



Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) Council adopted resolution CD#41-7618 "Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation" stating that the American Library Association participated both passively and actively, in the disenfranchisement of African American librarians, depriving them of the resources of a professional association;

Whereas between 1954 with the Brown v. Board of Education decision through 1968, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) took no action to publicly support Brown or to oppose segregated public school libraries; segregated school library associations as AASL representatives until the mid -1960s. In 1951, AASL quietly decided that in its state-member Assembly, segregated black and white state library associations could each appoint one representative, but those



Whereas equity, diversity and inclusion are at the forefront of AASL policies, our strategic, and our operational plans;

Whereas equity, diversity and inclusion are within every area of school librarian practice including collection development, professional development, recruiting, mentoring, and



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Endorsers:

Diane Chen, American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Councilor

Kimberly Patton, Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Councilor

Elizabeth Nebeker, Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Councilor

Kathy Lester, Councilor-at-Large, AASL President-



Jessamyn West, Vermont Library Association
Lisa Scroggins, Wyoming Library Association

Footnotes:

¹ALA. Freedom to Read Statement.

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/freedomreadstatement>

²ALA. Intellectual Freedom. Core Values.

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/corevalues>

³ALA. Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights. <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/minors>

⁴ALA. Access to Resources and Services in the School Library: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights. <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/accessresources>

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American Library Association. (2021, May). Leroy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund.
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