



BREAKING NEWS

Quarterly News from the
Library Support Staff Certification Program

January 2014

Candidates and Graduates

Library support staff continue to enroll in the LSSC Program. As of January 13th, 2014, there are 448 candidates enrolled in the program; 373 active candidates working towards their certification and 75 Certified Library Support Staff who have completed the program. Candidates and certification holders come from 45 states.

LSSC approved as meeting the requirements of the Oklahoma Public Librarian Certification Program

The [Oklahoma Department of Libraries](#) (ODL) and the [Oklahoma Library Association](#) (OLA) Library Board have approved the LSSC Program as meeting requirements of the [Oklahoma Public Librarian Certification Program](#) at the highest level. Much thanks goes to Nancy Bolt for helping to work this agreement out. The full press release can be found on the [ALA website](#).



ALA-APA Informational video



The [American Library Association-Allied Professional Association](#), the sister organization to the [American Library Association](#), recently released a short informational video highlighting all of the programs and initiatives it manages. Check out the [ALA-APA YouTube Channel](#) to view the video and learn more about the “*organization for the advancement of library employees.*”

The Certified Library Support Staff pins are a hit!

The LSSC Program has been sharing photos of our graduates with their CLSS pins on Facebook and the response has been fantastic! Check out the [LSSC Facebook](#) page to see some of these photos along with select quotes from them about their experiences in the program.



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 in the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 105B**. 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).

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, cash and check will be accepted at the door.** 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.



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.

OnDemand Webinars

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](#).

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