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2020 ALA Midwinter Conference

**ALA Committee on Legislation
Report to Council
2020 Midwinter Meeting—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Subcommittee Reports

Copyright

The Copyright Legislation, Education and Advocacy Network (CLEAN) subcommittee is focusing its

Grassroots

COL Grassroots subcommittee met in person during ALA's 2020 Midwinter meeting. During their convening the group received a brief update regarding the eBooks advocacy initiative from ALA staff and discussed avenues for assisting with the efforts. The subcommittee was charged by the chair to begin the collection of patron stories which highlight how the eBook embargo has affected their usership experience. The subcommittee will send all relevant stories to ALA Public Policy staff. Next the subcommittee discussed efforts to help promote registration for the 2020 National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) as well as virtual participation in NLLD. The subcommittee was charged by the chair to commit to enrolling 10 advocates in virtual NLLD before the next check-in call in March. In addition, the subcommittee will be working on new advocacy tools to compliment NLLD programing. Lastly, subcommittee members recorded brief testimonial videos regarding why they are a library advocate. The testimonial videos will be used for NLLD promotion and other advocacy initiatives in 2020.

Committee on Library Advocacy

COL and COLA continue to work closely together. As ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy team has evolved and grown over the last year, a parallel shift to better align our committee has also been intentional—focused on the goal of better aligning our national, state, and local advocacy efforts. COLA met this Midwinter to discuss the soon-to-be launched [Advocacy Academy](#), an ALA training which urges attendees to re-think advocacy: to re-define the library y ycomming ((a)3.1 9(1)-2. 3 4B(t)-2. 3 3 (o)-

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provide access to digital content such as e-books. We call on ALA members to join us in advocating on these key copyright, licensing, and competition issues in 2020:

E-books and digital content: Federal and state scrutiny of unfair and anti-competitive practices that limit libraries' ability to meet their users' reading and information needs.

Copyright Office: Preserving the Librarian of the Congress' authority to manage and oversee the Copyright Office, and continued modernization of the Library's and Office's information infrastructure.

Government Information and Services

Libraries provide access to [government information](#) and services in communities across the country. ALA supports policies that assist libraries in providing no-fee permanent public access to government information and equitable access to government services. We call on ALA members to join us in advocating on these key government information issues in 2020: