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President's Message

Dear CALA Members,

As a member of CALA for over 10 years, it is an honor to be serving as your CALA President for 2022-2023! This year, we’ve been focused on more virtual engagement opportunities with CALA members at various levels. It’s also a special year: CALA turns 50 in March 2023!

The late Dr. Tze-Chung Li who founded CALA in 1973, shared his purpose in forming CALA, "we have the strength to develop and promote librarianship for Chinese Americans in the United States." We continue to provide such opportunities for our members, and have grown tremendously over 10 standing committees and 8 chapters.

For 50 years, CALA, a global library association and a platform for leadership and learning opportunities, has focused on supporting Chinese and Chinese American library workers, LIS educators and students across the globe. The past CALA Presidents and Executive Directors have served as inspiring leaders, mentors, and champions for CALA and its members. With over 500 members around the world, we are committed to supporting our members through leadership development, awards, research and scholarship opportunities, networking engagement and more! CALA is proud to be a member of the Joint Council of Librarians of Color (JCLC), an association member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and an affiliate of the American Library Association.

For this special issue, please take a look at CALA and CALA members' accomplishments from the past 10 years (2023-2013). For a deeper look at CALA’s accomplishments from 1973-2013, take a look at this important publication.

This year, we have several opportunities to share with members related to CALA's 50th anniversary: CALA’s 50th Anniversary Virtual Event - this virtual program will showcase our congratulations video as well as a networking opportunity for CALA members. Stay tuned for more information in the listserv soon.
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Collection Grants for the CALA 50th Anniversary via CALASY - The Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2022 and 2023. Two projects (CALA: A Path to the Future Library Leaders and CALA/YALSA Chinese American Reading Lists) have been awarded to collect and archive collections of documents, photographs and other materials that reflect the history of CALA, the Chinese American Librarians and the Chinese American community.

CALA/YALSA task force project - A reading list of recommended titles will be created by the CALA/YALSA taskforce, in conjunction with the ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee, for the following three age groups: PreK-3rd Grade, Middle Grade (4th-7th), and Young Adults (8th-12th). These reading lists are intended to be used by youths 0-19 years old along with their parents/guardians and the adults who work with them.

CALA’s President Program 2023 at ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL - the program will focus on milestones of CALA as well as our association collaborators: American Indian Library Association (AILA), Black Caucus of ALA (BCALA), Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA), and Reforma: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking. Stay tuned for more information in the listserv. Time/Date/Location: TBD.

CALA’s 50th Anniversary Social and Poster Presentations at ALA Annual Conference 2023 in Chicago, IL - CALA celebrates 50th anniversary with members and friends. There will be light refreshment and poster presentations by CALA members. Stay tuned for more information in the listserv. Time/Date/Location: TBD.

I also want to recognize that it has been a very difficult 2+ years for many of us due to COVID and the rise of anti-Asian violence and sentiments across the world. It’s been very challenging as we continue working on site and dealing with the pandemic.

I want to end this column by thanking you all for being CALA members and leaders. CALA is a stronger library association for the past 50 years because of you.

Sincerely,

Ray Pun
CALA President 2022-2023
Executive Director's Message

Welcome Michael Bailou Huang, Incoming CALA Executive Director

The Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Executive Board is excited to announce the selection of Michael Bailou Huang as its next Executive Director (2022-2025). His term begins in July 2022, at the end of the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Michael Bailou Huang is SUNY Distinguished Librarian, Director of Global Library Initiatives, and a health sciences librarian at Stony Brook University’s Health Sciences Library. Michael is a member of IFLA’s North America Regional Division Committee (2021-2023) and IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Section Standing Committee (2015-2019, 2019-2023). He is also a member of ALA IRRT Papers and Projects Session Committee (2018-2020, 2020-2022), IRRT Pre-Conference Committee (2018-2020, 2020-2022) and IRRT Nominating Committee (2022-2023).

Within CALA, Michael has served as CALA Board of Directors, President of Northeast Chapter, Chair of the International Relations Committee, Representative to the Library Society of China, and Editor for the International Journal of Librarianship. As Director of Global Library Initiatives at Stony Brook University, he has forged sustainable partnerships with libraries abroad and has sponsored visiting scholars to encourage the open exchange of ideas and best practices in librarianship. An accomplished and committed scholar, his publication record includes four co-edited books, 30 articles, and more than 100 presentations at conferences held in 15 countries. He received CALA’s Distinguished Service Award (2021) and twice received the Stony Brook President’s Award for Excellence in Team Achievement.

The CALA Executive Board would also like to express its gratitude to Dr. Lian Ruan, for her outstanding leadership and continued service to the association including as Executive Director (2016-2022) and as President (2015-2016).
Member Distribution Map

CALA Member Map by Geo-Distribution

by CALA Newsletter Subcommittee

- Great Mid-Atlantic: 72
- Midwest: 94
- Northeast: 112
- Southern: 34
- Southwest: 46
- California: 202
- All Other U.S. States: 16

*Data obtained from CALA Membership Committee

- Not pictured: Canada Chapter, with approximately 30 members, including 10 Life Members
- Not pictured: Asia-Pacific (AP) Chapter, established March 2023, with a total of 36 members.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023) With Photos and Stories

by Sai Deng

Editor’s Note: The Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) Timeline (2013-2023) is compiled based on the CALA Newsletter, CALA website and CALA's social media channels. It collects CALA's major developments, programs, and activities, as well as chapter highlights and significant members' news. The CALA Timeline (1973-2013) is available at the CALA's 40th Anniversary Issue: Reaching beyond Ourselves: Celebrating 40 years of CALA (1973 - 2013) (page 121-151).

2013

CALA 40th Anniversary

On June 30, 2013, CALA held its annual program and banquet to celebrate its 40th anniversary in Chicago, IL. The theme of the annual conference program was “Together We Make a Difference – Celebrate CALA 40 Years and Beyond.” The speakers were Dr. Tzechung Li, Minyan Li, Min Tong, Ning Zou, Julia Wu and Dr. Wilfred Fong. The conference program also included exhibitions: posters from CALA Chapters, CALA 21st Century Librarianship Series and CALA Members in the IMLS Project “Think Globally, Act Globally.” A slide show of greetings from CALA members and friends was also played. The CALA banquet was a historic and grand occasion, attended by over 160 members, dignitaries, and friends of the association. Check CALA Facebook for banquet photos at:

https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.527497607316752.1073741829.281336511932864&type=3
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

2013 Library Society of China Annual Conference
10 CALA members held a CALA session at the Library Society of China (LSC) 2013 Annual Conference in Shanghai on November 6-8. The theme of the CALA session is “Exploration and Practice of Innovative Services in U.S. libraries”.

2013 Chinese Librarians Summer Program 26 librarians along with four visiting scholars joined the 2013 Chinese Librarians Summer Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for a four-week long program. This marked the 9th anniversary of the program that has trained 220 librarians from 83 Chinese universities and organizations. This program was coordinated by a long-time CALA member, Head Librarian at the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) Lian Ruan.

CALA YouTube Channel Created
CALA YouTube Channel ([https://www.youtube.com/user/CALACHannel](https://www.youtube.com/user/CALACHannel)) was created by Sai Deng to initially host a video featuring Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee in June 2013. By January 10, 2023, CALA YouTube’s 24 videos had received 7,874 views.

Chapter HighlightsThe CALA Southern California Chapter held its 2013 Annual Conference “What Does It Mean to Be a Librarian Today and in the Future” on February 21 at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library in Monterey Park, California.

The CALA Northern California Chapter co-sponsored two author events featuring Nona Mock Wyman (Bamboo Women) and David H.T. Wong (Escape to Gold Mountain: A Graphic History of the Chinese in North America) in 2013.
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Significant Member News

Dr. Camila Alire, ALA President, 2009-2010, Dean Emerita, University of New Mexico & Colorado State University, was appointed to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Council in Washington D.C. in 2013. Dr. Alire was also a CALA member.

Dr. Tze-Chung Li won the 2013 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung. Dr. Tze-Chung Li is CALA's founder, an outstanding leader in library education and a visionary library administrator. He is the former Dean of Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University in Illinois.

CALA life member, Professor Dorothy In-Lan Wang Li, Director of the Asian Alliance Program at the John Marshall Law School, was presented with the Magnolia Memorial Award by the Municipal Government of Shanghai, China.

A significant project of database series, the Database of Political Campaigns since the Establishment of PRC, 1949-1976, received a grant of $100,000 from Foundation for Open Society, USA in 2013. The main body of the Editorial Board included four Chinese American Librarians: Yongyi Song, Dr. Yuan Zhou, Dr. Zhijia Shen and Dr. Zehao Zhou.

2014

2014 CALA Annual Conference

CALA hosted its 2014 Annual Conference Program “Exploring the World: Librarian Leadership and Global Outreach” on June 29, 2014, at Las Vegas. The speakers included: Donna Scheeder, Deputy Chief Information Officer, the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, Maureen Sullivan, ALA President 2012-2013, and Dr. Shu-Hsien Tseng, Director General of National Central Library, Taiwan.

CALA 40th Anniversary Issue

The CALA 40th Anniversary Issue Reaching Beyond Ourselves: Celebrating 40 Years of CALA (1973-2013) was published in June 2014. It has been archived by the CALA's Institutional Repository CALASYS and can be accessed at https://ir.cala-web.org/items/show/60.

CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar

The CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar was held at Guangzhou Library on May 23-27, 2014. Speakers included Haiwang Yuan, Ray Pun, Xiuying Zou, and Shu-Hua Liu.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

Telling Chinese American Librarians' Stories

Four of ALA's Emerging Leaders, Raymond Pun, Leila June Rod-Welch, Monnee Tong and Sam Suber created videos of two outstanding CALA members and librarians: Dr. Lois Mai Chan and Dr. Tze-chung Li. The video on Dr. Lois Mai Chan can be accessed from the CALA's YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWB2S3tqRs and the video on Dr. Tze-chung Li can be accessed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-xqbiKBBTs.

Family Literacy Focus Project

CALA awarded Two libraries as the grant recipients of the Family Literacy Focus Project that promotes multi-generational family literacy and Chinese culture and heritage in 2014. These two libraries were the 4S Ranch Branch of the San Diego County Library system and the Porter Ranch Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.

2014 Chinese Library Annual Conference

Seven CALA members attended the 2014 Chinese Library Annual conference held in Beijing, China, October 9-11, 2014 and presented an academic session titled “The Librarian in the Transitional Time: Exploration and Practice in Academic Libraries in the United States.” About 200 people participated in the CALA session. Michael Bailou Huang, Coordinator of the Office of Global Library Initiatives at Stony Brook University served as organizer and chair of the CALA session.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

2014 IFLA World Library and Information Congress
CALA members Shali Zhang, Mion Zhou and Denise Kwan represented CALA to attend the 2014 IFLA World Library and Information Congress, August 16-22, at Lyon, France.

CALA WeChat Created
CALA WeChat was established in December 2014 by CALA Vice-President Lian Ruan.

Significant Member News
Yongyi Song was granted the CALA 2013/2014 Distinguished Service Award. The recommendations said that he exerted “exceptional leadership in preserving invaluable archives to support academic research, explore historical truth, strengthen collective memories”.
**CALA Timeline (2013-2023)**

**Prof. Chen-Ku Wang** was the recipient of the 2014 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award. According to the recommendation, “for more than sixty years, Professor Chen-Ku Wang has demonstrated superior library leadership in teaching, library administration, library and information science education, research and publication in Taiwan with profound influence in international librarianship.”

**Adriene Lim**, Dean of libraries at Oakland University in Michigan, was named the new Dean of Libraries at the University of Oregon.

**Dr. Lois Mai Chan**, Professor, researcher, and author in the field of cataloging and classification, passed away on August 20, 2014. She was the 1992 Recipient of the CALA Distinguished Service Award. A video of her, “Telling Chinese American Librarians' Stories: Lois Mai Chan”, can be viewed at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBWB25tqRs&t=18s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBWB25tqRs&t=18s)

2015

**2015 CALA Annual Conference**

CALA held the 2015 Annual Conference Program “**Partnership beyond CALA: Training Leaders of Color for Action**” on Sunday, June 28, 2015, 1:00–2:30 p.m. in San Francisco, CA. The Keynote speaker was **Barbara Kay Stripling**, and the panel speakers included **Eileen K. Bosch, Isabel Espinal, Janice Rice, Zhijia Shen** and **Kelvin Watson**. A poster session and award banquet were also held during the annual conference.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

Photos: 2015 Annual Conference Program (left), CALA members at the 2015 CALA/ALA Annual Conference Program (right).  

Photos: CALA 2015 Awards Banquet

CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series
CALA partnered with the Yunnan Library Committee to hold the CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series. The first seminar was held at Bao Shan University, Yunnan Province, in July 2015. The team members included: Li Fu, Robert Fernekes, Lili Li, Guoying (Grace) Liu and Sharon Yang.

Chapter President Travel Grant Established
To assist local chapters to attend annual ALA conferences for their leadership training and professional development, CALA Executive Board set up a pilot project named Chapter President Travel Grant in 2015.

The 2013-2015 CALA Membership Directory was released in September 2015.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

2015 IFLA World Library and Information Congress
Seven CALA members attended and presented at the 2015 IFLA World Library and Information Congress in South Africa, including Clara Chu, Mario Gonzalez, Michael Huang, Raymond Pun, Janine Schmidt, Xuemao Wang, and Shali Zhang. The CALA Board approved a contribution of $3,000 to the ALA/IFLA Annual Conference Scholarship ($1,000/award) in June 2015. CALA members will benefit from the scholarships to attend the congress.

2015 Annual Conference of the Library Society of China
The Library Society of China Annual Conference was held in Guangzhou, China from December 15 to 17, 2015. The theme for CALA’s Academic Session was entitled “The Library’s Role in Social Advancement: Current Trends in Academic and Public Libraries in the United States”. Its speakers included Lian Ruan, Michael Bailou Huang, Angela Yang, Andrew Y. Lee, Liya Deng, Yongming Wang, Anna Xiao, Jia Mi, Raymond Wang, Julie Zhu, and Clara M. Chu.

