then a union list of significant manuscripts from the region. In 1936, PNLA created a regional bibliographic center and a union catalog of works represented in the member libraries. In 1940, built on an initial \$35,000 Carnegie Corporation grant, the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center (PNBC) was established, to be housed at the University of Washington (Moore, 5). Wholly self-supporting by 1945, when the Carnegie grant was exhausted and WPA funds that were used to staff the Center were cut off, PNBC served as a model of resource sharing and document delivery in the region and the nation for more than 40 years.

Another significant achievement for PNLA was the creation of the Young Readers Choice Award (YRCA) in 1940. After receiving a letter from Seattle bookseller, Harry Hartman asking the association's readers “endorse a juvenile book with an excellent story,” the Division of Work with Children and Young People created just such a prize (DeBruyne & Sherman, 2). The first YRCA winner was Paul Bunyan Swings His Axe, by Dell McCormick, “a western author of a book with a western setting, printed by a western publisher.” (Gervetsky, 20). Now in its 59th year, the YRCA is the longest continuing activity of any PNLA division and one of its most popular, each year drawing tens of thousands of votes from Pacific Northwest children and young adults across the region.

As PNLA continued to grow into a mature organization, a significant reorganization to create a more democratic method of electing officers and conducting association business dominated the attention of the members. Although what would become the Mountain Plains Library Association was still a few years from formation, Utah librarians petitioned to leave PNLA in 1941, reducing the PNLA region to only five areas.

Conference sessions show the impact of the war on libraries. Gas rationing, government regulated travel, and restricted lodging as a result of World War II led to cancellation of the 1943 conference, for the second time in the association's history.

Members saw a direct correlation between libraries and society:

The PNLA is the oldest regional library association on the North American Continent. Through it the librarians of the Province of British Columbia and the States of Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Oregon have, for more than forty years worked cooperatively and effectively to bring books and related materials into direct support of their respective commonwealths, of the region as a whole, and to a lesser extent, of the two great Nations. Achievements of the Association have demonstrated that it has been a quickening and enlivening factor in the educational and cultural growth

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and progress of its region and that, as a result, the four states and the province now have a more enlightened citizenry and a stronger and healthier democracy than they could have had had the Association never been organized (Proposal, 1-2).

The Middle Years

After the war ended, adult and continuing education became a growth industry across North America and the Pacific Northwest region. Librarian shortages were acute and served to finally push wages up. As an association, PNLA encouraged library schools to raise standards to give the profession more prestige and allure, rather than lowering them to admit more students. Librarians from Alberta petitioned to join PNLA in 1954 and were admitted in 1955. In 1958, Alberta briefly left to join Manitoba and Saskatchewan in the foundation of the Prairie Provinces Association but returned to PNLA in 1977 (Moore, 12).

In the 1950s, the lack of involvement by younger librarians in the administration of the association became an issue. PNLA also took an active interest in library boards and personnel actions taken by these boards in Tacoma, Washington, and Bozeman, Montana.

In other mid-century activities, the Ford Foundation granted \$50,000 to PNLA and the University of Washington's School of Librarianship to improve library service in the area. The proposal called for a coordinated, complete and systematic study of the entire library situation in the states and province, with an overall goal of attaining more books and better libraries for the region (Proposal, 1954). The result of the grant would eventually become the Kroll Report which was published in 4 volumes in 1960 (Kroll). In 1959, PNLA celebrated its golden anniversary in Seattle, with a well-attended preconference on the role of personnel training and supervision. Program highlights included sessions on the work of public library commissions, county libraries, and how to select and advertise children's books. For a \$5.00 registration fee, attendees also enjoyed luncheon banquets, an author's breakfast, and a hosted boat trip around Lake Union (Records). Ending its first half-century, the association could reasonably give itself a "hearty, well deserved pat on the back" (Moore, 5) for all its accomplishments.

The Seattle World's Fair was the focus of PNLA activity in 1962. Automation and technology, topics that would soon consume the profession, were part of the Century 21 exhibit. A database underwritten by IBM contained more than 1500 books, including Great Books of the Western World, and was intended "to provide the public with a look at library services of the future." (Moore, 6).

As with the rest of the world, the sixties were a time of great change for PNLA. Topics such as what role the association would play in the future, the elimination of standing committees, PNLA's relationship with PNBC, election of officers and the location and timing of conferences were all hotly debated. By 1967, PNLA had restructured to include 5 active and standing committees: Bibliography, Membership, Nominations, Adult Education, and Library Development and Legislation. With reorganization, new members and new ideas continued to push PNLA toward more change. The theme of library cooperation was prominent well into the next decade. The work of the PNBC increased significantly, with book borrowing and photocopy requests rising exponentially. By the end of sixties, PNBC consisted of 215 members with a union catalog of more than 3.7 million cards.

Meanwhile, conference sessions throughout the tumultuous sixties dealt with professional standards and basic punched card principles for librarians, implications of machines in libraries, human factors in library administration, continuing education and membership recruitment. In 1969, only ten years after becoming a state, Alaska officially joined PNLA.

In 1970, due to a number of economic and political factors, PNBC became a separate legal entity before finally closing its doors in 1983. PNBC served as a model of resource sharing and document delivery for over forty years. As library service patterns changed with the development of bibliographic utilities represented by OCLC, RLIN, WLN and others, the role of PNBC was also significantly altered (*Records*).

Automation, technology, accessibility and communication were the topics of the day. An experiment took place in 1972 when the association held three traveling mini-conferences. With Billings, Boise, and Vancouver, BC serving as host sites, each conference focused on interpersonal skills, lead by communications experts Charles Hosford and Sue Buel. Although evaluations were favorable, turnout was low, PNLA lost a considerable amount of money, and the experiment was never repeated. Indeed, stretching shrinking library dollars became the main focus of PNLA in the late seventies, both at conferences and at individual libraries across the region.

The association's 75th anniversary took place in 1984 in Billings, Montana. Reflecting the issues that were critical to its members, the conference theme was "High Tech, High Touch." Michael Annison of Megatrends fame provided the keynote address, titled "Global Trends – Information Technology and Changing Social Patterns." Sessions included topics on the convergence of technology and human values in our profession and workplace. A preconference led by Dr. Ruth Patrick from the University of Montana focused on the impact of automation on library organizations. With over 920 members, PNLA played an important role in regional library activities. Indeed, throughout the 1980s, membership remained high, reaching a peak in 1986 when nearly one thousand individual and institutional members filled the ranks of the association (*Records*).

Recent History

As a dynamic organization of committed library professionals PNLA continued to evolve well into its middle years. At the 1985 conference in Eugene, for example, an Emerging Technology Committee was formed. The conference included a keynote address by Dr. Terrence Deal of Vanderbilt University on corporate cultures as well as the following sessions: Survey Design and Research Methods, Computer-Assisted Reference Services, Software Evaluation, Data Base Management, Interpersonal Relations and Group Processes, and Selling a Library Media Program to Your Administrator. A Hot Issues/Tough Topics discussion group reacted to questions about library governance and education, state aid, status of services to institutionalized patrons and censorship. A post-conference demonstration of a new online catalog took place at the Eugene Public Library.

