

# SELECTED LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



The following is a brief summary of major national and regional organizations and their student chapters. The Simmons Library receives the journals published by these organizations and they are good sources of information on membership and professional events. Library organizations encourage student involvement, and it is to your professional benefit to know the people and groups in your field.

## **ALA: American Library Association**

**Mission/Objective:** "... to provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all."

**Membership:** open, on calendar year basis. Student membership at a special rate.

**Journal publication:** *American Libraries*, distributed free to members.

**Misc.:** hosts many committees, roundtables and special divisions. Student chapter at Simmons.

**For info:** contact Em Claire Knowles, Chapter Advisor; national organization at 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611, 800-545-2433

**Web site:** <http://www.ala.org>

**E-mail:** [membership@ala.org](mailto:membership@ala.org)

## **ACRL: Association of College and Research Libraries**

**Mission/Objective:** division of ALA established to foster the profession of academic and research libraries to serve effectively the library and information needs of current and potential library users.

**Membership:** open, on calendar year basis.

**Journal publications:** *College and Research Libraries*, *College and Research Libraries News*, both distributed free to members.

**Misc.:** ACRL New England Chapter membership included with ACRL national student membership.

**For info:** The Association of College and Research Libraries, American Library Association, 50 E.Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, or call 800-545-2433 x 2523.

**Web site:** <http://www.ala.org/acrl>

**E-mail:** [acrl@ala.org](mailto:acrl@ala.org)

## **ALISE: Association for Library and Information Science Education**

**Mission/Objective:** "... to promote excellence in research, teaching, and service for library and information science education."

**Membership:** open, includes special student membership.

**Journal publication:** *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*.

**For info:** write to The Association for Library and Information Science Education, 1009 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 150, PO Box 4219, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or call (865) 481-0390.

**Web site:** <http://www.alise.org/>

**E-mail:** [contact@alise.org](mailto:contact@alise.org)

## **ARMA International: Association for Information Management Professionals**

**Mission/Objective:** to promote a scientific interest in records and information management.

**Membership:** open, includes special student membership.

**Journal publication:** *Information Management Journal*.

**For info:** write to ARMA International, 13725 W. 109th St., Suite 101, Lenexa, KS 66215 or call 800-422-2762.

**Website:** <http://www.arma.org/>

**E-mail:** [hq@arma.org](mailto:hq@arma.org)

## **ASI: American Society for Indexing**

**Mission/Objective:** "...to promote excellence in indexing and to increase awareness of the value of well-written and well-designed indexes."

**Membership:** open to students.

**Journal publications:** *Key Words*, distributed free to students. *The Indexer* is published for British and Australian associations.

**Misc.:** Massachusetts Society of Indexers is the regional chapter.

**For info.:** see Candy Schwartz or write to The American Society of Indexers, 10200 West 44th Avenue, Suite 304, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 or call 303- 463-2887.

**Web site:** <http://www.asindexing.org>

**E-mail:** [info@asindexing.org](mailto:info@asindexing.org)

## **ASIS&T: American Society for Information Science & Technology**

**Mission/Objective:** "...to advance the information sciences and related applications of information technology by providing focus, opportunity, and support to information professionals and organizations."

**Membership:** open, student membership at special rate.

**Journal publications:** *JASIST: Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology*, *ARIST: Annual Review of Information Science and Technology*, and *The Bulletin of American Society for Information Science*.

**Misc.:** sponsors a wide variety of special interest groups, some with a theoretical orientation unusual among library organizations. New England Chapter membership included with ASIS national. Student chapter at Simmons.

**For info:** see Candy Schwartz about national and local chapters or the Simmons chapter or write to American Society for Information Science and Technology, 1320 Fenwick Lane, Suite 510, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or call (301) 495-0900.

**Web site:** <http://www.asist.org/>

**E-mail:** [asis@asis.org](mailto:asis@asis.org)

## **MLA: Massachusetts Library Association**

**Mission/Objective:** to promote library service and the library profession in Massachusetts.

**Membership:** open, on calendar year basis. Special student membership rate.

**Journal publications:** *Bay State Libraries*.

**Misc.:** sponsors special interest committees and roundtables.

**For info:** Massachusetts Library PO Box 535, Bedford, MA 01730. 781-275-7729

**Web site:** <http://www.masslib.org>

**E-mail:** [mloffice@masslib.org](mailto:mloffice@masslib.org)

## **MSLA: Massachusetts School Library Media Association**

**Mission/Objective:** "MSLA advocates for school library programs that have a significant and measurable impact on student achievement."

**Membership:** open, on November to October basis, student membership at special rate.

**Journal publication:** *Media Forum*.

**Misc.:** sponsors annual video contest.

**For info:** write to MSLMA, PO Box 658, Lunenburg, MA 01462.

**Web site:** <http://maschoollibraries.org/>

**E-mail:** [klowe@maschoollibraries.org](mailto:klowe@maschoollibraries.org)

## **NELA: New England Library Association**

**Mission/Objective:** "...to promote excellence in library services to the people of New England and to advance the leadership role of its members in developing and ensuring that excellence."

**Membership:** open, on calendar year basis. Special student membership rate.

**Journal publication:** *New England Libraries*, distributed free to members.

**For info:** write to New England Library Association, 31 Connor Lane, Wilton, NH 03086 or call 603-654-3533.

**Web site:** <http://www.nelib.org/>

**E-mail:** [maryann@nelib.org](mailto:maryann@nelib.org)

## **SAA: Society of American Archivists**

**Mission/Objective:** to promote sound archival practice and to facilitate cooperation among archivists and archival agencies.

**Membership:** open, includes special student membership rate.

**Journal publications:** *American Archivist*, and *Archival Outlook*.

**For info:** write to 527 S. Wells St., 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60607-3922 or call (312) 922-0140.

**Web site:** <http://www.archivists.org/>

**E-mail:** [info@archivists.org](mailto:info@archivists.org)

## **SLA: Special Libraries Association**

**Mission/Objective:** "... to promote and strengthen its members through learning, advocacy, and networking initiatives."

**Membership:** open, on Jan.-Dec. and July-June basis.

**Journal publication:** *Information Outlook*.

**Misc.:** Boston Chapter is large and active.

**For info:** see Jim Matarazzo or write to 331 South Patrick Street Alexandria, VA 22314-3501 or call (703) 647-4900

**Web site:** <http://www.sla.org/>

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