



BREAKING NEWS

Quarterly News from the
Library Support Staff Certification Program

October 2013

Candidates and Graduates

Library support staff continue to enroll in the LSSC Program. As of October 4th, there are 439 candidates enrolled in the program; 374 active candidates working towards their certification and 65 Certified Library Support Staff who have completed the program. Candidates and certification holders come from 45 states.

Certified Library Support Staff pins are here!

The LSSC Program is proud to offer these Certified Library Support Staff pins to all of our current and future graduates. Past graduates of the program have already received their pins and have even started sharing photos of themselves sporting their CLSS designation on Facebook. Check out the [LSSC Facebook](#) page to see some of these photos of our graduates along with select quotes from them about their experiences in the program.



Upcoming/OnDemand Webinars

October 28th, 2pm Central Time – *An Introduction to the LSSC Program*

On **Monday, October 28th at 2:00 pm (Central)**, LSSC will offer an hour-long webinar on the program and how it works. The presentation will explain the value of this certification to Library Support Staff, employers, and library users. You will also have the opportunity to have all of your questions answered by program staff members. This webinar is open to all interested candidates. Register to attend at:

<http://ala.adobeconnect.com/ezhjxemnay/event/registration.html>

Conversations with Graduates

The LSSC Program is happy to present two separate recordings of our hour-long Conversations with Graduates informational webinar, each featuring two different LSSC Graduates. The Graduates offer their opinions on the program as well as comments on their experience working towards becoming Certified Library Support Staff. If you are interested in learning about the LSSC Program directly from participants, these are the recordings to watch!

- **2013, April 25 – Conversations with Graduates** (YouTube archived webinar):
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tP04UQj1RPc>
- **2013, June 18 – Conversations with Graduates** (Adobe Connect webinar recording):
<http://ala.adobeconnect.com/p2h0gkelzd4/>

You can find more archived webinars and tutorials on the [Webinars and Presentations](#) section of our website or on our [YouTube channel](#).

ALA-APA Annual Fundraiser: *The Networking Reception*

Tickets to the [American Library Association-Allied Professional Association](#) (ALA-APA) annual fundraising event, [The Networking Reception](#), are now available! The event will be held on **Saturday, January 25, 2014, 8:00-10:00 pm, during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. Tickets are priced at \$50.** The ALA-APA is a nonprofit organization chartered in the State of Illinois and serves as a companion organization to the [American Library Association](#) (ALA). It is the unit within ALA charged with administering the LSSC Program.



To register for the event online, please visit: <http://alamw14.ala.org/ticketed-events>. You may also send a check to the ALA-APA office at 50 East Huron, Chicago, IL 60611. If for some reason you are unable to attend, we would still appreciate your support. Our goal this year is to sell at least 200 tickets.

Proceeds from the event support the ALA-APA's work in promoting "the mutual professional interests of librarians and other library workers" through research, advocacy and enabling the certification of individuals in specializations beyond the initial professional degree. If you would still like to support the cause, we encourage you to make a [donation](#). Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact: info@ala-apa.org for more information.

Programs at ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia



If you are coming to the ALA Midwinter meetings in Philadelphia, be sure and join us for the certification update on **Sunday, January 26th, 8:30 – 10:00am**. A location has not been assigned yet, but you can check the [Midwinter website](#) for updates. Both LSSC and the [Certified Public Library Administrator](#) (CPLA) Program will have information about the programs and current changes. We invite current and potential candidates, graduates of both programs, current educational providers of courses for candidates, and employers, trustees, and anyone interested in finding out about ALA certification programs. Personal stories and experiences are welcome and all questions will be answered (we hope).

For more information about LSSC, email lssc@ala.org, head to the [LSSC website](#), or email /call Ian Lashbrook at ilashbrook@yahoo.com or 1-800-545-2433, ext 2424.