

ALA Councilor Report – 6  
Quarterly Report – Dec. 2009  
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I sent out several informational announcements to the NDLA listserv.

Sent to NDLA list

2009-10-15 Public libraries urged to participate in national technology study

2009-10-20 North Dakota Library Association Planning Forum – notes from conference

Posted on ALA Blog

2009-10-9 ALA-APA Now Accepting Course Proposals for Library Support Staff Certification Program (LSSC)

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2009-11-24 ALA Responds to FCC Call for Comments on Broadband, E-Rate

ALA's Endowment's performance

Through September 2009, the balance stood at \$27,991,766. The low point was February 09 at \$21,298,663. That's an improvement of about \$6.7M. We're still a good deal away from the high of \$31+M in 2007, but this is a very nice recovery. Of course the equities market is up, but the Trustees maintain a very balanced portfolio that will take advantages of changes in all sectors.

ALA financial status (2009-10-30)

We are pleased to report that, based on preliminary year-end figures, these efforts were successful. Thanks to the cost cutting measures implemented in April, we were able to end the year with a balanced budget and small surplus despite a revenue shortfall that did ultimately hit \$3 million. This outcome has allowed us to provide some one-time, partial compensation to furloughed staff, and to make a modest contribution to the Association's reserve.

Most importantly, we believe that the Association has been able to maintain a strong focus on serving libraries and our members. Despite budget cuts, we have continued and will continue to move ahead on important initiatives such as ALA Connect and those related to increased advocacy for libraries. The first and foremost goal will continue to be service to members, libraries and the public.

ALA Midwinter will be held in Boston and I will be attending.