Photos: CALA members and friends attending the CLA Conference (left). Audience for the CALA session (right).
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

Significant Member News

Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, former chief of the Asian Division of the Library of Congress, was awarded the 2015 Melvil Dewey Medal.

Dr. Joyce Chao-chen Chen was granted the CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung in 2015.

David S. Mao was appointed Deputy Librarian of Congress in 2015. Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced this news.

Hai Peng Li was named the Library Director of the University of California, Merced in 2015. “Haipeng has provided distinguished services to CALA over a long period of time, including serving as CALA’s Executive Director.”

2016

2016 CALA Annual Conference

Eight members from different institutions participated in a panel discussion “Helping CALA, Helping You, Join CALA and Advance your Career” at the 2016 CALA Annual Conference Programs held at the ALA Annual in Orlando. 21 posters were also presented at the annual poster session celebrating the achievements of CALA members. A CALA banquet was also held. Videos of the banquet have been archived at: https://www.youtube.com/@CALACHannel/videos (search for “CALA 2016 Awards Banquet”)
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The CALA Leadership Academy

The CALA Leadership Academy was conducted by Maureen Sullivan in Orlando, FL on June 27, 2016, in conjunction with the ALA Annual. Follow up online discussions were also held after the training. It’s organized by the Academy Task Force chaired by Hong Wu.

Photos: CALA panel, poster session and banquet at the 2016 CALA/ALA Annual

Photos: Maureen Sullivan (left), the 2016 CALA Leadership Academy participants (right).
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

2016 IFLA World Library and Information Congress
The 2016 IFLA Conference was held in Columbus, Ohio. CALA offered 10 IFLA Registration Grant for its members to attend the conference.

Books for China Project
11 years after its founding, the Books for China Project (B4C) sent a total of 25,000 volumes of books to China. The library of Xiamen University and another fifteen universities received books from B4C. This project was coordinated by John Ma.
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Chinese Library Annual Conference 2016
Chinese Library Annual Conference 2016 was held from October 25th to 28th in 2016. The theme "Innovate China: Technology, Society and Library" was composed of 3 pillars of sessions, work conference and exhibition. CALA had an exceptionally highly qualified and robust team of speakers, led by Michael Bailou Huang and Qi Chen. Its session is titled: "Innovative Services and Technology in U.S. Academic Libraries."

Chapter Highlights: The 2016 CALA Midwest Annual Conference was held at the Indiana University South Bend. The conference theme was "Innovate! Advocate! Integrate! Reinvigorating Your Library in a Digital Age."

The CALA Southeast Chapter held a conference program in 2016 with the theme "Visiting a Library, a Museum or a Cultural Institution in Your City" and "Discovering Chinese Images, Representations and Heritage." The meeting was held on September 23, 2016 at Olin Library, Rollins College, Orlando, FL. Presentations of the conference have been archived at the chapter collection in CALASYS: https://ir.cala-web.org/collections/show/5
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*Prof. Wenxian Zhang at Rollins presenting "China through American Eyes: Engravings of the Chinese People and Culture in the US Print Media of the Late 19th Century"*

**Significant Member News**

**Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee** was awarded the 2016 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung.

CALA MW Chapter Life Member **Ning Zou** Won Vice-President/President-Elect (For three-year term) in the Library Instruction Round Table Section in the 2016 ALA Election. CALA 2013-2014 President **Lisa Zhao** passed away on March 22, 2016 in Chicago. She was one of the five members who initiated CALA’s 21 Century Seminars providing professional development opportunities for members.

*Photo taken during the CALA’s 40th anniversary. Lisa was wearing the CALA T-shirt in this photo.*

**2017**

**CALA 2017 Annual Conference**

The CALA 2017 Annual Program **“Internet + Information Services”** was held on June 25 in Chicago. Library leaders and information science scholars were invited to speak about the Internet technology driven library and information service. The panelists included: **Dr. Brad Eden, Dr. Hao-Ren Ke, Dr. Li Wang, Mr. John Wang** and **Mr. Foster Zhang**. It’s coordinated by the CALA President **Le Yang**. A poster session was also held during the 2017 CALA/ALA Annual.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

Photos: The CALA 2017 Annual Program “Internet + Information Services” (left), Lei Yang, John Wang, Sai Deng and Anlin Yang at the CALA poster session (right)

Photo: The 2017 CALA Awards Banquet was successfully held in New Furama Restaurant in Chicago from 6 to 8:30pm on June 25, 2017. The banquet video has been archived at CALA YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGQj4H3hX8

Photo: CALA Leadership Academy with Maureen Sullivan at the ALA Annual 2017

Photo: CALA presented at the ALA Diversity Fair 2017. The poster “Chinese American Librarians Association: Embracing Diversity and Outreaching to the Global Community” has been archived at: https://ir.cala-web.org/items/show/305
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

CALA Membership Reached History High
As of April 7, 2017, there is a total of 704 active members which reaches the highest record in CALA history, including 293 Life members, 118 regular members, 82 student members, 177 oversea members, 12 non-salaried members, 19 honorary members, 2 institutional members, and 1 affiliate member.

CALA launched its intranet in spring 2017. The intranet is an internal website for CALA members. It is accessible from CALA's main website at http://cala-web.org.

CALA Membership Award for New Student Members
CALA continues to offer a free one-year membership to new student members, thanks to a generous donation from Dr. Tze-Chung Li, Professor and Dean Emeritus of Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences and one of the founding members of CALA. Dr. Li contributed $1000 each year to his Student Membership Fund. As a result, 28 new students joined CALA in 2017.

"CALA Members and Friends" Facebook Private Group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/423045741400053/) was formed in April 2017 by the Social Media Group at that time. It aims to provide a discussion space for CALA members and friends who use Facebook.

CALA LinkedIn (https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12047408) was created in May 2017 by the Social Media Group.

2017 ALA Emerging Leader Program and CALASYS
CALASYS system became one of the projects of 2017 ALA Emerging Leader Program. Four emerging leaders including Minhao Jiang, Jingjing Wu, Nitra Eastby and Kate Mcnamara, worked with the CALASYS Committee (Sharon Yang, Mingyan Li, Co-Chairs, Sai Deng, Weiling Liu, Haiying Qian) to enhance the digital repository.

CALA's First Social Media Survey
CALA held its first social media survey in spring 2017. The CALA Social Media Committee reported the survey results in “Improving the CALA’s Social Media Experience: The First CALA Social Media Survey” (https://ir.cala-web.org/items/show/304).

The 8th Sino-American Library Practice Forum
The Eighth Sino-American Library Practice Forum was successfully held in Kunming, Yunnan, July 4-5th, 2017. The conference theme was "Creative Thinking and development of Academic Library in the age of the Internet." Over 200 librarians, scholars and practitioners in the field attended the conference, including CALA members and leaders such as Le Yang, Ying Zhang, Meg Scharf, Zheng (John) Wang, Tzu-heng Chiu and Andrew Yanqing Lee.
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2017 IFLA World Library and Information Congress
CALA members including Lian Ruan, Shali Zhang, Michael Huang, Min Chou, Xuemao Wan, Ray Pun, Sharon Yang, Grace Liu and Clara Chu attended and presented at the IFLA 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland.

CALA and Yunnan 21st Century Librarian Seminar 2017 USA
CALA and Yunnan 21st Century Librarian Seminar 2017 USA was successfully held at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ on Thursday, August 3, 2017. Four Yunnan Library Directors, Yonglin Wan, Fei Li, Shilin Zhao, and Yun Yang, as well as 14 CALA Northeast members attended this seminar.

Asian American Librarians and Library Services: Activism, Collaboration and Strategies (Edited by Janet Hyunju Clarke; Raymond Pun and Monnee Tong) was published by Rowman & Littlefield in December 2017. There is one chapter by Sai Deng that covers the history of CALA. Leadership interviews are also featured in this book including Lian Ruan, Haipeng Li, Xuemao Wang, Patty Wong, Sandy Wee and Tiwei Liu.

CALA Occasional Paper Series (OPS) discontinued on August 2, 2017. OPS Occasional Paper Series (OPS) was one of the official publications of CALA. The OPS was an open access publication which provided an opportunity for CALA members to publish articles on a peer-reviewed, official, and professional platform. The OPS papers have been made available and archived in CALASYS: https://ir.cala-web.org/collections/show/58.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

Chapter Highlights
The 2017 CALA Midwest Chapter Annual Conference was successfully held on April 21 in Chicago Public Library Chinatown Branch. The conference theme was "Collaboration and Innovation in Library Practices."

CALA GMA Chapter held its 2017 Spring Forum at Catholic University of America, Washington DC on Saturday, April 1, 2017, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. The forum topic was "Innovative Library Services and Research."

The CALA Southeast Chapter held its spring program successfully in Atlanta on January 20, 2017, 12:30-5pm. The program included several talks by CALA members and a social dinner sponsored by CALA. The group also joined a tour and a digital map projects showcase hosted by the Georgia State University's Collaborative University Research & Visualization Environment. Part of the Presentations have been archived at the chapter collection in CALASY: https://ir.cala-web.org/collections/show/5

The CALA Northeast Chapter hosted the Yunnan Library Directors for a full-day seminar at Rutgers University on Aug. 3 during their U.S. visit. The seminar had an online panel discussion with Dr. Lian Ruan, Mr. Haipeng Li, and Dr. Shali Zhang, as well as local presentations done by Ms. Yuan Li, Dr. Sharon Yang, and Ms. Rong Wang.
**CALA Timeline (2013-2023)**

**Significant Member News**

**Dora T. Ho**, a CALA life member and the Young Adult Librarian at Los Angeles Public Library, is the recipient of the 2016-2017 CALA Distinguished Service Award.

**Haipeng Li** was awarded the American Library Association Equality Award at the 2017 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The jury noted that throughout his career, Li has championed equality within the profession, to library users and on a global level as well. In particular, it was impressed with his leadership in the area of equality, highlighted by his work as co-chair of the second National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC), past president and executive director of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) and in playing a leadership role in a variety of global initiatives, including the US-China library collaboration program, “Think Globally, Act Globally,” which was funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Ministry of Culture in China.

### 2018

2018 **CALA Annual Program**

CALA hosted its annual program, poster session and banquet on June 24 in New Orleans during the 2018 ALA Annual Conference. The posters have been archived in CALASYS: https://ir.cala-web.org/collections/show/94.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

CALA held a Leadership Academy “Leadership Development Opportunity and Challenge: from Mid-level Management to Senior Management” on June 23 during the 2018 ALA Annual Conference. It's led by Dean Xuemao Wang from University of Cincinnati.

The 6th North-America China Library Conference

The 6th North-America China Library Conference was held in Dublin, OH at the OCLC Headquarter from July 30 to August 2, 2018. The theme of the conference was “Collaboration and Innovation: Envisioning a Shared Future.” Led by the President Ying Zhang, CALA helped in planning for the conference and actively participated in its presentations.

The 3rd Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC)

CALA jointly held the 3rd Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) with the other four caucuses in Albuquerque, New Mexico on September 26-30, 2018. Lian Ruan and Qi Chen served on the Steering Committee and Dora Ho served on the Board of JCLC.
6th North America China Library Conference
CALA helped in organizing the 6th North America China Library Conference held in Dublin, OH on July 31 to August 2, 2018, where library leaders from the U.S., China and Canada convened and shared visions on future collaborations on preserving digital resources. CALA members from the U.S. and China served as key speakers and the simultaneous interpreters.

2018 IFLA World Library and Information Congress
The 84th IFLA WLIC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia took place from 24th -30th in August 2018. The conference theme was “Transform Libraries, Transform Societies.” CALA members actively participated in this conference and CALA contributed to both the U.S. and Chinese caucuses.

Photos: CALA members at the 9th Shanghai International Library Forum (SILF 2018).

Photo: CALA members at the 2018 Chinese Library Annual Conference.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

Chapter Highlights:
CALA Canada Chapter (https://www.calacanada.org/) was established in September 2018. It aims to promote librarianship and library services in Canada with a specific focus on enhancing communication among Chinese Canadian librarians.

Significant Member News
In November 2018, Michael Bailou Huang, Director of Global Library Initiatives at Stony Brook University was appointed Distinguished Librarian Professor, the highest academic rank in the State University of New York system. In the 55 years since this program started in 1963, only five other SUNY librarians before Michael had received this prestigious award.

2019

2019 CALA Annual program The 2019 CALA Annual program “Embracing Diversity through Multiple Lenses” was held in Washington DC on June 22, 2019. The main speakers were Rita Jimenez, Andrea Malone, Peter Zhou, Frank Xu and Sheue-Fang Song. A poster session was also held to showcase members’ achievements.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

Photos: 2019 CALA Annual Program, poster session, board meeting and banquet.

Photo: Tour of LC Library Asian Division: Dr. Qi Qiu and Jeffrey Wang at the Library of Congress graciously made a special arrangement for CALA members, students and librarians from the mainland and Taiwan to tour the Library and its Asian Division during the ALA Conference at DC on June 24. They introduced the Asian Division’s Chinese special collections including rare books, Chronicles, maps, other valuable materials and also digital collections.

2019 ALA Midwinter

At ALA Midwinter, some CALA members, librarian colleagues and college students visited the East Asian Library at the University of Washington. This visit was led by CALA President Ying Zhang and hosted by Director of East Asia Library Zhijia Shen.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

2019 IFLA World Library and Information Congress

IFLA 2019 with the theme of “Libraries: Dialogue for Change” was held in Athens, Greece on August 24-30. Lian Ruan, CALA Executive Director, on behalf of CALA, was invited to deliver a presentation and vote. CALA members presented in the conference, including Fu Ping, Ray Pun, Grace Liu, Ning Zhou, Min Chou, Katherina Lee, Min Liu, Michael Huang and Clara Chu. CALA offered 10 travel grants to support IFLA 2019, with $600 per person for registration to encourage its members to join IFLA conference activities.

The 9th Yunnan Sino-American Forum

The 9th Yunnan Sino-American Forum on Library Practice was held in 2019. CALA President Ying Zhang helped in planning and organizing the forum. Invited guests included: Wanda Brown, the 2019-2020 ALA President, and Mary Page, the 2015-2016 ALCTS President. CALA members Dr. Andrew Lee, Yue Li, Lili Li and others presented in the forum.

