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Whereas the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) was founded in 1980 and became formally affiliated with the American Library Association (ALA) in 1983;

Whereas APALA was organized by librarians of diverse Asian Pacific ancestries committed to working together with a common commitment to support and provide greater visibility for Asian American/Pacific Islander librarians and to advance services to Asian American/Pacific Islander communities;

Whereas APALA celebrates its 35th anniversary in 2015;

Whereas APALA provides opportunities for networking for professional librarians to meet, communicate, and collaborate with ALA and other ethnic associations;

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Supporting ALA Emerging Leaders: Since 2007, APALA has provided financial support to 12 members to participate in the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders program. These participants have worked on a variety of projects for ALA's Divisions, Round Tables, and Ethnic Affiliates and have gone on to many leadership roles within the library community and profession.

Providing Scholarships to MLIS students and support to the ALA Spectrum Initiative.

Proudly co-sponsoring and participating in the 2006 and 2012 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC).

Recognizing Asian American/Pacific Islander Literature through its annual Asian/Pacific American Awards for Literature (APAAL). The Literature Award also celebrates its fifteenth year anniversary this year by continuing its tradition of recognizing excellence in Asian American/Pacific Islander literature.