

The ALA Council deferred action on this resolution until the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting

RESOLUTION ON GUN VIOLENCE AFFECTING LIBRARIES, LIBRARY WORKERS,  
AND LIBRARY PATRONS

Whereas on June 12, 2016, 49 people were murdered by gunfire in Orlando, FL, the host city of the 2016 Annual ALA conference;

Whereas the safety and security of all communities served by libraries across the United States are constantly threatened by unexpected and potentially lethal gun violence;

Whereas the safety and security of workers in, and patrons served by, libraries of all kinds in all areas of the country are vulnerable to unexpected and potentially lethal gun violence;

Whereas the incidence and scale of gun murders and other gun violence in the United States are far greater than those in any other advanced country;

Whereas that incidence and scale are directly affected by the ready availability of guns (handguns, assault rifles, etc.) in the United States due to lax gun laws, the absence of sensible gun control laws, and the efforts of the gun lobby and the manufacturers of guns to resist these controls;

Whereas ALA passed a Resolution on Gun Violence in 2015 spurred on by the murder of our colleague Cynthia Umrigar, murdered by gunfire in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 17, 2015; and

Whereas the only thing needed for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing and to remain silent; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) on behalf of its members

1. extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of the 49 people who were shot dead at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, and to all the families and friends of the thousands of victims of gun violence;
2. deplores the gun violence that materially affects the communities we serve;
3. works with other professional associations to support sensible and effective and national gunsafety ODZV R S S R V H ` J X Q I U b, the particular any Web Disinf that J L V O D W permits the carrying of guns or near libraries and schools;

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4. callson Congress to lift restrictions that prohibit the Centers Disease Control and Prevention and other Department of Health and Human Services agencies from conducting gun violence research as a response to library communities in crisis
5. resolves to advance the idea of libraries mitigating violence in our culture by serving as 'V Davesu IRU WKH SXEOLF DV HYLGHQFHG GXULQJ WKH and Baltimore, MD and by offering public education opportunities that advance the notion of libraries as perpetuators of peace.

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WORKERS, AND LIBRARY PATRONS

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