The 2019 Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program

The 2019 Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program has been held successfully at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) from June 26 to July 27. Lian Ruan, Head Librarian and Director of IFSI International Programs at UIUC has helped organize the program in partnership with various organizations in China and the USA since 2005. This year marks its 15th anniversary with the largest number of participants ever, with 41 participants from all over China.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

2019 Council of Chinese American Deans and Presidents Forum
Xuemao Wang hosted the 2019 Council of Chinese American Deans and Presidents Forum at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio, with a theme on Contributions of Immigrant Leaders. Over 30 individuals who hold the positions of deans, associate deans, vice provosts, and vice presidents in the institutions of higher education in the U.S. attended the annual forum.

Significant Member News

Dr. Lian Ruan is the recipient of the CALA 2018 - 2019 Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Qi Chen is the recipient of the 2019 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung.

Dr. Shali Zhang was named Dean of Auburn University Libraries in February 2019.

Jennie Pu (蒲贞嫔) was appointed Dean of College Libraries at Hudson County Community College.

Chapter Highlights:

On April 26, 2019 CALA Northeast Chapter Spring Conference was held at the Firestone Library, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. The conference was a one-day program on the theme of community engagement, including one featured talk, four lightning talks, and two library tours. The featured talk was from Frank Xu, who was the Manager of the Division of Language and Literature at Brooklyn Public Library. His talk was about a project on Jewish refugees in Shanghai at Brooklyn Public Library, which was a very well-received community engagement project. It was reported by wide range of media, including New York Times.
The **CALA Southern California Chapter Annual Program** was successfully held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Public Library in Monterey Park, CA.

The **CALA Midwest Chapter** held its 2019 annual conference virtually on April 24th, 2019 with 36 attendees. The theme of the annual conference was “Winds of Spring -- Trends and Challenges in Libraries”.

The **CALA Northern California Chapter 2019 Annual Program** “Building New Opportunities and Library Connections” was held at Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library on Saturday, May 4.

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**2020**

**2020 CALA Annual Program**

CALA Annual Program, **Treasure Hunters at Libraries? What Not!!!**, was hosted by ALA through the ALA Virtual 2020. CALA also hosted a virtual poster session and the posters have been archived at:  
[https://ir.cala-web.org/collections/show/104](https://ir.cala-web.org/collections/show/104)
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

Patty Wong Elected ALA President
Patty Wong was elected the ALA President for the 2021-2022 term and she is the first Asian American president of the ALA. Patty is an active member and library field leader. She is a CALA Life Member and served as CALA CA Chapter President. She received the CALA Distinguished Service Award in 2014 for her outstanding services.

CALA Twitter Created
CALA Twitter (@CALANational, https://www.twitter.com/CALANational) was created in June 2020 by Ray Pun to reach out to a wider audience and provide information relevant to the Chinese American community.

CALA Advertisement Service Started
CALA started its advertisement service in November 2020 (https://ad.cala-web.org/about-advertising/).

CALA members were selected for the ALA Emerging Leaders 2020 Class, including Jia He, Ding Yi and Desmond Wong.

Chapter Highlights
The CALA Canada Chapter (https://www.cala-canada.org/) held its first annual program on January 31, 2020, at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada. It brought more than 50 librarians (30 onsite, 20 virtual) with various cultural backgrounds together to discuss a wide range of topics. The keynote speaker Talia Chung, University Librarian of University of Ottawa, shared her personal journey to becoming senior library administrator.

The 2020 CALA Southeast and Southwest Chapters Joint Online Conference was held virtually via Zoom on Thursday, April 2, 2020. The theme of this conference was "Library 2020: Stories and Projects Sharing". Jingshan Xiao, President of the Southwest Chapter and Jia He, President of the Southeast chapter presided the meeting. The opening session was addressed by CALA President Fu Zhuo. The CALA Northern California Chapter invited Sofia Leung to speak about solidarity regarding Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) on May 13, 2020. The webinar had 171 attendees.
**CALA Timeline (2013-2023)**

**Significant Member News**

**Dr. Tze-Chung Li**, one of the CALA founding members and the former Dean of School of Information Studies, Dominican University, passed away on the 22nd of April, 2020 in his Chicago home at the age of 93. “Dr. Li was a man of vision and with extraordinary service to American Library Association as well as Chinese American Librarians Association.” “He was truly a friend, a scholar, a father, and a giant to us. Their vision and leadership helped to establish CALA in the early 1970’s in Chicago, and later merged with another American Chinese Librarians Association in California. This united organization is today’s CALA which influenced many of us Chinese American librarians. His other legacy included his strong support to recruit new and young Chinese librarians to pursue a successful professional career.” (Fu Zhuo).

**Susana Liu** (刘陈著美), CALA President 1982-1983, passed away on Sept. 27, 2020. Susana joined the Chinese Librarian Association (CLA) shortly after it was established in California, 1974. During the formative years, she served as a versatile board member and eventually as its president in 1982. That year, she guided smoothly the CLA and CALA merger into a national organization.

**Chapter Highlights:** CALA Northern California Chapter invited Mr. George Shi to discuss in a webinar, The Ballet “The White Haired Girl” and I, a derivative from part of his memoir, 《革命时期的芭蕾》(ISBN-10: 1949736067). The webinar has been archived at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5x8-SNWf2o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5x8-SNWf2o).

**2021**

**CALA 2021 Presidential Program and Poster Session**

The CALA Presidential Program **“Libraries as Catalysts for Serving Diverse Communities”** were hosted by ALA 2021 Virtual. It was presented by two panelists, **Ozioma Aloziem** and **Christina Gola**. Recording of the program is available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QH_ZjWjSLn0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QH_ZjWjSLn0).

16 librarians presented their posters at the CALA Poster Session. The posters have been archived at: [https://ir.cala-web.org/collections/show/110](https://ir.cala-web.org/collections/show/110). CALA also hosted a film screening discussion for the film **Far East Deep South**.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

“Path to Leadership: National Forum on Advancing Asian/Pacific Islander American Librarianship”
CALA and APALA were awarded an IMLS grant on “Path to Leadership: National Forum on Advancing Asian/Pacific Islander American Librarianship” in 2021. The project directors included: Dr. Raymond Pun, Wenli Gao, Lessa Kanani’opua Pelayo-Lozada and Dr. Lian Ruan. The national forum and a series of webinars were organized for the participating Asian & Pacific Islander Americans (APIA) library workers in 2021-2022. The project white paper can be accessed from: https://ir.cala-web.org/items/show/878.

The CALA’s Academic Resource & Repository System (CALASYS, https://ir.cala-web.org/) Committee implemented Self-Contribution and opened CALASYS to CALA members. The Committee which included Sai Deng, Weiling Liu, Suzhen Chen, Mingyan Li and Meng Qu shared this information at the 2021 CALA Annual Conference: https://ir.cala-web.org/items/show/739

CALA’s Social Media Channels
The CALA Social Media Committee promoted the CALA’s social media channels including CALA Twitter, CALA’s Facebook Page, “CALA Members & Friends” Facebook Group, CALA LinkedIn Group, CALA YouTube Channel and CALA WeChat over the years. A flyer with all the channel links was created in 2021 by the Committee (Sai Deng, Lam-Sullivan Toan, Angel Tang and Yan He) and can be accessed via https://ir.cala-web.org/items/show/781.

Significant Member News
Michael Bailou Huang is selected as the recipient for the 2021 CALA Distinguished Service Award. “Mr. Huang has been dedicated to Chinese-American librarianship throughout his career... He consistently contributed his experience and expertise in enhancing U.S.-China library collaborations and the relationship between CALA and other library organizations.” Ying Zhang is selected as the recipient of the 2021 CALA Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung. “Ms. Ying Zhang was appreciated by the CALA general members for her leadership and diligent work in building a strong relationship between CALA and its global partners, as well as strengthening their alliance with other ALA-affiliated ethnic caucuses on advocacy for diversity, equity, and inclusiveness in librarianship.”

Chapter Highlights:
On March 20, 2021, the CALA Southern California Chapter held their virtual annual program, 共迎新春，展望未来. The program was presided by Wenwen Zhang and moderated by Kuei Chiu and Ying Xu. Six SCA members and life members made presentations covering a wide range of topics including library operations and special services during the pandemic.

The CALA Canada Chapter held its second annual virtual conference on April 29, 2021. The conference attracted close to 40 participants from across Canada as well as from the United States. Keynote speaker Greg Eow presented "Diversity, Inclusivity, Equity and Respect: Centering Core Values in Collections and Collaborations".
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

The CALA Southeast and Southwest Chapters Joint Online Conference was held successfully on May 7, 2021, 12-2:30pm Central Time. It was hosted by the Southeast and Southwest chapter presidents Anna Xiong and Jianying Shou. Opening remark was delivered by CALA President Hong Yao. It was followed by four presentations mainly focusing on the challenges librarians encountered during the Covid pandemic.

2022-2023

2022 CALA President’s Program

The 2022 CALA President’s Program “Building Asian and Pacific American Library Leaders for the Future: A Panel Discussion” (co-sponsored by APALA) was held at the ALA Annual in Washington, DC on June 25. The panelists included Wenli Gao, Anna Coats, Tarida Anantachai, Crystal Chen and Binh Le.

2022 IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) was held in Dublin, Ireland, July 26-28, 2022. Michael Huang, Lian Ruan, Guoqing Li, Xuemao Wang, Ning Zhou, Grace Liu and other CALA members attended and presented at the conference. CALA provided a 2022 IFLA Registration Grant for 10 recipients.
CALA Timeline (2013-2023)

**CALA Migrated to a New Website**
CALA migrated to a new website ([https://calaweb.org/](https://calaweb.org/)) in November 2022. The old website has been archived and can be accessed via [https://retired.calaweb.org/](https://retired.calaweb.org/).

**The CALA 50th Anniversary/ CALASYS Collection Grant**
The CALA 50th Anniversary/ CALASYS Collection Grant was created in 2022 to collect and archive collections of documents, photographs and other materials that reflect the history of CALA, the Chinese American Librarians, their cultural heritage, and the Chinese American community. Two projects, CALA: A Path to the Future Library Leaders (by the CALA PR & Fundraising Committee), and CALA/YALSA Chinese American Reading List (by the CALA/YALSA Booklist Taskforce) were selected as the grant recipients. Ming Qing Women's Poetry Collection (by the Wikidata Chinese Culture and Heritage Group) received the CALASYS Collection Grant Special Recognition. The awardees will archive their materials in CALASYS ([https://ir.calaweb.org/](https://ir.calaweb.org/)) and build exhibits working with the CALASYS Committee.

**2023 Chinese-English Calendar Designed for Celebrating CALA's 50th Anniversary**
The Public Relations and Fundraising Committee created a printable digital Chinese calendar to celebrate CALA's 50th Anniversary ([https://cala.wildapricot.org/cala-50th](https://cala.wildapricot.org/cala-50th)). It also launched a “Giving to CALA” campaign.

**Chapter Highlights:**

The **CALA Canada Chapter** held its 3rd annual virtual conference on Feb 2, 2022. 27 participants from across Canada and the United States joined the event. Keynote speaker **Jack Leong** spoke on challenges and opportunities as an Associate Dean at York University Libraries.

(Compiled by Sai Deng, Reviewed and Edited by Ray Pun, Michael Bailou Huang, & others.)
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Ten Years of CALA’s Social Media

Sai Deng

The Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) has created six social media channels since 2012, including the CALA’s Public Facebook page, “CALA Members and Friends” Facebook Private Group, CALA YouTube Channel, CALA WeChat, CALA LinkedIn, and CALA Twitter.

As a professional non-profit organization, CALA promotes communication among Chinese American librarians, supports the development of Chinese and North American librarianship, and serves as a discussion forum for its members. It encourages active participation in social media and other online communications. The purpose of maintaining various channels is to meet our diverse members’ needs and offer up-to-date platforms for information distribution, sharing, and networking.

In celebrating CALA’s 50th anniversary, let’s take a glimpse into CALA’s social media history and its development.

CALA’s Social Media Channels

CALA’s Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/CALA-Chinese-American-Librarians-Association-281336511932864/), was created in June 2012 by Sai Deng with then CALA President Min Chou. As of November 23, 2022, CALA Facebook’s fan base has increased to 697 (total followers 697, total likes 603).

CALA YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/user/CALACHannel), was created by Sai Deng in June 2013 to initially host a video featuring Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee. As of November 23, 2022, CALA YouTube has posted 24 videos and has 92 subscribers.

CALA WeChat, was established in December 2014 by then CALA Vice-President Lian Ruan. As of November 23, 2022, CALA WeChat has a membership of 293. As a closed group, it has higher CALA member participation than the other channels.

"CALA Members and Friends" Facebook Private Group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/423045741400053/), created in April 2017 by the 2016-2017 Social Media Group which included Sai Deng, Anlin Yang, Melody Leung, and Chenwei Zhao. It aims to provide a discussion space for CALA members and friends who use Facebook. Currently, it has 126 members.

CALA LinkedIn (https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12047408), was created in May 2017 by the 2016-2017 Social Media Committee. It currently has 41 members.

CALA Twitter (@CALANational, https://www.twitter.com/CALANational), was created in June 2020 by Ray Pun and the Social Media Committee to reach out to a wider audience and provide information relevant to the Chinese American community. As of November 23, 2022, it has reached 217 followers.
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CALA Social Media
Chinese American Librarians Association

Facebook
Member & Friends Facebook Group
https://www.facebook.com/groups/423046711400053

Twitter
https://www.twitter.com/CALANational

Youtube
https://www.youtube.com/user/CALACHannel

LinkedIn
https://www.linkedin.com/group/12447408

WeChat
Join by invitation

CALA Social Media Committee
smedia@cala-web.org

CALA Social Media flyer can be accessed via CALASYS at:
https://ir.cala-web.org/items/show/781
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The Early Years

Under the rapid development of social media and social networking sites, a number of social media channels have been deeply integrated into people’s professional and private lives. CALA started its social media presence in 2012 with Facebook, and then expanded to YouTube and WeChat in the next two years.

