

I'm pleased to submit this report relating to my participation in the A.L.A. Annual Conference and Exhibition in Washington, D.C. in June. I attended several events including:

Research: A Users Experience

Peer reviewed papers presented by researchers in the field.

Gaming, Information, Literacy and the College Student

I learned how the gaming elements of urgency, complexity, learning by trial and error, active learning, experimental learning, and problem-based learning inform our goal of producing information literate students.

A.L.A. President's Program Speaker

Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

"A Contract with Our Future"

Kennedy discussed the role that our natural surroundings play in our work, our health, and our identity as Americans.

Auditorium Speakers Series

American Libraries Presents Julie Andrews

A longtime advocate for children's causes and literacy, Andrews has now focused her talent on children's books.

President's Program

Time Odyssey: Visions of Reference and User Services

Five speakers offered pictures of how they might imagine the library world will be 10 years from now.

I thank LIBRAS for the funding that enabled me to visit Washington and to confer, converse, and otherwise hobnob with my fellow wizards.

Sincerely,

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