In 1986 another major reorganization of the association took effect. In addition to its four long-standing permanent committees (Bibliography, Continuing Education, Nominations and YRCA), ten new interest groups were added that year: Academic, Automation, Collection

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Development, Government Documents, Intellectual Freedom, Library Development, Library Instruction, Management, Reference, and Youth Services. The purpose of the interest groups was to sponsor conference sessions, produce publications, and provide more specialized networking opportunities for members.

The annual conference, which took place in Vancouver BC to coincide with Expo '86, featured science fiction author Ray Bradbury as keynote speaker. Panel sessions that year featured speakers from bibliographic utilities OCLC, RLIN, UTLAS, and WLN; topics included expert systems, cooperative collection development, Canadian ephemera, preservation and document delivery. A lawsuit that was filed in 1986 against PNLA for copyright infringement in connection with the YRCA videos was dismissed. Jobline, a telephone clearinghouse and referral center for library employment in the Pacific Northwest, was funded by PNLA, housed at the University of Washington, and staffed by School of Librarianship students, averaged 200 calls per week, with 13,000 calls recorded for the year.

In 1987, the silver YRCA medal was bestowed for the first time on author Robert Kimmel. The President's Distinguished Service Award was also inaugurated to honor individuals who gave exceptional and long-standing service to PNLA. The conference, which took place in Tacoma, featured Ken Kesey as the keynote speaker. The former Merry Prankster spoke eloquently on the role of electronic literature, both for libraries and writers. The conference theme – "Human Resources...the Essential Piece of the Puzzle" – once again brought attendees back to issues of personnel management and continuing education within library organizations.

In 1988, the idea for CANS Across the Border took shape at the Juneau conference. Starting as an interest group, the informal committee was charged with organizing events that would be conducive to study and research at a local brewery. The two-year old Intellectual Freedom Interest Group published its first Handbook, listing legislation and publications that were in conflict with the principles of intellectual freedom. Other publications that year included a YRCA Handbook and the thirtieth Checklist of Books and Pamphlets Relating to the Pacific Northwest. A preconference sponsored by the Management Interest Group was led by interpersonal communications and corporate culture consultants Glaser and Associates and dealt with team building and team management. The membership passed two timely resolutions during the conference that urged publishers to use permanent paper and to oppose the spiraling costs of serials.

In 1989, a joint conference with the Idaho Library Association took place in Coeur d'Alene, with reporter Helen Thomas as keynote speaker. CANS Across the Border had its first official meeting. During the year, the Collection Development Interest Group surveyed more than 1400 libraries in the region to assess the status of collection development efforts and policy planning. The Management Interest Group compiled a comprehensive handbook of job descriptions, and the PNLA Interest Group Handbook was completed. Two of the association's most popular services saw record numbers, with more than 60,000 ballots cast in YRCA election and more than 20,000 Jobline telephone calls received. A reading of conference sessions available that year provide a strong picture of the times: Atheists, Ayatollahs, and Wicked Owl Eaters; Literature of the Extremist Right; Life After Sweet Valley High; Homeschooling; Teaching Research Skills, CD-ROM, and AIDS Policies.

The early 1990s saw the association again in transition. Indeed, much of the work of the

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association in the last decade of the century had to do with identifying the role of PNLA would play in the future of the region. Membership decreased after the highs of the 80s for a number of reasons. In 1966, the American Library Association, in its own restructuring efforts, removed regional representatives and with it their chapter status, allowing only state organizations to participate in ALA, sounding a death knell for many regional associations (Moore, 10). As summarized in the 1994 Membership Task Force Report:

For many years PNLA was central to the life of the Pacific Northwest library community. In many ways it functioned as a state library association and it founded and managed the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center. With the establishment and/or development of strong state and provincial associations and the demise of PNBC in the mid-1980s. PNLA lost a significant part of its identity.

Two significant groups appear to be far less involved in the association than they were in earlier years: state library directors, who had a significant role in PNBC, and library directors at the larger public libraries, who now appear to be much more involved with ALA activities. (*Membership Task Force, 1*).

The 1998 annual conference at the Bell Harbor Conference Center in Seattle threatened to push the association into a fiscal crisis before ALA provided \$5,000 in emergency funds. Discussions about creating and funding an Executive Secretary position, an interest of the PNLA Board of Directors since the 1960s, were put on a long-term hold.

Alberta, for the third time since joining PNLA, hosted the last conference of the decade and millennium. The century closed with a new mission statement, a reorganized and revised manual, a new communication plan and a revitalized action plan.

In the early years of the new millennium, PNLA, hosted both shared and standalone conferences. Kelowna, BC, was the site of the 2000 conference, jointly hosted by the British Columbia Library Association and PNLA. "Celebrating Excellence" was the conference theme, which featured Ken Haycock as keynote speaker. With the dissolution of interest groups, CANS Across the Border became a permanent part of conference programming, with a Cans and Corks event taking place for the first time this year. The event quickly became known as Cans, Corks, and Pop and became a permanent feature of each annual conference.

Members of the Hawaii Library Association were invited to the 2001 conference in Corvallis, which featured John Perry Barlow as keynote speaker. Three pre-conferences dealt with leadership, storytelling, and disaster planning which were carried over into Thursday and Friday main conference sessions. Other topics included evaluation of web resources, managing a summer reading program, and several programs presented by Hawaiian colleagues.

It was now time for YRCA, the oldest children's book choice award in the U.S. and Canada, to undergo something of a make-over. In 1991, awards were given in both a Youth and a Senior category. In 2002 a third category, for Intermediate readers, was added. The Young Reader's Choice Award Selection Policy was revised by the Board of the Pacific Northwest Library Association in 2008. Currently, nominations are taken only from children, teachers,

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parents and librarians in the Pacific Northwest ~ Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Nominated titles are those published 3 years prior to the award year (for example, for the 2010 list nominees must have a copyright date of 2007), printed in the U.S. or Canada, and are already favorites with readers. All nominations are reviewed and voted on by a committee assigned to a particular division (Junior/Middle/Senior) and consisting of at least four people. Only 4th to 12th graders residing in the Pacific Northwest are eligible to vote. Annual voting takes place March 15th through April 15th. Students must have read or listened to at least two of the nominated titles in order to vote. Tens of thousands of votes are cast each spring and YRCA remains one of the association's most recognized activities.

