KEY WASHINGTON OFFICE RESOURCES
A Quick Reference Guide

The Washington Office offers a variety of online resources about current federal issues that impact libraries. In addition to ALA’s lobbyists, who are happy to answer any question you may have, each resource contains much of the same information and you can choose to access one or more of them to suit your needs.

**District Dispatch**: [districtdispatch.org]
District Dispatch is the official blog of the ALA Washington Office. You can view all vital information from the Washington Office including press releases, news on library-related legislation, and other updates from OGR and OITP. Sign-up is quick and easy, offering e-mail and RSS feed notices.

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**ALA Washington Office website**: [ala.org/wo]
Home to the Office of Government Relations (OGR) and the Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP), the Washington Office website is a robust source of information. Research federal legislation in the OGR section or technology policy research in the OITP section.

**Legislative Action Center**: [ala.org/takeaction]
The Legislative Action Center (LAC) is ALA’s pipeline to Capitol Hill. It features updates on all the important library-related legislation making its way through Congress. More importantly, it allows you to find email and phone contact information for your members of Congress while also providing talking points on the key issues. Be sure to share personal stories with your Congressional members about how the legislation you’re contacting them about impacts your library.

**Webinars**: [vimeo.com/album/196486]
The ALA Washington Office offers regular webinars on a variety of advocacy-related topics. Previous online courses have included coalition building, what to expect from Congress in the near future, and broadband stimulus application assistance. After each webinar, the content is archived and placed on this Web page.

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