

CALA

CHINESE AMERICAN LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION

An Affiliate of the American Library Association

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History at a Glance

- ❖ Founded as Mid-West Chinese American Librarians Association in 1973
- ❖ Developed into a national organization as Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) in 1976
- ❖ Has been affiliated with the American Library Association (ALA) since 1976
- ❖ Expanded by the merge in 1983 with the Chinese Librarians Association (a California regional association founded in 1974).
- ❖ At present, has seven chapters in the United States, along with members in Canada, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, and other countries and regions

Activities

CALA provides its members opportunities for networking by sponsoring national and regional programs, meetings and banquets, and for the annual CALA Banquet, held in conjunction with the ALA annual conference. Each year CALA and its chapters sponsor programs on issues and topics of importance to members and other librarians. Library experts, information professionals, educators and community leaders have been invited to speak at CALA's programs. These activities provide excellent opportunities for librarians to network, to make new friends and to visit old friends. These activities also provide us good opportunities to share experience and expertise, to discuss issues of mutual concern, and to promote Sino-American librarianship and information exchange.

Awards, Scholarships, and Grants

CALA has established the Distinguished Service Award since 1980 and the President's Recognition Award since 1990 to honor the best librarians who made exceptional contributions.

CALA awards the following grants and scholarships annually to CALA members to engage in research and professional activities, contributing to the librarianship in general and Chinese American librarianship in particular. The scholarships are awarded to outstanding students of Chinese heritage who study in North America. For more information, please visit <http://www.cala-web.org/scholarships.index.htm>

- ❖ CALA Scholarship (\$1,000 annually)
- ❖ Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu Memorial Grant and Scholarships (\$1,000 annually)
- ❖ Sally C. Tseng's Professional Development and Research Grant (\$1,000 annually)
- ❖ Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship of Library and Information Science (\$500 annually)
- ❖ C. C. Seetoo Conference Travel Scholarship (\$500 annually)

Highlights of Recent Developments

- ❖ Within CALA
Started mentorship program in 2004 to invigorate the profession by nurturing future library leaders and encouraging professional growth for all members
More information: <http://www.cala-web.org/mentorship/index.htm>
- ❖ In ALA
Co-sponsored the first Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) in 2006 for the purpose of promoting library service to diverse communities
More information: <http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/jointconferenceoflibrariansofcolor/jclc2006.htm>
- ❖ At International Level
Initiated the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series in 2006 to conduct training seminars with Chinese libraries on issues of librarianship
More information: Contact CALA International Relations Committee

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