As early as 1967, president Rod Waldron wrote that PNLA should serve as the instrument of leadership in preparing the profession to meet the library service needs of present and future generations (Records). The first formal discussions for creating a leadership institute – long an interest of the association – now began in earnest. PNLA Leads is an IMLS grant funded institute project that provides leadership education and training for librarians and library staff in the Pacific Northwest. In 2004, the first leadership institute took place at Dumas Bay, Washington, also the site of PNLA Board fall and spring meetings. Leadership and mentoring experts Becky Schreiber and John M. Shannon led the first cohort of 36 attendees and 8 mentors. A second and third institute took place at Tamarack Resort in Donnelly, Idaho and at Schweitzer Mountain Resort in Sandpoint, Idaho in 2006 and 2008, respectively.

Other recent activities of note include the move of PNLA-L to a Yahoo groups, The Quarterly is indexed in Ebsco's LISTA database and is currently available in both print and electronic format. Annual conferences, held in a different state or province each year, continue to provide solid and well-attended continuing education and networking activities in the region. PNLA Board Officers, committee members, as well as state and provincial representatives carry on the tradition, started 100 years ago, of promoting library service in the Pacific Northwest by sharing resources, ideas and expertise.

Conclusion

Now in its 100th year, PNLA is one of the oldest regional library associations in North America and the only one that spans international borders. The history of PNLA is a pioneering story. Started because national conferences were too large and too distant and state associations, at the time, too small or non-existent, PNLA broke up isolation and played a strong and influential role in the development of libraries and library resources in the region.

It has not always been smooth-sailing. Some ideas, projects and initiatives never got off the ground; others foundered for lack of funding, interest or participation. Stagnant or decreased library budgets along with competition for membership and travel dollars by state, provincial, and national professional organizations has led to declining membership and revenues. Equally, PNLA has at times struggled to define for itself and its competition a strong, specialized purpose and vision.

At its core, however, PNLA is, as it always has been, a responsive, member- driven association that values communication, networking and information exchange. PNLA Leads,

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the Young Readers Choice Award, solid annual conferences on topics of interest to its members, the Jobline, the award-winning Quarterly, and intellectual freedom advocacy and funding are just some of the initiatives that carry forward the PNLA tradition and message of regional cooperation, support and encouragement.

PNLA's history and future can, perhaps, best be summarized by the PNLA Leads 2008 Vision Statement:

As the leaders of today and the mentors of tomorrow we honor tradition and exceed boundaries as we transform and shape the future. This vision represents the spirit and inspiration of the participants of the 2008 PNLA Leadership Institute and indicates our desire and willingness to embrace the challenges before us. As torch-bearers:

We breathe life into the intellectual heart of the community to share the gifts of knowledge and imagination through multifunctional facilities, expert staff, and passionate support of our community.

We create inviting spaces that are indispensable to our communities and responsive to those we serve.

We cultivate exploration by sharing knowledge and resources to empower learning at every stage of life.

We position ourselves to be where our users are physically and virtually and strengthen resource accessibility through use of innovative technologies.

We commit to continuous learning so that we are prepared to create libraries our communities deserve and to inspire those who follow us.

We carry the stones from the path of tradition and place them on the path to the future.

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Past Presidents

Years	Name	Library Affiliation*	State/Province
1908-09	William E. Henry	University of Washington	Washington
1909-10	Judson T. Jennings	Seattle Public Library	Washington
1910-11	Mary Frances Isom	Library Association of Portland	Oregon
1911-13	E.O.S. Scholefield	Provincial Library of British Columbia	British Columbia
1913-14	Franklin F. Hopper	Tacoma Public Library	Washington
1914-15	George W. Fuller	Spokane Public Library	Washington
1915-16	Herbert Killam	Provincial Library of British Columbia	British Columbia
1916-17	Cornelia Marvin	Oregon State Library	Oregon
1917-18	John Boynton Kaiser	Tacoma Public Library	Washington
1918-19	John Ridington	University of British Columbia	British Columbia
1919-20	Charles W. Smith	University of Washington	Washington
1920-21	Helen G. Stewart	Victoria Public Library	British Columbia
1921-22	Judson T. Jennings	Seattle Public Library	Washington
1922-23	Ethel R. Sawyer	Library Association of Portland	Oregon
1923-24	John Ridington	University of British Columbia	British Columbia
1924-26	Matthew H. Douglas	University of Oregon	Oregon
1926-27	Anne M. Mulheron	Library Association of Portland	Oregon
1927-28	Joanna H. Sprague	Salt Lake City Public Library	Utah
1928-29	Edgar S. Robinson	Vancouver Public Library	British Columbia
1929-31	Ellen Garfield Smith	Walla Walla Public Library	Washington
1931-32	Nell A Unger	Reed College	Oregon
1932-33	Harriet C. Long	Oregon State Library	Oregon
1933-34	Mabel Doe Wilson	State Normal School (Bellingham)	Washington
1934-35	Margeret J. CFLAy	Victoria Public Library	British Columbia
1935-36	Constance R. S. Ewing	Library Association of Portland	Oregon
1936-37	Lucy M. Lewis	Oregon State System of Higher Education (Corvallis)	Oregon
1937-38	John S. Richards	University of Washington	Washington
1938-39	J. Elizabeth Olson	Umatilla County Library (Pendleton)	Oregon
1939-40	Gladys S. Puckett	Spokane Public Library	Washington
1940-41	Willis C. Warren	University of Oregon	Oregon
1941-42	Julia S. Stockett	Vancouver Public Library	British Columbia
1942-43	Katherine E. Anderson	Library Association of Portland	Oregon
1943-44	Ruth Hale	University of Washington	Washington
1944-45	Eleanor Stephens	Oregon State Library	Oregon
1945-46	W. Kaye Lamb	University of British Columbia	British Columbia
1946-47	Dorothy Alvord	Bellingham Public Library	Washington
1947-48	Kathleen Campbell	Montana State University (Missoula)	Montana
1948-49	Mary E. Blossom	Library Association of Portland	Oregon
1949-50	Anne M. Smith	University of British Columbia	British Columbia
1950-51	Carma Zimmerman	Washington State Library	Washington
1951-52	Lesley M. Heathcote	Montana State College (Bozeman)	Montana
1952-53	William H. Carlson	Oregon State College Library	Oregon
1953-54	Willard Ireland	Provincial Library and Archives (Victoria)	British Columbia