CALA’s Facebook

CALA’s first social media, CALA’s Facebook page, was created in June 2012 by Sai Deng with the then CALA President Min Chou. From June 2012 to June 2, 2015, Sai was responsible for maintaining the page, adding about 240 postings. These included CALA’s annual programs, JCLC conference activities, ALA events, library news, member news, books and publications, as well as news forwarded from the CALA Listserv. She also created several posting series such as “One Book Per Day by Authors of Chinese Descent”, and “40 Quotations in 40 Days! Let’s celebrate CALA’s 40th Anniversary together!” In addition, 6 albums on LITA Forum, JCLC, ALA/CALA Annual, and CALA Banquet were added.

In Mid-2015, CALA President Lian Ruan appointed Minhao Jiang to co-administer CALA’s Facebook page with Sai. The co-administrators discussed possible ways of promoting CALA’s social media, and sent several invitations to the CALA Chapter presidents to post news and activities to the CALA Facebook page. Lian and one chapter president who responded to the call were added as editors. From June 3, 2015 to June 3, 2016, 98 posts were added to CALA’s Facebook page. Minhao explored receiving news and article contributions from CALA members via CALA’s Dropbox. Sai also did an analysis of CALA’s social media in collaboration with Xiao Hu from the University of Hong Kong in 2016 (see A history and analysis of CALA’s social media). Their findings were presented at the 2016 CALA Annual Conference in hope of generating more discussion of and interest in these channels. As of May 31, 2016, CALA’s Facebook page had 222 followers. A study on CALA’s social media conducted in 2016 found that for individual postings, the highest number of “impressions” was 2310, the “reach” was 1185, and “engaged users” numbered 106.

CALA’s YouTube

In June 2013, Sai opened the CALA YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/@CALACHannel) using an email account designated for CALA (calanews2012@gmail.com). The first video posted was titled “The Life of Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee: A Scholar, A Library Leader, An Ambassador”, one of the CALA’s pioneers. In the same year, the CALA YouTube Channel posted a video taken at the CALA 40th Anniversary Banquet, Lion Dance. Two videos featuring the well-known librarian and LIS professor Lois Mai Chan and the CALA’s first president Dr. Tze-Chung Li were added in 2014. They were part of the series “Telling Chinese American Librarians’ Stories”, and were created by the ALA Emerging Leaders Ray Pun, Monnee Tong, Samuel D. Suber, and Leila Rod-Welch. The four videos generated about 2,000 views by June 2016.

By working with The Local Arrangement Committee, Sai recruited a videographer to shoot a series of videos for the CALA banquet held at the 2016 ALA/CALA annual conference. These videos were uploaded to the YouTube channel and shared with CALA members and the public.
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The four early videos in CALA YouTube’s history feature library leaders and the CALA banquet.

CALA’s WeChat

CALA WeChat was created by the then CALA Vice-President Lian Ruan on Dec. 5, 2014. It has been run by the members themselves since its creation. In the early days, Lian Ruan as well as a number of CALA members were actively engaged in the community discussion. It has ever since been the most active community space for CALA members and friends to engage in information sharing. As of May 31, 2016, its members reached 113.

While CALA’s Facebook and YouTube channel are more public and social platforms for news dissemination, announcements, and documents, its WeChat group is more of an informal space for sharing news and embarking on discussions.

Continuing the Journey

Facebook Postings and Their Impact

After the early years, the CALA Social Media Committee has regularly posted news of CALA, its chapters and members, and news from professional library organizations such as ALA, its caucuses, IFLA and JCLC. It has also posted news of libraries in Chinese-speaking countries, international collaboration, and outreach initiatives, as well as library resources and services, and conversations on concerns and common interests. In addition, it shared members’ public postings. Committee members who helped with Facebook posting included Sai Deng, Esther De Leon, Wen Nie Ng, Jeannie Chen, Crystal Chen, Susen Shi, and Li Yang.

Since its inception, numerous postings have been created for CALA Facebook or were forwarded from the CALA listserv and other channels. Based on a recent social media report, from May 21, 2021 to June 7, 2022, CALA’s Facebook public page added 173 posts with news, links, and photos.

The Facebook Insight shows that postings on the CALA’s global initiatives, scholarships, annual programs, and CALA’s awards, especially scholarship awards and the Best Book Award have the largest impact, followed by leadership/promotion news and book information. Some of the postings with higher impact include a news report on GlobalLibrary Initiatives (reach: 1376, impression: 1978 as of December 13, 2017); a post promoting the International Journal of Librarianship (IJoL) in the Celebration of Open Access Week (reach: 886, impression: 1232 as of December 13, 2017), announcement on accepting applications for the 2019 CALA Scholarship Awards (reach: 657, impression: 1016, as of May 31, 2019), an announcement for 2018 CALA Best Book Award (reach: 639, impression: 1188, as of May 31, 2019), news of Library of Congress Tour arranged by Dr. Song and Jeffrey Wang (reach: 495, impression: 908 as of June 9, 2020), CALA Scholarship opportunities (reach: 495, impression: 567 as of May 20, 2021).
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Over the years, 68 albums have been created for the CALA’s annual programs, banquets, and other big events in the library community such as IFLA conferences, JCLC, and Sino-American library conferences.

YouTube Postings

In 2017, then CALA President Qi Chen had the CALA Award Banquets video published by the CALA YouTube channel. Later, Lian Ruan submitted videos on her performances at JCLC 2018, and Jon Jablonski contributed a video on his initiative in mainland China: Smiling Library. The Northern California Chapter contributed two webinars on Chinese heritage and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (EDI) topics in 2020. More recent videos include the CALA Annual 2021 programs, Path to Leadership Grant programs, CALASYS Committee’s videos introducing the CALA’s Institutional Repository, and an online training session on CALASYS. By November 23, 2022, CALA YouTube’s 24 videos have received 7,818 views.

CALA’s Social Media Study

To improve its social media presence and better serve its members, CALA’s first social media survey was conducted at the end of 2016 to seek feedback from its members and friends. Eighteen questions were compiled, added to LimeSurvey, and distributed to the CALA members via its Listserv. These questions attempted to address users’ social media usage, participation level, time spent on the CALA’s social media channels, and their perception and experience of these channels, including their understanding of the main functions of these channels, whether they felt a sense of community in these channels, and how likely they are to share information. In addition, they were asked to provide feedback about possible future directions of CALA’s social media regarding the possibility of creating additional channels, the desirable content categories, and their preferred language. The responses were analyzed and illustrated using Excel. A list of recommendations was made, including experimenting with ways to get members more involved in the social networking arena by creating a private Facebook group, WeChat public account, or LinkedIn group. The ultimate goal has been to encourage members to participate and engage with each other on CALA’s social media channels. The survey was coordinated by the 2016-2017 CALA Social Media Committee members Sai Deng, Melody Leung, Anlin Yang, and Chenwei Zhao, and its results were shared at the 2017 CALA Annual Conference (https://ir.cala-web.org/items/show/304). Based on the survey results, the CALA Facebook Private Group and LinkedIn accounts were created by the Committee.
Tagging

To enhance the discovery of CALA's social media postings, a Social Media Tag Library was created in the fall of 2017 by the 2017-2018 Social Media Committee members Sai Deng, Min Tong, and Qi Sun. The team researched the social media practices of other organizations in the library and education community, such as ALA, APALA, BCALA, CLA, FLA, IFLA, JCLC, LC, LITA, NEH, OCLC, and REFORMA. Meanwhile, CALA's Facebook postings from 2012-2017 were exported to a spreadsheet and tags were added or updated in the sheet. Based on the research literature and tags added to CALA's Facebook postings, a tag library was drafted in the fall of 2017. Afterward, the tags were added to the Facebook page, and new tags were also developed when needed. The tags were refined in 2018 and 2019.

Via tagging the postings and creating a tag library, it allows postings with the same topic to be retrieved by clicking the tags in CALA's Facebook. Tagging makes the postings discoverable by a wider audience and guides the tagging of future postings in CALA's Facebook and other social media channels.

In June 2019, the Committee promoted and shared the tag library via presenting a poster “Supporting Access and Community-Building: The CALA Social Media Tag Library” (https://www.ir.cala-web.org/items/show/700) in the CALA’s annual poster session.
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Member and Friends Participation in CALA's Social Media Channels

CALA WeChat has been a very active community space for CALA members and friends for information sharing since it started in December 2014. Its members are mostly CALA members and librarians from mainland China and other Chinese-speaking countries and areas. CALA leaders such as Lian Ruan, Fu Zhuo, Qi Chen, Le Yang, and Yongmin Wang have frequently posted. It is the social media channel that is most actively participated by CALA members and friends.

CALA members have been posting a wide range of news and discussions in CALA WeChat, including CALA programs, international collaborations, Chinese library news, journal information, and member activities. Some members also live post pictures of conferences and events to this space that are of interest to other members. Although its postings are mostly in Chinese, it’s the social media channel that was most actively adopted by CALA members. The Social Media Committee also posted news and messages to CALA WeChat and forwarded news from this community space to CALA Facebook.

"CALA Members and Friends" Facebook Private Group was formed in April 2017. As of Dec. 13, 2017, it has 80 members. It has regular news updates from the Committee and sporadic postings from members. When Susen Shi was with the Committee, she posted customized messages and news to the space.

Social Media Promotion

The Committee has been sending out “Invitation to Join CALA’s Social Media Channels” to the CALA listserv, Newsletter, Facebook, and Twitter every year. The 2021-2022 Committee members Sai Deng, Lam-Sullivan Toan, Angel Tang, and Yan He created a new flyer for the social media channels (https://ir.cala-web.org/items/show/781). The Guidelines for CALA's Social Media (https://ir.cala-web.org/items/show/840) was Initially created in 2016 by Sai Deng, revised in 2017 by the then Committee members Anlin Yang, Chenwei Zhao, and Melody Leung, and further updated in 2021 by Crystal Chen and Susen Shi. These files were added to CALASYS under the collection “CALA Social Media Documents” (https://www.ir.cala-web.org/collections/show/108).

The 2018-2019 Committee, which included Sai Deng, Esther De Leon, and Jeannie Chen, created “Call for Contributions to CALA's YouTube Channel — CALA Channel!” with YouTube Video Examples and CALA YouTube Submission Form. The CALA Web Committee member Weiling Liu helped with creating the form and uploading the call and example file to the CALA Website. A few new videos were added because of the form request or email requests from the CALA members.

The Committee also tried to promote the social media channels at the CALA’s annual programs such as the poster session and shared their thoughts and recommendations.

A New Era

CALA Twitter was started in June 2020 by Ray Pun and the then Social Media Committee. Its contributors have included Crystal Chen, Angel Tang, Sai Deng, and Alysa Cua. It is an open platform for timely updates and quick sharing of events, news, and other discussions.

Based on the CALA’s 2021-2022 social media report, the CALA Twitter account managed an average of over 4,000 impressions monthly since the beginning of 2022 and has averaged over 300 profile visits monthly. From May 21, 2021 to June 7, 2022, 35 original tweets were created and many tweets were retweeted from other organizations. One of its top tweets was: CALA & APALA have received an #IMLS #grant “Path to #Leadership: National Forum on Advancing APIA #Librarianship” (impressions: 5117, engagements: 101) as of June 7, 2022.
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CALA Twitter posting on the IMLS-funded grant - Path to Leadership: National Forum on Advancing Asian/Pacific Islander American Librarianship.

CALA Social Media’s Ad Service
CALA’s advertisement service started since CALA’s website had begun, approximately around 2007. However, CALA did not receive many posting requests between 2010 and 2012. In 2013, an update to the advertisement guidelines was suggested, which led to more requests. The income garnered from the requests increased from several thousands to more than 10 thousand a year in 2015. The guidelines were updated once again, and CALA implemented a new management system with Social media serving as additional opportunities for posting advertisements in November 2020. Since CALA’s Facebook and YouTube have been included in CALA’s fee-based ad services, the Social Media Committee has been working with the Ad Committee to post job ads on CALA’s Facebook and possibly LinkedIn as well. The Committee members who helped in posting the ads include Sai Deng and Li Yang.

Celebrating the CALA 50th Anniversary
CALA is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2022-2023. As part of this celebration, the 2021-2022 Committee worked with the CALA 50th Celebration Taskforce led by the then CALA Vice-President Ray Pun and the CALA Newsletter Committee, collecting pictures, stories, and other related materials from CALA members and friends. “Call for Contributions - 50 years of CALA: Memories and Musings” (https://www.facebook.com-hashtag/cala50th) has been distributed to CALA’s listserv and social media channels.

The current CALA Social Media Committee includes Alysa Cua, Sai Deng, Jen Woo, Li Yang, and Tianji Jiang. The Committee will maintain the various social media channels, engage members, keep posting, and create special posts such as CALA Fast Facts, CALA Timeline, CALA People, and Books by Authors of Chinese Origin for CALA’s 50th anniversary.
Together We Build It: The Ten-Year Journey of CALASYS
Sai Deng, Mingyan Li, Weiling Liu & Suzhen Chen

2023 is the 50th anniversary of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) and the 10th anniversary of CALASYS. CALASYS is CALA's Academic Resource & Repository System. It collects, organizes, and deposits research and scholarly works and other achievements of CALA members, Chinese American librarians, and other contributors in the Library and Information Science (LIS) field. It archives CALA's programs, initiatives, and organizational documents and preserves CALA and its chapters' history while collecting and archiving Chinese cultural heritage and Chinese Studies related materials.

CALASYS is powered by Omeka, an open-source web publishing platform for sharing digital collections and creating media-rich online exhibits. As of November 15, 2022, CALASYS hosts over 30 collections and subcollections for CALA Archives and CALA chapters, 32 collections for individual members' scholarship works, and 2 collections of Chinese cultural heritage and Chinese studies. In total over 600 works or items have been added to CALASYS' open and private collections since its creation. CALASYS' total hits since the activation of the Stats plug-in in the Spring of 2020, has reached 1,346,437 as of November 15, 2022.

