

Fast-tracking Your Professional Reputation: Publishing Books and Getting Involved in ALA

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How can you get published if you haven't yet done empirical research? How do you get your name on the cover as editor of a professional book? How does joining library associations—whether at the state or national level—benefit you? In this presentation, learn about the book proposal process, how to contribute chapters to edited books, and how getting involved in library associations (particularly ALA) can lead to leadership opportunities and job offers.

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