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Years	Name	Library Affiliation*	State/Province
1954-55	Eva Santee	Fort Vancouver Regional Library	Washington
1955-56	Eli M. Oboler	Idaho State College	Idaho
1956-57	Alma S. Jacobs	Great Falls Public Library	Montana
1957-58	Carl W. Hintz	University of Oregon	Oregon
1958-59	Ronald Ley Fraser	Valley Regional Library (Abbotsford)	British Columbia
1959-60	Irving Lieberman	University of Washington School of Librarianship	Washington
1960-61	Arthur DeVolder	Twin Falls Public Library	Idaho
1961-62	Eloise Ebert	Oregon State Library	Oregon
1962-65	Merwin M. Moores	Northern Montana College (Havre)	Montana
1963-64	Samuel Rothstein	University of British Columbia School of Librarianship	British Columbia
1964-65	Helen Gilbert	Yakima Valley Regional Library	Washington
1965-66	Rodney Waldron	Oregon State University	Oregon
1966-67	Alice McCFLAin	Montana State University (Bozeman)	Montana
1967-69	Mary E. Phillips	Library Association of Portland	Oregon
1969-71	Maryan Reynolds	Washington State Library	Washington
1971-73	Marion Milazewski	University of Washington	Washington
1973-75	Warren S. Owens	University of Idaho	Idaho
1975-76	Norman D. Alexander	Southern Oregon State College	Oregon
1976-77	Florence M. Fray	Spokane Public Library	Washington
1977-78	Mary L Bates	Blue Mountain Community College (Pendleton)	Oregon
1978-79	Gary E. Strong	Washington State Library	Washington
1979-80	Irene C. Heninger	Kitsap Regional Library (Bremerton)	Washington
1980-81	William F. Hayes	Boise Public Library	Idaho
1981-82	Joy Scudamore	Greater-Vancouver Library Federation	British Columbia
1982-83	Richard Moore	Southern Oregon State College	Oregon
1983-84	Vicki R. Kreimeyer	Lewis & CFLArk College	Oregon
1984-85	Barbara Tolliver	University of Washington School of Library and Information Science	Washington
1985-86	Fr. Joseph Browne	University of Portland	Oregon
1986-87	Peggy C. Forcier	Oregon State Library Foundation	Oregon
1987-88	B.J. Busch	University of Alberta	Alberta
1988-89	George Smith	Alaska State Library	Alaska
1989-90	Carol Hildebrand	Eugene Public Library	Oregon
1990-91	Charles Bolles	Idaho State Library	Idaho
1991-92	Don Miller	Seattle Public Library	Washington
1992-93	June Pinnell-Stephens	Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library	Alaska
1993-94	Audrey Kolb	Alaska State Library (Retired)	Alaska
1994-95	Anne Haley	Walla Walla Public Library (Ajar)	Washington
1995-96	Bette Ammon	Missoula Public Library	Montana
1996-97	Karen Hatcher	University of Montana (Missoula)	Montana
1997-98	Gordon Ray	Consultant (Abbotsford)	British Columbia
1998-99	Andrew F. Johnson	University of Washington	Washington
1999-00	Karen Labuik	Marigold Library System	Alberta

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2000-01	Susannah Price	Boise Public Library	Idaho
2001-02	Sandra Carlson	Kitsap Regional Library	Washington
2002-03	Dan Masoni	Unalaska Public Library	Alaska
2003-04	Mary Dewalt	Ada Community Library	Idaho
2004-05	Jan Zauha	Montana State University - Bozeman	Montana
2005-06	Charlotte Glover	Ketchikan Public Library	Alaska
2006-07	Jason Openo	Salem Public Library	Oregon
2007	Connie Forst	Independent	Alberta
2008-09	Kathy Watson	Marshall Public Library	Idaho
2009-10	Samantha Hines	University of Montana (Missoula)	Montana
2010-11	Michael Burris	Public Library InterLINK	British Columbia
2011-12	Michael Burris	Public Library InterLINK	British Columbia
2012-13	Heidi Chittim	Eastern Washington University	Washington
2013-14	Kelsey Keyes	Boise State University	Idaho
2014-15	Honore Bray	Missoula Public Library	Montana
2015-16	Gwendolyn Haley	Spokane County Library District	Washington
2016-17	Jenny Grenfell	North Mason Timberland Library	Washington
2017-18	Rick Stoddard	University of Idaho	Idaho
2018-19	Jenny Grenfell	North Mason Timberland Library	Washington

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Past Presidents (by State or Province)

State/Province	Library Affiliation*	Years	Name
Alaska	Alaska State Library	1988-89	George Smith
Alaska	Alaska State Library (Retired)	1993-94	Audrey Kolb
Alaska	Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library	1992-93	June Pinnell-Stephens
Alaska	Unalaska Public Library	2002-03	Dan Masoni
Alaska	Ketchikan Public Library	2005-06	Charlotte Glover
Alberta	Marigold Library System	1999-00	Karen Labuik
Alberta	University of Alberta	1987-88	B.J. Busch
Alberta	Independent	2007	Connie Forst
British Columbia	Consultant (Abbotsford)	1997-98	Gordon Ray
British Columbia	Greater-Vancouver Library Federation	1981-82	Joy Scudamore
British Columbia	Provincial Library and Archives (Victoria)	1953-54	Willard Ireland
British Columbia	Provincial Library of British Columbia	1911-13	E.O.S. Scholefield
British Columbia	Provincial Library of British Columbia	1915-16	Herbert Killam
British Columbia	University of British Columbia	1918-19	John Ridington
British Columbia	University of British Columbia	1923-24	John Ridington
British Columbia	University of British Columbia	1945-46	W. Kaye Lamb
British Columbia	University of British Columbia	1949-50	Anne M. Smith
British Columbia	University of British Columbia School of Librarianship	1963-64	Samuel Rothstein
British Columbia	Valley Regional Library (Abbotsford)	1958-59	Ronald Ley Fraser
British Columbia	Vancouver Public Library	1928-29	Edgar S. Robinson
British Columbia	Vancouver Public Library	1941-42	Julia S. Stockett
British Columbia	Victoria Public Library	1920-21	Helen G. Stewart
British Columbia	Victoria Public Library	1934-35	Margeret J. CFLAy
British Columbia	Public Library InterLINK	2010-11	Michael Burris
British Columbia	Public Library InterLINK	2011-12	Michael Burris
Idaho	Boise Public Library	1980-81	William F. Hayes
Idaho	Idaho State College	1955-56	Eli M. Oboler
Idaho	Idaho State Library	1990-91	Charles Bolles
Idaho	Twin Falls Public Library	1960-61	Arthur DeVolder
Idaho	University of Idaho	1973-75	Warren S. Owens
Idaho	Boise Public Library	2000-01	Susannah Price
Idaho	Ada Community Library	2003-04	Mary DeWalt
Idaho	Marshall Public Library	2008-09	Kathy Watson
Idaho	Boise State University	2013-14	Kelsey Keyes
Idaho	University of Idaho	2017-18	Rick Stoddard
Montana	Great Falls Public Library	1956-57	Alma S. Jacobs
Montana	Missoula Public Library	1995-96	Bette Ammon
Montana	Montana State College (Bozeman)	1951-52	Lesley M. Heathcote
Montana	Montana State University (Bozeman)	1966-67	Alice McCFLAin
Montana	Montana State University (Missoula)	1947-48	Kathleen Campbell
Montana	Northern Montana College (Havre)	1962-65	Merwin M. Moores
Montana	University of Montana (Missoula)	1996-97	Karen Hatcher