Creating CALASYS
CALASYS was a project initiated in 2013 by the Chinese-American Librarians Repository Taskforce chaired by Sharon Hu. The Taskforce members included Mingyan Li, Li Sun, Mei Wang, Le Yang, and Xiuying Zou. The team spent a lot of time discussing and comparing different platforms including TDL, DSpace Direct, RUcore, and others, and finally selected Omeka Classic in December 2013 based on CALA webmaster Weiling Liu's recommendation. The Taskforce started to test Omeka in February 2014 and split into two task groups. One group was responsible for developing metadata guidelines and the other was tasked with system setup. By the end of 2015, the initial structure of the system was established with nine item format types and metadata guidelines were created based on qualified Dublin Core elements. Documents including “Data policy”, “User policy” and “Author Agreement” were developed as well. The Taskforce was extended for another year and was co-chaired by Sharon Hu and Mingyan Li. Members included Weiling Liu, Shanshan Ming, Li Sun, Mei Wang, and Xiuying Zou.

The Taskforce became a standing committee as the CALASYS Subcommittee of the CALA Publications Committee in April 2016. The 2015-2016 CALASYS Subcommittee was co-chaired by Sharon Hu, Sharon Yang, and Mingyan Li. Its members included Jianye He, Weiling Liu, Shanshan Ming, Mei Wang, Li Sun, Xiuying Zou, Lianglei Qi, Sai Deng, and Ling Zhang. The Subcommittee continued revising and enhancing the metadata guidelines, system structure, and refining documents. It also established the mediated submission workflow and strived to increase and improve the data in the CALASYS system.
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Building Collections

The 2017-2018 CALASY Subcomittee members, Mingyan Li, Sharon Yang (Co-chairs), Sai Deng, Weiling Liu, Haiying Qian, Xiuying Zou, Suzhen Chen, and Minhao Jiang, created three main collections: CALA Archives, CALA Member Scholarly Achievements and CALA Chapter Collections. CALA Archives collects CALA’s programs, initiatives, and organizational documents and preserves CALA’s history. Many subcollections were added such as CALA Annual Conference, CALA Documents, CALA Leaders & Members, CALA Awards, CALA Newsletter, Publications, and Video Collection. The CALA Chapter Collections collect and archive local chapters’ programs and activities. Each chapter has its own collection featuring members’ presentations from the chapter’s annual programs. The Subcommittee collected documents and conference materials from CALA officers and members, chapter officers as well as the CALA website, and created entries for these files.

The CALASY Subcomittee presented “If We Build It, They Will Come: Improving CALA’s Institutional Repository” at the 2018 CALA Annual Poster Session (L: Weiling Liu, R: Sai Deng).
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The Subcommittee also focused on building the collection of CALA members’ scholarly achievements. This collection archives CALA members’ research works and publications such as journal articles, and documents such as project reports. It accepts pre-prints, post-prints as well as bibliographical information. The Subcommittee reached out to individual members soliciting their CVs and compiled metadata for their scholarly works and added these records to CALASYS.

Involving LIS Students and ALA Emerging Leaders

Since 2017, some LIS students at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa expressed interest in learning CALASYS when the Subcommittee member Suzhen Chen mentioned it to them. CALASYS was incorporated into Suzhen’s LIS course in 2018. She invited her students to learn about metadata in a real scenario using CALASYS as a platform to enhance their knowledge and skills. The students received training on metadata creation and CALASYS and added records to it. By involving students in the work of CALASYS, CALASYS got help with data input and the LIS students received the opportunity to gain basic working experience with metadata creation. A few students from other LIS programs were also involved in metadata creation later.

In December 2016, the CALASYS Subcommittee submitted a project to the ALA Emerging Leader program by the Subcommittee Co-Chair Mingyan Li. With support from the CALA President Qi Chen, four ALA Emerging Leaders, Minhao Jiang, Jingjing Wu, Nitra Eastby, and Kate McNamara, started working with the CALASYS Committee in the Spring of 2017. They helped in enhancing the system and adding more data.

Enhancing the System

The 2018-2019 Subcommittee members Mingyan Li, Weiling Liu (Co-chairs), Sai Deng, Suzhen Chen, and Minhao Jiang, focused on the enhancement of the functionality of the system. It tested and implemented many plugins such as CSV Import, PDF Embed, Library of Congress (LC) Suggest, and Bulk Metadata Editor. It also created and updated the metadata guidelines. In planning to extend the content contributions, the Subcommittee also looked into the self-contribution plug-in. This plug-in allows a registered user to submit content via the public interface. To promote the archived contents, the Subcommittee also explored the exhibit plug-in.

The Omeka S version became available on CALA’s hosted server at the end of 2022. The 2022-2023 Subcommittee members Sai Deng, Suzhen Chen (Co-chairs), Weiling Liu, and Xiaoli Ma are planning to explore the new version with Meng Qu from the Web Committee and hope that this platform will help improve the CALASYS’ management and collection growth.
Creating New Collections and Exhibits

The 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 CALASYS Subcommittee members, Sai Deng, Weiling Liu (Co-chairs), Mingyan Li, Suzhen Chen, and Meng Qu, created the Chinese Cultural Heritage & Chinese Studies top collection and many subcollections and added new records for these collections. They also implemented Exhibit Builder, Search by Metadata, Self- Contribution, and other plug-ins in the Spring of 2019 and activated statistics in the Spring of 2020.

The CALA Best Book Award Collection Exhibit

The Chinese Cultural Heritage & Chinese Studies Collection is a relatively new collection. It currently hosts the CALA Best Book Award Collection and Chinese Studies in the West: The Chinese Record Collection. The Exhibit Builder empowers the Subcommittee members to build rich exhibits for various collections in the CALASYS. The Search by Metadata plug-in allows different metadata fields to be linked and clicked when a user browses CALASYS.

Opening CALASYS to All Members

The self-contribution workflow implementation indicates an important transition in CALASYS' development. The 2019-2020 CALASYS Subcommittee felt it's important to open CALASYS to all members and allow them to contribute their work themselves. By opening CALASYS to all, the Institutional Repository (IR) is not contributed to and managed by a small committee anymore. Each individual, committee, and chapter officer is able to register for an account, deposit works and documents, and become the manager of their own collections after going through training with the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee compiled self-contribution instructions and a how-to-contribute guide for both self-contribution and mediated contribution workflows. They also updated the CALASYS Metadata Guideline, reviewed CALASYS policies, and created self-contribution training slides. At the 2021 CALA Annual conference, the Subcommittee hosted a presentation on CALASYS and distributed a CALASYS video entitled “Opening CALASYS to All Members”.

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Celebrating the CALA 50th and CALASYS 10th

The 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Subcommittee members Sai Deng, Anna Xiong, Suzhen Chen, Weiling Liu, Haoyong Lan, Nancy Schuler, and Xiaoli Ma, continued to develop content as well as training materials for CALASYS.

An important step the Subcommittee took in 2022 was to work with the CALA 50th Celebration Taskforce which is led by CALA President Ray Pun to create a CALASYS collection grant to document CALA’s history, Chinese American librarians and their achievements and stories. The collection grant aims to encourage CALA members’ participation in CALASYS and enrich its collections to celebrate the CALA 50th. Two collection proposals have received the grant, and they are: CALA: A Path to the Future Library Leaders and CALA/YALSA Chinese American Reading List. A third proposal, Ming Qing Women’s Poetry Collection received recognition. In the Fall of 2022, many of the collection grant recipients attended an open live CALASYS training session via Zoom. CALA President Ray Pun delivered an opening message at the training. The CALASYS Subcommittee introduced CALASYS, the system, its content, collection policy, and how to self-contribute, and explained how to add metadata values to CALASYS and showed some record examples. After the training, guest, and contributor roles were assigned to a few new users. The Subcommittee is now planning more advanced training and is considering assigning collection project leaders “Admin” roles. The team will also promote CALASYS at the Northeast Institutional Repository Day (NIRD22) Conference.

For future prospects, more CALA members, chapters, and LIS students can contribute to CALASYS via self-contribution to make CALASYS a more robust and sustainable core Academic Resource & Repository System of the organization.

The 2022-2023 Subcommittee also worked with the CALA Assessment and Evaluation Committee members Jia Mi, Yuzhou Bai, Yanhong Wang, and Xiaoyin Zhang, to conduct a survey on CALASYS in the fall of 2022. The survey is trying to measure CALA members’ opinions on and engagement with CALASYS, so as to help the team manage and improve CALASYS and better serve CALA members and the Chinese American librarians community.

It will be CALASYS’ 10th anniversary in 2023. As the CALA’s IR, it has grown gradually since its creation. It is hoped that CALASYS will continue to grow at a faster pace and in a more inclusive direction in promoting diverse scholarships and research as well as the association’s history.
Awards

SLA’s James M. Matarazzo Rising Star Award & George Mandel Memorial Aerospace Award

generated to Dr. Wei Zakharov

CALA’s very own Dr. Wei Zakharov, Associate Professor & Engineering Information Specialist at Purdue University, was awarded the James M. Matarazzo Rising Star Award and George Mandel Memorial Aerospace Award from the Special Libraries Association in 2022.

Dr. Wei Zakharov is an Associate Professor and Engineering Information Specialist in Libraries and School of Information Studies at Purdue University. She is the faculty liaison to four Schools Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering Education, and Aviation and Transportation Technology from Polytechnic Institute at Purdue University. She works with students and faculty to address their needs regarding information resources, research data management, and scholarly communication. Dr. Zakharov teaches and conducts research in data and information literacy education, and online learning. She serves as an editorial member and reviewer for several international research journals. Dr. Zakharov has written several funded grant proposals, including two grants from the National Science Foundation (Award number: 2120430 & 2027524) and several grants from Purdue Integrative Data Science Initiative and Innovation Hub.

https://connect.sla.org/engineering/resources/awards/mandel

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Seminar on the Progress of American University Libraries
by Lucy Wang

Wang, Xiaocan (Lucy) and Jie Huang presented a paper titled “ScholarSphere and Sycamore Scholars: A Comparison of Two University Institutional Repositories” at the Seminar on the Progress of American University Libraries held in Beijing, China on May 30, 2018. This was an international and invited event, organized and hosted by the Beijing Academic Library & Information System.

CALA Members Participation and Engagement in IFLA WLIC 2022
Compiled by Michael Bailou Huang, CALA Executive Director

The 87th IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) was held July 25-29, 2022 in Dublin, Ireland. IFLA WLIC 2022 welcomed over 2000 delegates from 100 countries to Dublin, Ireland with the conference theme “Inspire, Engage, Enable, Connect.” In her address to delegates, IFLA President Barbara Lison expressed her delight at the atmosphere of the first in-person meeting after such a long period of isolation and travel restrictions. A number of CALA members attended the Congress and spent several packed days of learning, reflection, discussion, and networking.

Haiyun Cao, Metadata, Discovery and Access Librarian, co-presented a poster session titled “Changing Nature of Cataloguing Librarians in Academic Libraries” with Marcia Salmon, Digital Scholarship Metadata Librarian, York University Libraries. The shifting research and scholarly landscape, the transformation in higher education, and advances in technology have been reshaping the profession of cataloguing librarianship in academic settings. There has been a trend in the cataloguing community that cataloguers are transforming their roles from traditional cataloguing into metadata creation. The authors of this research study conducted a survey to cataloguers in Canadian and American academic libraries who experienced this change in roles. The survey addresses changes of position description, acquisition of new skills, challenges and opportunities during the transition, and their extent of confidence and satisfaction to perform the new roles.
The Survey result shows transition in the job roles of cataloguers is a big challenge to cataloguers who lack metadata knowledge and computer technologies. However, they are able to acquire the needed skills to perform their new responsibility, as well as develop certain confidence and satisfaction in their new role.

Haiyun Cao visited the National Library of Ireland. The National Library of Ireland, established by the Dublin Science and Art Museum Act, 1877, provided that the bulk of the collections is in the possession of the Royal Dublin Society. It is a research library, not a lending library, which means readers must consult Library materials in one of their Reading Rooms. Anyone over 16 years of age who wishes to use NLI collections can apply for a readers’ ticket. A reader’s ticket is valid for three years and gives readers access to all library collections.

Haiyun Cao also visited the exhibition “YEATS: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats” at the National Library of Ireland. William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) was one of the great poets of the twentieth century. He created works that are widely known and loved. Yeats was a man of many interests – Ireland, literature, folklore, theatre, politics, the occult – and he had significant influence on modern Irish cultural identity. The National Library of Ireland received the donation of a large and invaluable collection of WB Yeats's manuscripts and books from the members of the Yeats family. This exhibition, based in the library's main building, showcases that collection.
Guoying (Grace) Liu, University of Windsor, attended this year’s IFLA congress in Dublin, Ireland. As a member of the IFLA Library Publishing Special Interest Group, she was actively involved in the session titled “Library Publishing: Inclusive and Open Scholarly Communication that Supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals” on July 26 in the congress, including its initiation, promotion, and organization. The Session was very well received by IFLA attendees. On July 27, she also participated in the “Library Publishing Business Meeting” where the committee discussed various issues and future directions. It was a great opportunity for the committee members to meet in-person with each other as well as IFLA officers. Guoying also presented the following two posters with colleagues from the USA, Canada, Ireland and Russia titled “Reconnect, rebuild and rebrand: CALA members’ initiatives to help move our institutions above and beyond the pandemic” (Presenters: Hong Yao, Michael Huang, Wenli Gao, and Guoying Liu), and “Inspiring, enabling, engaging and connecting library publishers through IFLA’s global library publishing map and the activities of the IFLA SIG on library publishing” (Presenters: Guoying Liu, Marie O’Neill, and Ekaterina Shibaeva). From these activities and many other occasions, such as the USA Caucus, cultural evening and OCLC reception, she met with many CALA leaders, members, and other Chinese librarians from the USA, Canada and Taiwan, such as Michael Huang, Lian Ruan, Haiyun Cao, Jingjing Wu, Rey-Yun Huang, Xuemaowang, and Marcia Lei Zeng. They represented and promoted CALA together to people from all over the world.
Lian Ruan attended the IFLA Library Theory and Research Section Standing Committee Business Meeting as a member. She joined the Congress Opening Ceremony, the Exhibition, US Caucus Reception and Caucus Meeting. She learned so much from the sessions such as “Agile in the library: Methods and tools for project management, collaboration and innovation,” “IFLA guidelines for LIS education programs: Applying a global framework to transform LIS education in local contexts,” “How can library collections support climate adaptation and resilience?” “Engaging, enabling and connecting for the future - in dialogue with IFLA’s new President-elect (SI) - Live stream,” and “Librarians as evidence intermediaries during times of crisis.” She attended the poster session and exchanged views with presenters. In addition, she joined the tour of the Book of Kells and Old Library at the Trinity College. Lian actively participated in the two-day online Satellite Conference—the Library Theory & Research, Social Science Libraries, and the IFLA Journal Global and Comparative Research Design in Library and Information Sciences on July 30 and July 31. She had a good time meeting CALA friends and other colleagues.

