DONATE TO SUPPORT PLA 2022 CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Help the Public Library Association (PLA) support the future of public libraries by donating to the Friends of PLA Fund! If you donate by February 2022, your donation will go toward providing library workers and students the opportunity to sharpen their skills, reconnect with colleagues, and revitalize their passion for the vital work they do at the PLA 2022 Conference in Portland, Oregon, March 23–25.

PLA is committed to creating an inclusive environment for all of our members and is consistently advocating for equity, diversity, inclusion, and social justice (EDISJ). In awarding the scholarships and grants, preference will be given to applicants from diverse cultural/ethnic backgrounds and applicants who identify as members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS
Your donation will go toward providing 15 public library workers or library school students with complimentary registration to the PLA 2022 Conference (worth $330+), a free year of ALA/PLA membership (worth $75+), and a $500 stipend for travel and housing. Five scholarships will be awarded in each of the three scholarship categories: 1) Early-career Library Staff, 2) Non-salaried or Unemployed Library Staff, and 3) Library School Student.

SPECTRUM SCHOLAR TRAVEL GRANTS
In order to increase EDISJ in the public library field, PLA is working with the ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS) to provide 10 Spectrum Scholars the opportunity to attend the PLA 2022 Conference. The purpose of these grants is to introduce Spectrum Scholars to public librarianship and to provide networking opportunities within the profession. Your donation will go toward sponsoring these travel grants, which will provide Spectrum Scholars with complimentary registration to the PLA 2022 Conference (worth $330+), a free year of ALA/PLA membership (worth $75+), an invitation to attend the PLA 2022 President’s Reception, and a $1,000 stipend for travel and housing.
HOW TO DONATE
To make your donation, please visit https://ec.ala.org/donate and select "Divisions" > "PLA" > and enter your donation amount in the box for "Friends of PLA." All donations made to PLA from November 2021 through February 2022 will be applied to the PLA 2022 Conference scholarships and grants. Your tax-deductible donation will help to ensure the future vitality of the profession and the association. Thank you in advance for your contribution and helping support the advancement of public libraries!

BENEFITS OF GIVING

BRONZE: $50+
Donate $50 or more and be recognized on the PLA 2022 Conference website.

SILVER: $500+
Donate $500 or more and receive Bronze benefits PLUS an invitation to the PLA 2022 President’s Reception and VIP seating at the PLA 2022 Opening and Closing Sessions.

GOLD: $1,000+
Donate $1,000 or more and receive Bronze and Silver benefits PLUS a complimentary ticket to a PLA 2022 Author Lunch (worth $60).

CONTACT US
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