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Montana	Montana State University (Bozeman)	2004-05	Jan Zauha
Montana	University of Montana (Missoula)	2009-10	Samantha Hines
Montana	Missoula Public Library	2014-15	Honore Bray
Oregon	Blue Mountain Community College (Pendleton)	1977-78	Mary L Bates
Oregon	Eugene Public Library	1989-90	Carol Hildebrand
Oregon	Lewis & CFLArk College	1983-84	Vicki R. Kreimeyer
Oregon	Library Association of Portland	1910-11	Mary Frances Isom
Oregon	Library Association of Portland	1922-23	Ethel R. Sawyer
Oregon	Library Association of Portland	1926-27	Anne M. Mulheron
Oregon	Library Association of Portland	1935-36	Constance R. S. Ewing
Oregon	Library Association of Portland	1942-43	Katherine E. Anderson
Oregon	Library Association of Portland	1948-49	Mary E. Blossom
Oregon	Library Association of Portland	1967-69	Mary E. Phillips
Oregon	Oregon State College Library	1952-53	William H. Carlson
Oregon	Oregon State Library	1916-17	Cornelia Marvin
Oregon	Oregon State Library	1932-33	Harriet C. Long
Oregon	Oregon State Library	1944-45	Eleanor Stephens
Oregon	Oregon State Library	1961-62	Eloise Ebert
Oregon	Oregon State Library Foundation	1986-87	Peggy C. Forcier
Oregon	Oregon State System of Higher Education (Corvallis)	1936-37	Lucy M. Lewis
Oregon	Oregon State University	1965-66	Rodney Waldron
Oregon	Reed College	1931-32	Nell A Unger
Oregon	Southern Oregon State College	1975-76	Norman D. Alexander
Oregon	Southern Oregon State College	1982-83	Richard Moore
Oregon	Umatilla County Library (Pendleton)	1938-39	J. Elizabeth Olson
Oregon	University of Oregon	1924-26	Matthew H. Douglas
Oregon	University of Oregon	1940-41	Willis C. Warren
Oregon	University of Oregon	1957-58	Carl W. Hintz
Oregon	University of Portland	1985-86	Fr. Joseph Browne
Utah	Salt Lake City Public Library	1927-28	Joanna H. Sprague
Washington	Bellingham Public Library	1946-47	Dorothy Alvord
Washington	Fort Vancouver Regional Library	1954-55	Eva Santee
Washington	Kitsap Regional Library (Bremerton)	1979-80	Irene C. Heninger
Washington	Seattle Public Library	1909-10	Judson T. Jennings
Washington	Seattle Public Library	1921-22	Judson T. Jennings
Washington	Seattle Public Library	1991-92	Don Miller
Washington	Spokane Public Library	1914-15	George W. Fuller
Washington	Spokane Public Library	1939-40	Gladys S. Puckett
Washington	Spokane Public Library	1976-77	Florence M. Fray
Washington	State Normal School (Bellingham)	1933-34	Mabel Doe Wilson
Washington	Tacoma Public Library	1913-14	Franklin F. Hopper
Washington	Tacoma Public Library	1917-18	John Boynton Kaiser
Washington	University of Washington	1908-09	William E. Henry
Washington	University of Washington	1919-20	Charles W. Smith
Washington	University of Washington	1937-38	John S. Richards

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State/Province	Library Affiliation*	Years	Name
Washington	University of Washington	1943-44	Ruth Hale
Washington	University of Washington	1971-73	Marion Milazewski
Washington	University of Washington	1998-99	Andrew F. Johnson
Washington	University of Washington School of Librarianship	1959-60	Irving Lieberman
Washington	University of Washington School of Library and Information Science	1984-85	Barbara Tolliver
Washington	Walla Walla Public Library	1929-31	Ellen Garfield Smith
Washington	Walla Walla Public Library (Ajar)	1994-95	Anne Haley
Washington	Washington State Library	1950-51	Carma Zimmerman
Washington	Washington State Library	1969-71	Maryan Reynolds
Washington	Washington State Library	1978-79	Gary E. Strong
Washington	Yakima Valley Regional Library	1964-65	Helen Gilbert
Washington	Kitsap Regional Library	2001-02	Sandra Carlson
Washington	Eastern Washington University	2012-13	Heidi Chittim
Washington	Spokane Country District Library	2015-16	Gwendolyn Haley
Washington	North Mason Timberland Library	2016-17	Jenny Grenfell
Washington	North Mason Timberland Library	2018-19	Jenny Grenfell

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President's Distinguished Service Award

Year	Name	Distinguished Service
1987	Mae Benne	22 years YRCA Secretary
1987	Dorothy English	13 years YRCA material sales
1987	Audrey Kolb	3 consecutive terms on PNLA Executive Board (Secretary, Treasurer & 2nd VP)
1988	Anna Green	Exhibits Chair for 13 years
1993	Katherine Eaton	<i>PNLA Quarterly</i> Editor
2004	June Pinell-Stephens	Intellectual freedom activities
2007	Kay Vyhnanek	PNLA Treasurer
2007	Jan Zauha	Services in the cause of librarianship
2007	Susannah Price	Services in the cause of librarianship
2007	Mary DeWalt	PNLA Leads Leadership
2012	Barbra Meisenheimer	YRCA Chair
2012	Linda Frederiksen	PNLA Webpage Administrator
2013	Christine Shepard	Alberta Representative
2018	Jenny Grenfell	Hard work & dedication to making PNLA a successful volunteer organization