Jingjing Wu, Associate Librarian of Texas Tech University, attended in-person the 87th World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) sponsored by the International Federation of Library Association (IFLA). As a standing committee member and the Information Coordinator of the Statistics and Evaluation (SE) Section, she attended all the Committee meetings, including one business meeting and two open sessions.

The open session titled “State of outcome/impact measurement in metropolitan, national, and academic libraries” focused on the impact measurement in various types of libraries. Carolyn A. Anthony from American Librarian Association (ALA) wrapped up the session – the importance of quantitative and qualitative assessment is the contribution, not attribution.
The speakers of the session titled “Providing, communicating and assessing the value of research support services in libraries” shared programs and services their libraries offer to support and enhance research, emphasizing those that have demonstrated “value” or responsiveness to the specific needs of their community. Beyond that, the Statistics and Evaluation (SE) Section is seeking new members on their standing committee. They are especially looking for members from public libraries and national libraries or members from under-represented regions including Asia, Oceania, Middle East, Africa, and Latin America.

Jingjing Wu and her colleague Cynthia Henry presented their poster. They shared experience running data literacy workshops to help students, especially graduate students, improve their data skills to process, analyze, and present their data for their research projects.

Hong Yao, Director of Technical Services of the Queens Public Library, found the Congress was quite focused and manageable as a first-time attendee of IFLA. Set in the lovely city of Dublin, she had the opportunity to meet new and old colleagues and friends for the first time in three years, many of whom she had worked together with via email or zoom meeting. She was especially impressed by the sheer size of the Poster Exhibit and the wide range of topics they covered. CALA's Poster, put together by Michael Huang, Grace Liu, Wenli Gao and herself had also attracted attention from many visitors. She enjoyed her time during the Congress connecting with colleagues around the globe at a cultural event hosted by IFLA and other receptions sponsored by vendors or affiliates. After the Congress, she enjoyed the leisure walk and the sightseeing around the city. Hong would like to give her special thanks to Michael Huang, CALA Executive Director, for taking the time helping her navigate through the Congress.
Ning Zou, Associate Director for Student Academic Services and Learning Design, Gutman Library, Harvard Graduate School of Education, was excited to share that the WLIC 2022 was the first in-person IFLA conference in her term as Chair of the Information Literacy Standing Committee. She found the Opening Session most inspiring and encouraging. Mary Robinson, a former Ireland President, addressed the imperative for library professionals to combat the climate crisis. She underscored the complex nature of the crisis which includes racial, gender, and intergenerational crises, and encouraged us to reflect on each crisis to develop advocacies. "It always seems impossible until it's done," Ms. Robinson quoted Nelson Mandela's remark to motivate the audience to call for action. Ning heard several mentions of Ms. Robinson's remark throughout conference sessions. Conference participants were deeply encouraged by her speech and shared their ways of acting upon sustainable development.

Networking in person is another high point during our WLIC 2022 experience. Given that Ning had collaborated with several section officers and members since last summer, the in-person social events came naturally. She had amazing conversations with colleagues from France, Italy, Croatia, Norway, Kenya, USA, and more at the New Chair reception, Cultural Evening, OCLC reception, and during coffee breaks and at the exhibit hall. She deeply cherished every encounter with her IFLA fellow member, and the close-netted professional network is the best of being an IFLA member. Together we can make a greater impact!

As the Information Literacy section had close working relationships with the School Library committee, Ning was invited to their business meeting. At the meeting, they agreed to co-host the second webinar series during this year's Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week.

At this year's conference, Ning Zou was honored to help moderate a workshop titled, Enable Your Library to Leverage Open Educational Resources to Create Information Literacy Programs, with Lisa Hinchliffe (UIUC, Chair, IFLA Education and Training Section) and Anne Barnhart (Western Georgia University, member IFLA LISECD SIG). It's rewarding to see 75 participants in the workshop conversing about ways to promote Open Educational Resources in native languages.

Ning would love to extend her gratitude to CALA who nominated her to serve on IFLA - the opportunity opens greater possibilities for her to contribute to librarianship and continue to learn from others.
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Michael Bailou Huang, SUNY Distinguished Librarian and Director of Global Library Initiatives at Stony Brook University, attended the World Library and Information Congress: 87th IFLA General Conference and Assembly in Dublin, Ireland from July 25 through July 29, 2022. The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession. Michael is a member of the IFLA North America Regional Division Committee (2021-2023). He also serves his second term on the IFLA’s Health and Biosciences Libraries Section as a standing committee member (2019-2023). During the Congress, Michael actively participated in business meetings of the North America Regional Division Committee and the Health and Biosciences Libraries Section, and their open sessions titled “IFLA North America: Connecting for action” and “Infodemic management: Strategies for combating health mis/dis/malinformation.” As a representative from CALA, Michael attended the IFLA Association Members Meeting. CALA was acknowledged by Lessa Pelayo-Lozada, ALA President, at the US Caucus and Reception as one of the sponsors. In addition, Michael co-presented a poster session titled “Reconnect, rebuild and rebrand: CALA members’ initiatives to help move our institutions above and beyond the pandemic” together with Hong Yao, Queens Public Library, Wenli Gao, University of Houston, and Guoying (Grace) Liu, University of Windsor, Canada.
Shali Zhang, Dean of Libraries at Auburn University in Alabama, participated in the 2022 IFLA WLIC in Dublin, Ireland. The last time when IFLA hosted an in-person WLIC was in Athens, Greece, 2019. Therefore, it was an exciting experience seeing many library colleagues from the U.S. and from the global library communities after three years!

Shali has served on the IFLA Journal Editorial Committee since 2015. She also served two terms as Chair of the Committee in 2017-2021. In summer 2021, Shali worked with the Committee members and hosted four virtual webinars in the IFLA regions of Asia, North Americas, Europe, and Pacific, on the topics of the IFLA Journal review process and how to get published in the Journal. This year, the Editorial Committee was able to meet in-person for its business meetings and was able to offer an in-person open program to the conference participants during the IFLA Conference. At this open program, the Journal’s publisher, Sage, offers advice on how to promote the published article on IFLA Journal. I think that many CALA members may benefit from the advice:

- Link to your published article in your email signature
- Email a link to interested colleagues and peers
- Create a social media account – Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Google+ account
- Follow peers and other relevant accounts in the field and share links to your work to encourage active engagement in the scholarly community
- Share at conferences with fellow researchers
- Suggest article for guest post for SAGE Perspectives Blog
- Issue a press release via your institution, which could lead to broader news pick up.

IFLA WLIC’s Cultural Evening was always a highlight of this global gathering. At this year’s WLIC, the Cultural Evening was held in the Lexicon Central Library and Cultural Center in Dublin, with delicious Irish food, spectacular Irish music and dance performance, life episodes of literary masterpiece of Ulysses, candlelit tales in Irish mythology, and beautiful art exhibits. I enjoyed this event very much and met with some persona characters from James Joyce’s books.

The next IFLA WLIC will be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, on August 21-25, 2023. I look forward to seeing more CALA members in the great annual event.
CALA Members Global Library Engagement: A Reflection on CALA Members Participation in Chinese Library Annual Conferences from 2013 to 2018

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The Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), officially established in 1973, is committed to establishing closer relationships and collaborations with national and international library organizations such as ALA, IFLA and the Library Society of China, to advocate equity, diversity, inclusion, social justice, and open access. CALA promotes and supports international library related activities and programs in accordance with CALA’s strategic plan.

In support of CALA’s global mission, before and during COVID-19 pandemic, CALA members have strived to engage in global library projects and collaborations including: Think Globally Act Globally, a U.S.-China Librarian Collaboration Project, CALA 21st Century Librarian Seminar Series (2006 to present), CALA academic sessions presented at Chinese Library Annual Conferences (2013 to present), participation in Shanghai International Library Forums (2002 to present), and serving as leadership roles on committees of IFLA and ALA.

The 2013 Chinese Library Annual Conference and Exhibition was held in Shanghai, China, November 6-8, 2013. It was sponsored by the Ministry of Culture of P. R. China and organized by the Library Society of China. The CALA academic session titled “Exploration and practice of innovative services in U.S. libraries” was presented on November 7th. The titles of the presentations and speakers were:

- “County of Los Angeles Public Library - Community-based services” by Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian, the County of Los Angeles Public Library; Wen Wen Zhang, Community Library Manager of West Covina Library served as on-site interpreter;
- “New developments in open access” by Andrew Yanqing Lee, Reference and Liaison Librarian, George Mason University;
- “Engaging undergraduates in scholarly communication through institutional repositories” by Jin Xiu Guo, Assistant Director for Technical Services, Associate Professor of Library Science, Horace W. Sturgis Library, Kennesaw State University;
- “Establishing active faculty teaching and research profiles” by Fu Zhuo, Thomas Burns, Scott Curtis, and Anne Allen, University of Missouri-Kansas City;
- “Introduction to research data management” by Yingting Zhang, Information & Education Librarian, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, RWJMS, RWJ Library of the Health Sciences, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey;
- “Designing online information literacy courses to meet needs of students from doctoral to undergraduate students” by Qi Chen, Area Library Director, Argosy University;
- “Library public relations - Community library manager’s role and activities in public relations and community outreach” by Wen Wen Zhang;
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- “Subject librarians and liaisons: Creating connection with campus community through innovative collaboration” by Min Chou, Associate Professor, New Jersey City University;
- “The Kinsey Institute publications and the media responses: Highlights of the Kinsey Institute Library and Archives” by Lianhong Liana Zhou, Director of Library and Archives, the Kinsey Institute, Indiana University Bloomington;
- “Digital humanities and libraries: The next big thing?” by Haipeng Li, University Librarian, Hong Kong Baptist University.

Seven CALA members attended the 2014 Chinese Library Annual Conference held in Beijing, China, October 9-11, 2014 and presented an academic session titled “The librarian in the transitional time: Exploration and practice in academic libraries in the United States.” About 200 people participated in the CALA session. The presenters' names and titles included:

- “Embedded librarian in academic libraries: An emerging role in the transitional time” by Jianye He, Librarian for Chinese Collections, C.V. Starr East Asian Library, University of California, Berkeley;
- “The embedded librarian: Collaborating with faculty in teaching and publication” by Judy Xiao, Associate Professor, College of Staten Island, the City University of New York;
- “Anthropological approach to librarianship: Ethnographic methods used in library research” by Andrew Yanqing Lee, Humanities & Social Sciences Librarian, George Mason University;
- “New space and new experience: From library to learning commons” by Hong Miao, Research Librarian, Marywood University;
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- "The new challenges to academic libraries in management and subscriptions of online e-journals" by Tian Xiao Zhang, Head of Serials Department/Associate Professor, St. John’s University Library;
- "Space as a service and the transition from print to digital collections: The Hong Kong Baptist University Library experience" by Clement Lau, Associate Librarian, Technical and Collection Services, Hong Kong Baptist University.

The 2015 Chinese Library Conference: The Annual Conference of the Library Society of China (LSC) and the Chinese Library Exhibition, was held in Guangzhou, China, December 15-17, 2015. The CALA academic session was titled “The library’s role in social advancement: Current trends in academic and public libraries in the United States.” Lian Ruan and Haipeng Li were invited to present keynote speeches. Lian Ruan was Head Librarian, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and CALA President 2015-2016. Haipeng Li was University Librarian, University of California, Merced, CALA President 2005-2006, and CALA Executive Director 2007-2013. They presented “New trends of academic libraries in USA,” and “Academic library management and the role of leadership” respectively. The other six presentations included:

- “The evolving role of academic health sciences libraries and librarians” by Michael Bailou Huang, Coordinator of the Office of Global Library Initiatives; Full Librarian, Health Sciences Library, Stony Brook University;
- "New and innovative services in public libraries" by Angela Yang, CALA President 2002-2003, Manager of Fremont Libraries in California, Outreach and Multicultural Services Librarian, University of California at Irvine 1991-2002;
- “Information literacy education in distance learning” by Andrew Yanqing Lee, Humanities & Social Sciences Librarian, George Mason University Libraries;
- “Expanding the role of public libraries: Agents of change in connected learning environments” by Liya Deng, PhD Candidate, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina; “From advanced placement to parallel enrollment-The roles of school media specialists and the community college librarians" by Raymond Wang, Associate Professor, Coordinator, Library Instruction Program, Community College of Baltimore County; “Libraries empowering communities: A transnational perspective" by Clara M. Chu, Director, Mortenson Center for International Library Programs and Mortenson Distinguished Professor, University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign.
The 2016 Chinese Library Conference: The Annual Conference of the Library Society of China (LSC) and the Chinese Library Exhibition was held in Tongling, Anhui Province, October 25-27, 2016. CALA academic session was titled “Innovative services and technology in U.S. academic libraries.” I organized the session. However, I was not able to attend the conference due to other professional commitments. Qi Chen, Ed.D., CALA President 2016-2017, Library Director, Calumet College of St. Joseph, graciously accepted my invitation and chaired the session representing CALA. Qi Chen presented a keynote speech titled “Something for everyone: Individualized/person-centered reference and instruction services: from the basics.” The other ten presentations consisted of the following:

- “Get ready for the transformation of academic libraries: Innovative technology and service at Texas Tech University Libraries” by Le Yang, CALA Vice President/President Elect (2017-2018), Assistant Professor, Digital Initiatives Librarian, Head of Digital Lab, Digital Resources Library Unit, University Libraries, Texas Tech University;
- “Developing innovative services to meet emergency responders’ unique needs at the State Fire Academy Library” by Lian Ruan, Ph.D., CALA Executive Director 2016-2019, Head Librarian & Director of IFSI International Programs, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;
- “Advance library services through “Student-Centered Innovative Projects” at a university library” by Shali Zhang, Ph.D. Dean of Libraries and Professor Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, University of Montana in Missoula, Montana;
- “The next-generation ILS: Futures and trends” by Ping Fu, Professor and Head of Library Technology Services, Central Washington University;
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- "Innovative research support in US academic and research libraries" by Minglu Wang, Data Services Librarian, John Cotton Dana Library, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey;
- "Providing library information services through WeChat: A study of key Chinese academic libraries" by Jie Huang, Associate Librarian/Special Projects Cataloging Librarian, Cataloging and Metadata Services, Penn State University Libraries, and Jinchi Guo, Associate Research Librarian, Reference Department, East China Normal University Library, Shanghai, China;
- "Linked data and the libraries" by Yongming Wang Associate Professor in Library/Systems Librarian, The College of New Jersey;
- "The emerging models of providing online media services in U.S. academic libraries: Issues around acquisitions, processing, discovery, and delivery" by Tim Jiping Zou, Librarian/Professor, Head of the Performing Arts and Media Service, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Libraries;
- "The Innovative services of the university libraries in Taiwan - The innovative services of the National Taiwan Normal University Library as an example" by Wei Peng, Consultant, University Press, National Taiwan Normal University Library;
- "Introduction to peer review process of refereed journals in the profession of library and information science" by Le Yang, Texas Tech University; Andrew Yanqing Lee, George Mason University; and Ping Fu, Central Washington University.
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The 2018 Chinese Library Annual Conference: Library Society of China Annual Conference & Chinese Library Exhibition was held in Langfang, Hebei Province, China from May 30th to June 2nd, 2018. The conference was organized by the Library Society of China and the Langfang Government of Hebei Province under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People’s Republic of China. Almost 4,000 people attended the conference, with 26 delegates from 13 countries and regions. Gloria Perez-Salmeron, President and Gerald Leitner, Secretary General of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and delegates from ALA and CALA were among the attendees.

