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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES  
NH STATE LIBRARY

20 Park Street Concord, New Hampshire 03301

July 29, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, New Hampshire State Library, requests renewal of a membership with the American Library Association (VC #175432), Chicago, IL in the amount of \$2,733 upon Governor and Executive Council approval for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. **100% Federal Funds**

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in the following account in FY 2020 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget.

	<b><u>FY 2020</u></b>
03-35-35-353010-25540000	
Federal Library Programs	\$2,733
026-500251 Organizational Dues	

**EXPLANATION**

The New Hampshire State Library (State Library) is requesting permission to renew its membership with the American Library Association (ALA), the oldest and largest Library Association in the world. The membership provides access to a wide range of tools, toolkits, and other types of library information, as well as offers professional support and connections to others in this specialized field.

Following is a completed questionnaire developed for Organizational dues and membership requests. A copy of the invoice is also attached.

- How long has this Organization been in existence, and how long has this Agency been a member of this Organization?** The ALA was founded in 1876 during the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia and the State Library has been a member for most of those years.
- Is there any other Organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your Agency belongs to?** No, the ALA is the only nationwide association for public libraries.
- How many other states belong to this Organization, and is your Agency the sole New Hampshire State Agency that is a member?** All libraries are eligible to be members; no other NH State Agency is a member of the ALA.
- How is the dues structure established?** The dues are based on organizational structure and the population it serves; divisional memberships are priced separately.
- What benefit does the State receive from participating in this membership?** The ALA provides leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and

the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.

6. **Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.** The ALA provides opportunities for the professional development and education of all library staff members and trustees; it promotes continuous, lifelong learning for all people through library and information services. The cost is not included but offered at a reduced rate.
7. **Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Membership is not required to receive any federal grants or to participate in licensing or certification exams.**
8. **Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.** No, travel is not included in the membership fee. If a member is elected to the ALA Council, those costs are covered by the sponsoring association.
9. **Which State agency employees are directly involved with this Organization? Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the Organization.** The ALA has over 60,000 members; officers are nominated and elected by members. Lori Fisher, Administrator of Library Operations, was recently elected by the New Hampshire Library Association Membership to be the NH Library Association voting representative to ALA Council, the policy-making body of ALA with 184 councilors. Her term is 2019-2021.
10. **Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this Organization.** The State Library would not have a library advocate working on its behalf in Washington, DC.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah L. Stewart  
Commissioner



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Library  
Association

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### MEMBERSHIP DETAIL

S5	Library Membership Basic Dues	\$2,000.00
ALSC	Association for Library Service to Children	\$55.00
ASGCLA	Assoc of Specialized, Government and Coop Library Agencies	\$500.00
PLA	Public Library Association	\$106.00
YALSA	Young Adult Library Services Association	\$72.00

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0066018	08/31/2019	VERY LG STATE LIB	\$2,733.00

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