Honorary Life Members

Year	Name	Affiliation	State/Province
1940	* John Ridington	University of British Columbia	British Columbia
1940	* E. Ruth Rockwood	Lewis and CFLArk College	Oregon
1942	* Judson T. Jennings	Seattle Public Library	Washington
1942	* Matthew Hale Douglass	University of Oregon	Oregon
1942	* Anne Carroll Moore	Superintendent of Work with Children, New York Public Library	New York
1944	* Lucy M. Lewis	Oregon State System of Higher Education	Oregon
1947	* Charles W. Smith	University of Washington	Washington
1948	* M. Belle Sweet	University of Idaho	Idaho
1952	* Margaret J. CFLAy	Victoria Public Library	British Columbia
1952	* Julia Stockett	Vancouver Public Library	British Columbia
1953	* Lucia Haley	Oregon State College	Oregon
1953	* Nell A. Unger	Library Association of Portland	Oregon
1953	* Mabel Doe Wilson	Western Washington College of Education	Washington
1954	* Dr. Helen G. Stewart	Public Library Commission	British Columbia
1959	* John S. Richards	Seattle Public Library	Washington
1960	* Ruth Hale Gershevsky	King County Public Library	Washington
1961	* Gladys S. Puckett	Spokane Public Library	Washington
1963	* Katherine E. Anderson	Library Association of Portland	Oregon
1965	* Kathleen Campbell	Montana State University	Montana
1965	* William Carlson	Oregon State University	Oregon
1966	* Eva Santee	Fort Vancouver Regional Library	Washington
1967	* Eli Oboler	Idaho State University	Idaho
1968	* Lesley M. Heathcote	Montana State University	Montana
1969	* Anne Berry	Vancouver Public Library	British Columbia
1969	Ruth O. Longworth	Montana State Library	Montana
1973	Mary E. Phillips	Library Association of Portland	Oregon
1973	Ronald Ley	Fraser Valley Regional Library	British Columbia
1975	Elizabeth Findley	University of Oregon	Oregon
1975	Maryan E. Reynolds	Washington State Library	Washington
1976	* Eloise Ebert	Oregon State Library	Oregon
1976	Carl Hintz	University of Oregon	Oregon
1976	* Mike Mansfield	Senator	Montana
1976	* Norman D. Alexander	Southern Oregon College	Oregon
1977	* Lure Currier	Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center	Washington
1977	* Marion Milazewski	University of Washington	Washington
1978	Helen Miller	Idaho State Library	Idaho
1978	* Ella Pretty	Fraser Valley Regional Library (Trustee)	British Columbia

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Year	Name	Affiliation	State/Province
1979	Irving Lieberman	University of Washington Library School	Washington
1980	Mollie Hollreigh	Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center	Washington
1981	Mabel Brewer	Flathead County Free Library	Montana
1981	Gary E. Strong	Washington State Library	Washington
1983	Rod Waldron	Oregon State University	Oregon
1987	Sam Rothstein	University of British Columbia	British Columbia
1990	* Richard Moore	Southern Oregon State College	Oregon
1992	Audrey Kolb	Alaska State Library	Alaska
1996	Katherine "Kappy" Eaton	University of Oregon (Retired)	Oregon
1996	Mark O. Hatfield	Senator	Oregon
1996	Pat Williams	Representative	Montana
1999	Karen Hatcher	University of Montana (Missoula)	Montana
2009	Susannah Price	Boise Public Library	Idaho
2011	Mary DeWalt	Ada Community Library	Idaho
2018	Jan Zauha	Montana State University	Montana

* = deceased

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State/Province	Affiliation	Year	Name
Alaska	Alaska State Library	1992	Audrey Kolb
British Columbia	Fraser Valley Regional Library	1973	Ronald Ley
British Columbia	Fraser Valley Regional Library (Trustee)	1978	* Ella Pretty
British Columbia	Public Library Commission	1954	* Dr. Helen G. Stewart
British Columbia	University of British Columbia	1940	* John Ridington
British Columbia	University of British Columbia	1987	Sam Rothstein
British Columbia	Vancouver Public Library	1969	* Anne Berry
British Columbia	Vancouver Public Library	1952	* Julia Stockett
British Columbia	Victoria Public Library	1952	* Margaret J. CFLAy
Idaho	Idaho State Library	1978	Helen Miller
Idaho	Idaho State University	1967	* Eli Oboler
Idaho	University of Idaho	1948	* M. Belle Sweet
Idaho	Boise Public Library	2009	Susannah Price
Montana	Flathead County Free Library	1981	Mabel Brewer
Montana	Montana State Library	1969	Ruth O. Longworth
Montana	Montana State University	1965	* Kathleen Campbell
Montana	Montana State University	1968	* Lesley M. Heathcote
Montana	Representative	1996	Pat Williams
Montana	Senator	1976	* Mike Mansfield
Montana	University of Montana (Missoula)	1999	Karen Hatcher
Montana	Montana State University	2018	Jan Zauha
New York	Superintendent of Work with Children, New York Public Library	1942	* Anne Carroll Moore
Oregon	Lewis and CFLArk College	1940	* E. Ruth Rockwood
Oregon	Library Association of Portland	1963	* Katherine E. Anderson
Oregon	Library Association of Portland	1973	Mary E. Phillips
Oregon	Library Association of Portland	1953	* Nell A. Unger
Oregon	Oregon State College	1953	* Lucia Haley
Oregon	Oregon State Library	1976	* Eloise Ebert
Oregon	Oregon State System of Higher Education	1944	* Lucy M. Lewis
Oregon	Oregon State University	1983	Rod Waldron
Oregon	Oregon State University	1965	* William Carlson
Oregon	Senator	1996	Mark O. Hatfield
Oregon	Southern Oregon College	1976	* Norman D. Alexander
Oregon	Southern Oregon State College	1990	* Richard Moore
Oregon	University of Oregon	1976	Carl Hintz
Oregon	University of Oregon	1975	Elizabeth Findley
Oregon	University of Oregon	1942	* Matthew Hale Douglass
Oregon	University of Oregon (Retired)	1996	Katherine "Kappy" Eaton
Washington	Fort Vancouver Regional Library	1966	* Eva Santee
Washington	King County Public Library	1960	* Ruth Hale Gershevsky
Washington	Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center	1977	* Lure Currier

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Washington	Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center	1980	Mollie Hollreigh
Washington	Seattle Public Library	1959	* John S. Richards
Washington	Seattle Public Library	1942	* Judson T. Jennings
Washington	Spokane Public Library	1961	* Gladys S. Puckett
Washington	University of Washington	1947	* Charles W. Smith
Washington	University of Washington	1977	* Marion Milazewski
Washington	University of Washington Library School	1979	Irving Lieberman
Washington	Washington State Library	1981	Gary E. Strong
Washington	Washington State Library	1975	Maryan E. Reynolds
Washington	Western Washington College of Education	1953	* Mabel Doe Wilson

* = deceased

Conference Locations

Year	Place	State/Province	President	Notes
1909	Seattle	Washington	William E. Henry	
1910	Portland	Oregon	Judson T. Jennings	
1911	Victoria	British Columbia	Mary F. Isom	
1912	No Conference		E. O. S. Scholefield	
1913	Tacoma	Washington	E. O. S. Scholefield	
1914	Spokane	Washington	Franklin F. Hopper	
1915	Salem	Oregon	George W. Fuller	
1916	Everett	Washington	Herbert Killam	
1917	Portland	Oregon	Cornelia Marvin	
1918	Seattle	Washington	John B. Kaiser	
1919	Vancouver	British Columbia	John Ridington	
1920	Portland	Oregon	Charles W. Smith	
1921	Spokane	Washington	Helen G. Stewart	
1922	Olympia	Washington	Judson T. Jennings	
1923	Corvallis	Oregon	Ethel R. Sawyer	
1924	Victoria	British Columbia	John Ridington	
1925	Seattle	Washington	Matthew H. Douglass	Business session during ALA Conference
1926	Big Four	Washington	Matthew H. Douglass	
1927	Gearhart	Oregon	Anne M. Mulheron	Joint Conference with the California Library Association
1928	Vancouver	British Columbia	Joanna H. Sprague	
1929	Spokane	Washington	Edgar S. Robinson	
1930	Los Angeles	California	Ellen G. Smith	Business session during ALA Conference
1931	Gearhart	Oregon	Ellen G. Smith	
1932	Mt. Rainier	Washington	Neil A. Unger	
1933	Victoria	British Columbia	Harriet C. Long	
1934	Walla Walla	Washington	Mabel Doe Wilson	
1935	Portland	Oregon	Margaret J. CFLAy	
1936	Lake Crescent	Washington	Constance R.S. Ewing	
1937	Harrison Hot Springs	British Columbia	Lucy M. Lewis	
1938	Glacier Park	Montana	John S. Richards	
1939	San Francisco	California	J. Elizabeth Olson	Business session during ALA Conference
1940	Mt. Hood	Oregon	Gladys S. Puckett	