CALA presented an academic session titled “Innovative library services and teaching with emerging technologies” at the conference. The presentation titles and speakers are listed as follows:

- “Time-to-acceptance modeling for SSCI journals of library and information science” by Le Yang, CALA President 2017-2018, Head of Digital Library & Collection Development, Wenzhou-Kean University, and Jingjing Wu, Web Librarian, Texas Tech University;
- “Leadership and partnership: CALA and Chinese libraries contributing to the IFLA global vision planning” by Lian Ruan, CALA Executive Director 2016-2019, Head Librarian, Director of IFSI International Programs, Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;
- “Robots for books: Building an automated retrieval center for print collections” by Ying Zhang, Head, Acquisitions & Collection Services, University of Central Florida Libraries, CALA President 2018-2019;
- “Transforming Stony Brook University Libraries into collaborative spaces” by Michael Bailou Huang, Director of Global Library Initiatives; Full Librarian, Health Sciences Library, Stony Brook University;
- “Next generation shared ILS and shared LSP: Trend in American libraries” by Ping Fu, Professor and Head of Library Technology Services, Central Washington University;
- “Universities information literacy education in WeChat environment” by Jinchu Guo, Associate Research Librarian, Reference Department, East China Normal University Library, Shanghai, China, and Jie Huang, Associate Librarian/Special Projects Cataloging Librarian, Cataloging and Metadata Services, Penn State University Libraries;
- “Transforming and sustaining family literacy through story times and outreach” by Shuqin Jiao, Library Regional Supervisor, Arthur F. Turner Community Library, Yolo County Library, California;
- “Discovery of students' learning skills through library statistic to transform or innovate services” by YiPing Wang, Media & Instruction Librarian, Laney Library, Peralta Community College;
- “ScholarSphere and Sycamore Scholars - Comparison of two university institutional repositories” by Xiaocan Wang, Emerging Technologies Librarian, Missouri Southern State University, and Jie Huang, Associate Librarian/Special Projects Cataloging Librarian, Cataloging and Metadata Services, Penn State University Libraries;
- “eLearning: Online professional development for librarians” by Jingjing Wu, Web Librarian, Texas Tech University Libraries, and Shuzhen Zhao, Bibliographic Services Librarian; Head, Acquisitions/Bibliographic Services, Leddy Library, University of Windsor, Canada;
- “Understanding the lack of student engagement in Chinese library science undergraduate education” by Lihong Zhou, Professor, Assistant to the Dean, School of Information Management, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China;
- “Transform, think out of the box, connect, collaborate the East Asia, South East Asia and Pacific libraries with US Libraries” by Katherina Lee, Chair, ALA International Relations Committee-East Asia and Pacific Subcommittee.
The Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) has a long history of cooperation and collaboration with the Library Society of China and other library organizations around the world. Every year, CALA academic session is one of the most popular and fully attended events at the Chinese Annual Library Conference. CALA members’ participation in Chinese Library Annual Conferences has encouraged and promoted the open exchange of ideas and best practices in librarianship and advanced the field of librarianship globally.
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In Conversation with Anna Qu, author of Made in China

Tuesday, March 1st, 2022, 6:00 PM EST

By CALA NE, Cindy Li and Edward Junhao Lim

CALA NE collaborated with Penguin Random House, hosting an intimate reading and conversation with Chinese American writer, Anna Qu, author of Made In China: A Memoir of Love and Labor.

Anna Qu is a Chinese American writer. Her work has appeared in The Threepenny Review, Lumina, Kartika Review, Kweli Journal, Vol. 1 Brooklyn, and elsewhere. She holds an MFA from Sarah Lawrence College and lives in Brooklyn. Find out more at annaqu.com.

Cindy Li (NE President-Elect) and Edward Junhao Lim (NE Treasurer) facilitated this session. Topics involved the physical and mental space that public libraries and reading provided for the author, her thoughts on how libraries are a part of building diverse communities, and mental wellness. Lastly, the conversation revolved around the writing of memoirs, as well as the generational differences among Asian/Chinese American immigrant families.
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Dr. Lian Ruan, Head Librarian, Director of IFSI International Programs
Shuyi Liu, International Outreach Service Librarian
Illinois Fire Service Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Since 2005, the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library in partnership with libraries and iSchools in China and the United States has helped organize and host the Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program (CLSEP). CLSEP has been bringing Chinese librarians to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) for a unique learning experience. This program offers the opportunity to explore issues, challenges, and solutions that arise from the complexity of situations in society while providing a platform for communication and cooperation between the libraries of both countries. CLSEP offers tailored professional development to Chinese librarians who aspire to play more significant leadership roles in their organizations. The program aims to cultivate leadership in Chinese academic libraries and enhance their capabilities to lead and innovate Chinese libraries and information services in the 21st century.

Over the years (2005-2019, 2022), the program has attracted 433 librarians from 145 organizations, including university libraries, public libraries, and special libraries. The speakers are drawn from across the UIUC campus and other state and national organizations, including the Library of Congress, American Library Association, Harvard University Library, Yale University Library, Princeton University Library, University of California Berkeley Library, and many more. The CLSEP participants have a close connection with the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA). Many CLSEP participants have joined CALA and are actively involved in the association. In turn, many CALA members have supported the CLSEP program, hosting library tours for the participants, making presentations to share experience, and contributing to its development. The program's success can be attributed to the breadth and depth of its offerings. The program covers a wide range of topics such as library management, information technology, collection development, and academic publishing. Participants also have the opportunity to visit libraries and cultural sites in the United States, providing a unique cultural experience.

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the program's regular schedule, but it was able to adapt and continue its mission through virtual networking. As CLSEP resumed in 2022, it remains committed to fostering communication and cooperation between Chinese and American academic libraries. The program's impact is evident in the growing network of CLSEP alumni who continue to make a significant contribution to the field of library science and keep contact with CALA. Through the CLSEP, Chinese librarians have the opportunity to build lifelong relationships with librarians in the United States and gain a unique perspective on the international library community.
Personal Report - The 4th National JCLC Conference in Tampa, FL during February 8-12, 2023

By Fu Zhuo

Introduction

As a CALA's rep to the 4th National JCLC Conference Steering Committee as well as Co-chair of Pre-conference & Keynote Speaker Committee, I started to work for this conference since the end of the 3rd JCLC National Conference in 2018. Through the past 4 years, I worked very closely with colleagues from NALCOs to set the theme of the conference, to call for volunteers, to attend and host regular meetings, to solicit and select authors for author luncheons, presenters for pre-conference programs, and keynote speakers for opening and closing ceremonies. This 4-year committee yielded tremendous benefits for our organization CALA and me. I really appreciated CALA’s strong support of my work there and the CALA’s recommendation for my Legacy Award at the JCLC conference.

Below are my report of daily activities and tasks.

1. Tuesday, February 7

Arrived in Tampa, FL in the afternoon. Attended the JCLC Steering Committee dinner and learned the daily early meeting for the Steering Committee.

2. Wednesday, February 8

Registered the conference. Started to wait outside the conference rooms to direct attendees to take part in the following programs.

a. Pre-Conference Outreach Librarianship: A Valuable Key to Equitable, Diverse, and Inclusive Services 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

b. Pre-Conference Gathering for Action! – How to make the best of my Residency Experience 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

c. Pre-Conference Cultivating Racial Equity in California Libraries: Results, Processes, Relationships and Next Steps 8:30 a.m. – 12

d. Pre-Conference Identify your Super-Power: Developing Self-Compassion and Grit when faced with Workplace Turmoil 1 – 4:30 p.m.

3. Thursday, February 9

Attended Opening Keynote Speaker Rachel E. Cargle in Conversation with Julius C. Jefferson Jr. 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Photo taking for the conference and CALA. Ribbon cutting for the Exhibits Opening.

Attended all Conference Attendees Meet and Greet 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

4. Friday, February 10

Concurrent Session

Assisted the Youth Author Luncheon featuring S.K. Ali, Tracy Deonn, Ebony LaDelle, Raúl The Third, and Kelly Yang 12- 2 p.m. Assisted in author signing their autographs.
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1. Saturday, February 11
Concurrent Session.
Call to Action 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.
Attended the Conference Reception and Awards Celebration 7 – 9 p.m. Dance Party! 9 – 11 p.m.

2. Sunday, February 12
Attended the continental Breakfast and Call to Action Panel Discussion 8:30 -10 a.m. Closing
Attended the Keynote Speaker Reyna Grande in Conversation with Jacqueline L. Ayala 10 – 11:15 a.m.

Benefits and Summary
The first huge benefit is of course the networking. It has always been important in any industry, and librarianship is no different. This is my 3rd JCLC Conference. I was more confident in talking to new folks since I have met them in the past several times through committee work and in difference conferences. Every awkward start was accepted with grace and the shared understanding that talking to strangers is hard, but we were all there to support one another. We all had the same goals, and the conference theme really brought us together closer. An opening day meet & greet provided an opportunity to get to know old friends and new people, who turned into familiar faces over the course of eight concurrent sessions. I had many friendly gatherings with CALA colleagues, my own library colleagues, as well as new friends from other libraries.

The second benefit is that the conference offered a great opportunity of learning new theories, practices, and programs closely related to the conference theme. It was instrumental in developing many skills I should be practicing in my career and in life. The concurrent sessions themselves were rich in information and research findings, on topics such as the growth of mixed-race student populations and how libraries can serve them, to the lack of systematic data surrounding leadership development programs designed for minority librarians. Presenters shared their personal experience as one of the few professionals who are in leadership at their institutions and ways they try to bring community with them as they rise. In fact, one of the unique features of JCLC is the daily Call-to-Action sessions to promote dialogue and process feelings. It was instrumental in my continued development in becoming an effective force to bring about needed change.

The 3rd benefit is that the JCLC Steering Committee wanted to show support for local librarians, libraries, and the DEI and Inclusiveness course to the local community. Some conference attendees asked about the location selection and wondered why we were in Florida at all, a state whose government leads attacks on LGBTQIA+ and has recently doubled down on its bigotry by trying to stifle learning by erasing race from its history and civics classes. The Conference Steering Committee co-chair Richard E. Ashby, Jr. answered this question during the opening session with the refrain, “We are here.” Not just at St. Pete Beach, not just for a conference, but everywhere and all the time. Even if most of the conference attendees flew in from out of state, we have colleagues and friends who live and work in Florida. Colleagues and friends who need our support more than ever.”

I am glad that this is my 3rd JCLC Conference. Thanks to CALA, it was my first as one of the members for the JCLC Steering Committee and as one of the co-chairs for the Pre-conference and Keynote Speaker Committee. I feel so tired after serving on those committees and had weekly meetings in the past two years. I experienced cancellation of the conference due to the hurricane and we had to invite new authors and keynote speakers to attend our re-scheduled the 4th JCLC National Conference. But the biggest reward is that JCLC aligns with my values: to become an agent of change during these difficult times. I am more excited to fathom and embrace an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity initiative in our library profession.
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Shali Zhang named ALA Endowment Trustee

Shali Zhang was selected to serve as the American Library Association’s (ALA) newest Endowment Trustee, with a three-year term, 2021 - 2024. The ALA Executive Board made these selections during their sessions at the 2021 Virtual Annual Conference. The three-year terms of the newly selected trustees begin immediately. Read about it at https://wwwALA.org/news/member-news/2021/09/ala-announces-new-endowment-trustees.

Fu Zhuo selected as ACRL's Featured Teaching Librarian

CALA's Fu Zhuo, Teaching & Learning Librarian for the University of Missouri, was selected by ACRL's Instruction Section Teaching Methods Committee as a “Featured Teaching Librarian” for 2022. This achievement is known for selecting and interviewing librarians who demonstrate a passion for teaching, innovation, and student learning. Read the interview about Fu Zhuo at https://acrlala.org/IS/featured-teaching-librarian-fu-zhuo/.
Ping Fu Selected as Director of Penrose Library, Whitman College

Ping Fu, a CALA life member, has been selected as the new Director of Penrose Library and College Librarian at Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA, a nationally recognized liberal arts college. His start date is March 1st, 2023.

Ping has been a Science & Data Management Librarian and Head of Technology Services at Central Washington University (CWU) since 2011. Before he joined CWU, Ping was a Systems Librarian and Systems Head at Singapore Management University Library and a Systems Librarian at Yale University Library.

Ping has been actively serving national professional organizations. His most recent services include as a current member of the ALA Committee on Diversity (2019-2023), a current member of the ALA Scholarships and Study Grants Committee (2021-2023), and a current Chair of the CALA Conference Travel Grant Subcommittee (2022-2023).

