

**American Library Association
Midwinter Executive Board
President-Elect Report – Sari Feldman**

ALA Leadership

I continue to feel fortunate to have such strong support and collegial relationships with ALA Leadership, Courtney L. Young, Barbara Stripling and Mario Gonzalez. The entire Executive Board and ALA staff has also provided guidance as I move forward to prepare for my first conference as President-Elect.

New York Publisher Visits

From December 1-3, I participated in the collective effort of the American Library Association to discuss the current and future state of ebook access in separate meetings with representatives of Macmillan Publishers, Penguin Random House, and Hachette Book Group. ALA President Courtney L. Young and the co-chairs of ALA's Digital Content Working Group (DCWG), Carolyn Anthony and Erika Linke, focused our conversation.. Also included in the group were immediate Past President Barbara Stripling, Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels, and Alan S. Inouye, the director of ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy.

The discussion focused on business models, preservation, pricing, marketing opportunities and increasing the relationship between publishers and libraries. This is particularly important to improve the discoverability and the access for library users. The dialogue is invaluable and ALA has certainly been a critical voice in improving access to Big Five content.

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