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Year	Place	State/Province	President	Notes
1941	Victoria	British Columbia	Willis C. Warren	
1942	Seattle	Washington	Julia C. Stockett	
1943	No Conference		Katherine E. Anderson	
1944	Spokane	Washington	Ruth Hale	
1945	Seattle	Washington	Eleanor Stephens	
1946	Vancouver	British Columbia	W. Kaye Lamb	
1947	Seattle	Washington	Dorothy Alvord	
1948	Glacier Park	Montana	Kathleen Campbell	
1949	Vancouver	British Columbia	Mary E. Blossom	Held during ALA Regional Conference
1950	Portland	Oregon	Anne Smith	
1951	Spokane	Washington	Carla Zimmerman	
1952	Victoria	British Columbia	Lesley M. Heathcote	
1953	Sun Valley	Idaho	Wm. H. Carlson	
1954	Tacoma	Washington	Willard Ireland	
1955	Gearhart	Oregon	Eva Santee	
1956	Pullman	Washington	Eli M. Oboler	
1957	Bozeman	Montana	Alma S. Jacobs	Joint Conference with Mountain Plains Library Association
1958	Victoria	British Columbia	Carl Hintz	
1959	Seattle	Washington	Ronald Ley	
1960	Sun Valley	Idaho	Irving Lieberman	
1961	Eugene	Oregon	Arthur A. DeVolder	
1962	Vancouver	British Columbia	Eloise Ebert	
1963	Yakima	Washington	Merwin Moores	
1964	Glacier Park	Montana	Samuel Rothstein	
1965	Denver	Colorado	Helen Gilbert	Joint Conference with Mountain Plains Library Association
1966	Portland	Oregon	Rodney Waldron	
1967	Coeur d'Alene	Idaho	Alice McCFLAin	
1968	Vancouver	British Columbia	Mary Phillips	
1969	Seattle	Washington	Mary Phillips	
1970	Ashland	Oregon	Maryan Reynolds	
1971	Parkland	Washington	Maryan Reynolds	
1972	Billings	Montana	Marion Milczewski	Meetings also held in Vancouver, BC and Boise, ID
1972	Vancouver	British Columbia	Marion Milczewski	Meetings also held in Billings, MT and Boise, ID

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Year	Place	State/Province	President	Notes	
1972	Boise	Idaho	Marion Milczewski	Meetings also held in Billings, MT and Vancouver, BC	
1973	Portland	Oregon	Marion Milczewski		
1974	Burnaby	British Columbia	Warren Owens		
1975	Big Sky	Montana	Warren Owens		
1976	Eugene	Oregon	Norman Alexander		
1977	Spokane	Washington	Florence Fray		
1978	Anchorage	Alaska	Mary Bates		
1979	Boise	Idaho	Gary E. Strong		
1980	Calgary	Alberta	Irene C. Heninger		
1981	Portland	Oregon	William Hayes		
1982	Vancouver	British Columbia	Joy Scudamore		
1983	Sun Valley	Idaho	Richard Moore		
1984	Billings	Montana	Vicki Kreimeyer		
1985	Eugene	Oregon	Barbara Tolliver		
1986	Vancouver	British Columbia	Fr. Joseph Browne		
1987	Tacoma	Washington	Peggy C. Forcier		
1988	Juneau	Alaska	Ada B.J. Busch		
1989	Coeur d'Alene	Idaho	George Smith	Joint conference with Idaho Library Association	
1990	Portland	Oregon	Carol Hildebrand		
1991	Edmonton	Alberta	Charles Bolles		
1992	Bellevue	Washington	Don Miller		
1993	Kalispell	Montana	June Pinnell-Stephens	Joint conference with Montana Library Association	
1994	Eugene	Oregon	Audrey Kolb		
1995	Whistler	British Columbia	Anne Haley		
1996	Fairbanks	Alaska	Bette Ammon	Joint conference with Alaska Library Association	
1997	Seattle	Washington	Karen Hatcher		
1998	Sun Valley	Idaho	Gordon Ray	Joint conference with Idaho Library Association	
1999	Calgary	Alberta	Andrew Johnson		
2000	Kelowna	British Columbia	Karen Labuik	Joint conference with British Columbia Library Association	May
2001	Corvallis	Oregon	Susannah Price		Aug
2002	Missoula	Montana	Sandy Carlson		Aug
2003	Boise	Idaho	Dan Masoni		Aug
2004	Wenatchee	Washington	Mary DeWalt	Joint with WLA outside Seattle	Aug
2005	Sitka	Alaska	Jan Zauha		Aug.
2006	Eugene	Oregon	Charlotte Glover		Aug.
2007	Edmonton	Alberta	Jason Openo		
2008	Post Falls	Idaho	Kathy Watson		

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2009	Missoula	Montana	Kathy Watson	
2010	Victoria	British Columbia	Samantha Hines	Joint with WLA
2011	Spokane	Washington	Michael Burriss	
2012	Anchorage	Alaska	Michael Burriss	
2013	Boise	Idaho	Heidi Chittim	
2014	Helena	Montana	Kelsey Keyes	
2015	Vancouver	Washington	Honore Bray	
2016	Calgary	Alberta	Gwendolyn Haley	
2017	Post Falls	Idaho	Jenny Grenfell	
2018	Kalispell	Montana	Rick Stoddart	
2019	Spokane	Washington	Jenny Grenfell	
2020	Anchorage	Alaska	Tori Koch	Joint with AKLA

Conference Locations (by State or Province)

