

## United for Libraries Virtual Conference for Trustees, Friends, and Library Foundations

“United for Libraries Virtual: Trustees – Friends – Foundations” will be held Aug. 4-6, 2020. This interactive three-day virtual event will feature expert speakers on current topics facing library Trustees, Friends, Foundations, and staff who work with them.

Program topics include:

- Advocacy and Equity: How Library Boards Can Create Lasting Impact through Compelling Cases and Outreach
- Understanding Donor Data Analytics: Why it Matters and What You Can Do With It
- Strategies for Solving Board Problems
- Great Boards Don't Happen by Accident: A Proactive Approach to Building an Effective Board
- Working with Friends and Foundations: Playing for the Same Team
- Ask, Listen, Plan: Engaged Planning for Trustees, Directors and Other Library Leaders
- and more!

For details and to register, visit [www.ala.org/united/virtual](http://www.ala.org/united/virtual). If you're unable to make it on the live dates, sessions will also be recorded and available for 12 months afterward.

## ALA COVID-19 resources guide path toward reopening and recovery

Strong libraries are essential to the recovery of communities devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. To help guide communities, library workers and library supporters along the path to recovery, the American Library Association (ALA) has launched a curated, online repository of tools, guides and resources.

The ALA COVID-19 Recovery website includes everything from the latest information on safely reopening libraries to funding opportunities available on the local, state and federal level. It will be updated often and replace the existing COVID-19 Response page that has served the community through the pandemic thus far. For more information, check out <http://www.ala.org/tools/covid-19-recovery>

## Knowledge Transfer and Succession Planning

Thinking about losing key administrative library employees isn't easy, which is why library boards and administrators so often neglect to plan for the transition when administrators inevitably retire or leave. Succession plans identify key administrators in the library, determine the responsibilities and skills necessary for these positions, and then create a plan for replacing employees in these key positions and for transferring pertinent information about the responsibilities of administrative positions. Having a succession plan can help smooth anticipated or abrupt changes so that library staff, patrons and boards feel as little turbulence as possible. For more information, read <https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/trustees/Documents/May%202018%20Trustee%20Tip.pdf> or watch our webinar at <http://kdla.adobeconnect.com/p1mu4qfggonb>.

## KDLA Website Spotlight: Ask a Librarian

Who do you turn to when a patron's reference question stumps you? “Ask a Librarian” at KDLA! This service is provided for the staff of Kentucky public libraries needing assistance with reference questions, professional consultation, and (returning soon) to request kit materials. More information at <https://kdla.ky.gov/Pages/AskALibrarian.aspx>