State/Province	Place	Year	President	Notes
	No Conference	1912	E. O. S. Scholefield	
	No Conference	1943	Katherine E. Anderson	
Alaska	Anchorage	1978	Mary Bates	
Alaska	Fairbanks	1996	Bette Ammon	Joint conference with Alaska Library Association
Alaska	Juneau	1988	Ada B.J. Busch	
Alaska	Sitka	2005	Jan Zauha	
Alaska	Anchorage	2020	Tori Koch	Joint Conference with AKLA
Alberta	Calgary	1980	Irene C. Heninger	
Alberta	Calgary	1999	Andrew Johnson	
Alberta	Edmonton	1991	Charles Bolles	
Alberta	Edmonton	2007	Jason Openo	
Alberta	Calgary	2016	Gwendolyn Haley	
British Columbia	Burnaby	1974	Warren Owens	
British Columbia	Harrison Hot Springs	1937	Lucy M. Lewis	
British Columbia	Kelowna	2000	Karen Labuik	Joint conference with British Columbia Library Association
British Columbia	Vancouver	1919	John Ridington	
British Columbia	Vancouver	1928	Joanna H. Sprague	
British Columbia	Vancouver	1946	W. Kaye Lamb	
British Columbia	Vancouver	1949	Mary E. Blossom	Held during ALA Regional Conference
British Columbia	Vancouver	1962	Eloise Ebert	
British Columbia	Vancouver	1968	Mary Phillips	
British Columbia	Vancouver	1972	Marion Milczewski	Meetings also held in Billings, MT and Boise, ID
British Columbia	Vancouver	1982	Joy Scudamore	
British Columbia	Vancouver	1986	Fr. Joseph Browne	
British Columbia	Victoria	1911	Mary F. Isom	
British Columbia	Victoria	1924	John Ridington	
British Columbia	Victoria	1933	Harriet C. Long	
British Columbia	Victoria	1941	Willis C. Warren	
British Columbia	Victoria	1952	Lesley M. Heathcote	
British Columbia	Victoria	1958	Carl Hintz	
British Columbia	Whistler	1995	Anne Haley	
British Columbia	Victoria	2010	Samantha Hines	Joint conference with WLA
California	Los Angeles	1930	Ellen G. Smith	Business session during ALA Conference
California	San Francisco	1939	J. Elizabeth Olson	Business session during ALA Conference

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Colorado	Denver	1965	Helen Gilbert	Joint conference with Mountain Plain Lib Assn
Idaho	Boise	1972	Marion Milczewski	Meetings also held in Billings, MT and Vancouver, BC
Idaho	Boise	1979	Gary E. Strong	
Idaho	Coeur d'Alene	1967	Alice McCFLAin	
Idaho	Coeur d'Alene	1989	George Smith	Joint conference with Idaho Library Association
Idaho	Sun Valley	1953	Wm. H. Carlson	
Idaho	Sun Valley	1960	Irving Lieberman	
Idaho	Sun Valley	1983	Richard Moore	
Idaho	Sun Valley	1998	Gordon Ray	Joint conference with Idaho Library Association
Idaho	Boise	2003	Dan Masoni	
Idaho	Post Falls	2008	Kathy Watson	
Idaho	Boise	2013	Heidi Chittim	
Idaho	Post Falls	2017	Jenny Grenfell	
Montana	Big Sky	1975	Warren Owens	
Montana	Billings	1972	Marion Milczewski	Meetings also held in Vancouver, BC and Boise, ID
Montana	Billings	1984	Vicki Kreimeyer	
Montana	Bozeman	1957	Alma S. Jacobs	Joint Conference with Mountain Plains Library Association
Montana	Glacier Park	1938	John S. Richards	
Montana	Glacier Park	1948	Kathleen Campbell	
Montana	Glacier Park	1964	Samuel Rothstein	
Montana	Kalispell	1993	June Pinnell-Stephens	Joint conference with Montana Library Association
Montana	Kalispell	2018	Rick Stoddart	
Montana	Missoula	2002	Sandra Carlson	
Montana	Missoula	2009	Kathy Watson	
Montana	Helena	2014	Kelsey Keyes	
Oregon	Ashland	1970	Maryan Reynolds	
Oregon	Corvallis	1923	Ethel R. Sawyer	
Oregon	Corvallis	2001	Susannah Price	
Oregon	Eugene	1961	Arthur A. DeVolder	
Oregon	Eugene	1976	Norman Alexander	
Oregon	Eugene	1985	Barbara Tolliver	
Oregon	Eugene	1994	Audrey Kolb	

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Oregon	Eugene	2006	Charlotte Glover	
Oregon	Gearhart	1927	Anne M. Mulheron	Joint Conference with the California Library Association
Oregon	Gearhart	1931	Ellen G. Smith	
Oregon	Gearhart	1955	Eva Santee	
Oregon	Mt. Hood	1940	Gladys S. Puckett	
Oregon	Portland	1910	Judson T. Jennings	
Oregon	Portland	1917	Cornelia Marvin	
Oregon	Portland	1920	Charles W. Smith	
Oregon	Portland	1935	Margaret J. CFLAy	
Oregon	Portland	1950	Anne Smith	
Oregon	Portland	1966	Rodney Waldron	
Oregon	Portland	1973	Marion Milczewski	
Oregon	Portland	1981	William Hayes	
Oregon	Portland	1990	Carol Hildebrand	
Oregon	Salem	1915	George W. Fuller	
Washington	Bellevue	1992	Don Miller	
Washington	Big Four	1926	Matthew H. Douglass	
Washington	Everett	1916	Herbert Killam	
Washington	Lake Crescent	1936	Constance R.S. Ewing	
Washington	Mt. Rainier	1932	Neil A. Unger	
Washington	Olympia	1922	Judson T. Jennings	
Washington	Parkland	1971	Maryan Reynolds	
Washington	Pullman	1956	Eli M. Oboler	
Washington	Seattle	1909	William E. Henry	
Washington	Seattle	1918	John B. Kaiser	
Washington	Seattle	1925	Matthew H. Douglass	Business session during ALA Conference
Washington	Seattle	1942	Julia C. Stockett	
Washington	Seattle	1945	Eleanor Stephens	
Washington	Seattle	1947	Dorothy Alvord	
Washington	Seattle	1959	Ronald Ley	
Washington	Seattle	1969	Mary Phillips	
Washington	Seattle	1997	Karen Hatcher	
Washington	Spokane	1914	Franklin F. Hopper	
Washington	Spokane	1921	Helen G. Stewart	
Washington	Spokane	1929	Edgar S. Robinson	
Washington	Spokane	1944	Ruth Hale	
Washington	Spokane	1951	Carla Zimmerman	
Washington	Spokane	1977	Florence Fray	
Washington	Spokane	2019	Jenny Grenfell	
Washington	Tacoma	1913	E. O. S. Scholefield	
Washington	Tacoma	1954	Willard Ireland	
Washington	Tacoma	1987	Peggy C. Forcier	
Washington	Vancouver	2015	Honore Bray	

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State/Province	Place	Year	President	Notes
Washington	Walla Walla	1934	Mabel Doe Wilson	
Washington	Wenatchee	2004	Mary DeWalt	Joint conference with WLA
Washington	Yakima	1963	Merwin Moores	

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