Ping is also a productive library scholar who has published numerous peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed journal articles and conference presentations. His most recent scholarly peer-reviewed journal article entitled "Developing research data management services in a regional-comprehensive university: The case of Central Washington University" was published by the IFLA journal in August 2022.

Ping received his MLIS from McGill University in 2003. He also holds a master's degree in East Asian Studies, a master's degree in Computer Science, and a bachelor's degree in Computer Science.

My Story, CALA 50th Anniversary Celebration
by Yuhfen Diana Wu, president, 2005-2006

Ms. Wu is a CALA life member. During her tenure from 2004 to 2007 as a president-elect, president, and immediate-past-president, she has set many firsts for CALA:

As chair of the CALA program planning committee at ALA Annual in Chicago in 2005, she invited four outstanding speakers: Susan McClamery (founder and pioneer of 24/7 live chat), Wilfred Fong (library science educator), Hao-Jen Ko (live chat in Mandarin Chinese) and Alma Ortega (live chat in Spanish) to speak on “Riding the Electronic Rooster: Multilingual Virtual Reference Online Chat.” (Figure 5). It was well received as a pioneer presentation when 24/7 chat was still in its infancy.
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Once she took over as CALA president in June 2005, she has done the following firsts:

Appointed Dora Ho to chair the CALA Officer’s Handbook committee; the final product was completed in 2007.

Initiated the Best Book Award to Chinese American authors (see the first award recipient at the ALA Annual in New Orleans, Figure 4).

Ordered a gavel as a symbol for presidency to be used at board meetings.

Ordered a CALA banner (Figure 6) as a gift to be exchanged with other organizations.

The banner was distributed to chapter presidents so they could present to or exchange with other professional organizations or important guests as an official symbol of CALA. This banner was adopted by the Northern California Chapter (Figure 7).

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans with landfall as category 3 storm collapsing levees and flooding the area. Shortly afterwards Hurricane Rita hit in September, causing natural disasters causing catastrophic damage to the areas. In New Orleans, the Convention Center was half destroyed.

In June 2006, ALA was the first major conference held in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita hit the city in 2005. Attendees received a red-carpet welcome at the airport. Mrs. Laura Bush and Mr. Al Gore were special guests and keynote speakers at the conference. The traditional sold-out fundraising banquet hosted by CALA was facing a challenge because the whole city of New Orleans was slowly rebuilding and lacking many resources. Ms. Wu worked closely with Haipeng Li, CALA’s Vice President/President Elect, who chaired the Planning Committee, to make sure CALA could continue its tradition. The only local member, Amy Su Liu, joined in and the three of them worked tirelessly for all details with numerous phone calls and emails. Thankfully, CALA not just successfully hosted this event but also welcomed more than 20 dignitaries from Mainland China and Taiwan.

Before being elected as CALA’s Vice President/President Elect in 2004, Ms. Wu was president of the California Chapter before it was divided into northern and southern groups which allowed them to better serve their members. She was actively involved with committees both at the state, national and international levels. Some of the committees are as follows: Board of Directors, Public Relations and FundRaising Committee, Mentorship Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Membership and CALA Directory Committee, Nomination/Election Committee, Executive Board, and Member Self-Assessment Committee. Ms. Wu initiated Best Book Awards (co-chaired by Yi Liang and Julia Tung). She served as the chair or member of the committees

Beyond CALA, she was elected to ALA Council (2010-2013) and appointed to serve on Diversity Council (2008-2010). She chaired the LITA Scholarship Committee, served as a member of the BRASS Annual Program Planning Committee, BRASS Research/Grant Award, and ACRL International Student Interest Group.

At the California Library Association, she was elected to the Assembly, served on the Finance Committee, Conference Planning Committee, and chaired the Academic Library Section.
Ms. Wu was Head of Academic Services from 2011-2014 at the San Jose State University (SJSU) Library. She was the first non-white to serve in this leadership position in SJSU's 155 years history. She was the coordinator for International and Extended Studies from 2006 to 2017 to support international students and programs, and visiting scholars. During this period, she worked closely with CALA Executive Director Lian Ruan to host hundreds of visitors and library leaders from China as well as scholars from other countries. Those leaders were attracted to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library mainly due to its unique organizational function as an academic/public joint use library. It is a joint use library between a major metropolitan university (SJSU) and a large public library system (SJPL has 24 branches). It was awarded "Library of the Year" by Library Journal in 2004. It has the largest single library building west of the Mississippi River.

During her tenure at San Jose State University, she has served on numerous committees. The most significant campus-wide ones are as follows: president strategic planning committee, academic/provost strategic planning committee, library dean evaluation committee, and WASC accreditation committee (multiple times).

Ms. Wu is a well achieved scholar with 53 works on her scholarly institutional repository at SJSU. Among those works, they have been downloaded 5118 times as of July 14, 2022, which are hosted on the SJSU repository website, not including downloads from any aggregated databases (such as EBSCO) nor the journal website itself. Two of those publications were selected by ACRL - Instruction Section as recommended reading. These are:


In 2007, Ms. Wu was recognized as one of the 40 outstanding alumni by the School of Library and Information Science, San Jose State University to celebrate its 40th Anniversary. That same year she received a research grant from RUSA-BRASS, American Library Association, sponsored by Emerald Publishing Group (Figure 1). This is a grant to support her sabbatical research project: Information Literacy in the Workplace: a Cross-cultural Perspective (Wu, Y.D. (2012), "Information Literacy in the Workplace: A Cross-cultural Perspective," Journal of Library and Information Science, 84-104.) This article has been downloaded 633 times by scholars around the world between July 8 2014 to July 14 2022.

She served on the California State University (CSU) Council of Library Deans Assessment Team from 2012 to 2016. This standing Team has developed a toolkit to be easily adapted for all 21 CSU libraries. It is open to any library who is interested in assessment of library services that include the following three areas: information literacy, collection development, and space planning. See the kit at http://libguides.sjsu.edu/CSULibraryAssessmentKit.
In 2017, she was awarded by PrivCo as Excellence in Business Librarianship. According to the Selection Committee, she "was chosen in part for her incredibly strong record of publishing on business librarianship." PrivCo is a provider of business databases for private companies.

After 32 years of service, Ms. Wu happily retired on August 23, 2019 from the San Jose State University Library as an emeritus faculty with lifetime privileges. She lives in Cupertino, California with her family.

Figure 1: 2007 Ms. Wu won RUSA-BRASS research grant with incoming and outgoing RUSA presidents

Figure 2: 2006 Ms. Wu (3rd from right) at ALA midwinter in San Antonio with leaders of other caucuses and ALA President Loriene Roy (2nd from left). Ms. Roy is the first American-Indian being elected to this prestigious leadership position.
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Figure 3: 2005 with ALA President Carol A. Brey-Casiano and VP/President-elect Haipeng Li

Figure 4: 2006 first CALA best book awards in New Orleans
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2005 at CALA booth, ALA Annual

Figure 5: 2004 Ms. Wu with Speakers of Virtual Chat in multi-lingual at ALA annual in Chicago

Figure 6: CALA banner

Figure 7: CALA California chapter banner
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Front row: Xiwen Zhang, Ying Xu, Yuhfen Diana Wu, Amy Tsiang, Michael Gorman (ALA President) and his wife

Back row: Dr. Kevin Starr (Ca State Librarian, 1994-2004), Yulan Chou, Les Kong, donor xx, Gary Strong (Ca State Librarian, 1980-1994), Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee

Figure 8: 2004 CALA California Chapter at California Library Association Annual Conference in Sacramento

CALA member’s story from the Zhejiang University Library

by Fei Xue, a Digital Librarian at Zhejiang University Library.

I first learned about CALA when I was a graduate student at UIUC, majoring in Library and Information Science. As a CALA student member, I benefited a lot from CALA’s various professional development programs aiming to forge skills in leadership, communication, reference and information literacy instruction, etc. In 2010, I was fortunate enough to get CALA’s travel support to give a poster presentation at the CALA MW Chapter annual Conference in Chicago, and had the honor to meet one of CALA founders Dr. Tze-Chung Li and other CALA members for professional communication. What a lovely memory!

In 2013, I joined Zhejiang University Library (ZUL for short) and participated in a few national digital library projects, such as the China Academic Digital Associative Library (CADAL). I appreciate the great opportunities to serve in various professional associations, such as the CALA membership committee and IFLA Social Science Section, and to keep my eyes open for the changes in the library field, to learn the insights & real-life experiences from distinguished experts, and to serve our colleagues. I always love to learn & share, and am lucky enough to get the 2022 KARL LO Award from Pacific Rim Research Libraries Alliance.
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Chinese and American Librarians in 2019 IFLA WLIC, Greece

Let me talk more about Zhejiang University Library. Located in the beautiful city of Hangzhou, it is one of the oldest university libraries in China. For more than a century, it has been at the center of intellectual life at campus, enabling scholarship, interdisciplinary research, and creative endeavors. Currently, ZUL has eight branch libraries, with a total building area of 92,203 square meters and a collection of more than 6.71 million physical items, including 180,000 ancient books. In addition, the university library subscribes to 749 various literature databases and 2.4 million Chinese & foreign e-books. More exhibition space in ZUL is built to extend the traditional form of reading, so that readers can experience the charms of classics, and various cultural & reading activities held throughout the year. One of the famous projects at ZUL is CADAL, which is an international collaboration project jointly launched by Chinese and US computer scientists, and supported by the US National Science Foundation (NSF) and Chinese Ministry of Education. The Overall goal of CADAL Project is to collect millions of digitized resources for education and research purposes, and to build a multi-disciplinary, multi-category, multi-lingual, and high-tech academic digital library. It aims to gather a wide range of domestic & foreign libraries, academic organizations & experts with various specialties to get involved. Moreover, a new main library in ZUL equipped with smart functional features will be opened in 2023. We sincerely welcome all colleagues to our library and give us invaluable advice.

A new main library in ZUL will be opened in 2023

Last but not least, we really appreciate CALA in offering its members a variety of opportunities for professional networking, continuing education, and serving as a platform to discuss professional issues among Chinese-American librarians. We sincerely wish CALA a Happy 50th Anniversary!
CALA and I for more than 20 years

By Dr. Huang Ruhua, Professor of School of Information Management,
Associate University Librarian, Wuhan University

I am Ruhua Huang, an international member of CALA and a professor of the School of Information Management, Wuhan University.

In March 2000, I was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Pittsburgh. At that time, Dr. Peter Zhou, Head of the East Asian Library at Pitt, provided travel support for me to attend the Annual Meeting of the Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL). That was the first time I met colleagues from CALA. Ever since then, I have communicated with them and learned a lot about the development of East Asian libraries and services in North America.

In 2004, my school, in collaboration with the East Asian Library of the University of California at Berkeley under the directorship of Dr. Peter Zhou, hosted the second “Sino-U.S. Training Workshop for Librarians”. As a member of the Organizing Committee, I was fortunate to know Ms. Sally C. Tseng and benefited greatly from the presentations at this workshop. Sally was a Cataloging and Metadata Librarian working at the University of California at Irvine Library then. I had the highest admiration for her professionalism, passion and care for younger generations of librarians both in the U.S. and China.

In 2014, I was honored to receive the CALA Excellent Teacher Award (CALA's Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu Research Grant and Scholarships). As the Vice Dean in charge of international exchanges, I learned about the history of the award. CALA's Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu Research and Scholarships was established in 2002 by donated funds from daughters of Huang and Wu, Dr. Linda An (Dr. Huang Chuanning) and her twin sister who is a senior librarian at the Library of Congress but wants to remain anonymous, in memory of their parents at the School of Information Management, Wuhan University. Sally Tseng, then CALA Executive Director, suggested the establishment of the grant and worked tirelessly to see it established at our school in 2002, with the strong support from the twins.

In 2015, two other winners and I went to Irvine, California to attend iConference2015, the annual meeting of iSchools. We paid a special visit to Sally. She and her family gave us a warm reception.

Since 2015, a special exhibition of books on "Mr. Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu's life and photos" were put on permanent display in the Historical Showroom of our school to promote CALA among the faculty, students, staff, and visitors of our University and expand CALA influence in China.
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From 2016 to 2019, I had many exchanges with Dr. Lian Ruan (2015-2016 CALA President, and 2019 CALA Executive Director) and Mr. Michael Bailou Huang (2016-2020 CALA Representative to the Library Society of China and 2018-2021 Co-Chair of CALA International Relations Committee) at the Annual Conference of the Library Society of China and the 2017 IFLA Annual Conference. In 2019, our school delegation for iConference2019 visited Ruan's Fire Library in Illinois to attend workshops and exchange information.

In June 2022, I was honored to receive funding from the Sally C. Tseng's Professional Development Grant. I was invited by CALA President Wenli Gao to participate in the online awards ceremony and had the opportunity to express my gratitude.

During the more than 20 years of association with CALA, I have broadened my professional horizons and established library exchanges and contacts with peers from CALA. CALA's incentives and fundings have inspired me to develop research in library and information science and motivation for professional practices.

Leading CALA through the Pandemic 2020-2022

by Yao Hong

I took over CALA 2020-21 presidency via Zoom Meeting during ALA 2020 Virtua Conference which was unprecedented through CALA's 47 years history. 2020 is a year full of challenges, to say the least. We've seen COVID-19 pandemic sweeps through our country with no sign of slowing down, we experienced the outbreak of racial struggles to end systematic racism and we witnessed the turmoil of presidential election in modern history.

Even though many of us are dealing with all these challenges in our own way, CALA as an organization has shown its resilience collectively. We adapted quickly to the online environment, successfully hosted our annual program virtually with hundreds of attendees in June, established an online "Poster Session" with live exhibition of member projects and had our first 2020 CALA Virtua Social event in October.

We stood in solidarity with Black Caucus American Library Association (BCALA) and other ethnic caucus to condemn systematic discrimination. On behalf of CALA, I joined ALA affiliate and division leaders to speak out on Race and Racism. Articles attached at the end.

In light of the increased hate crime against Asians, CALA members Ray Pun, Wenli Gao and Lian Ruan took the initiative to apply for and subsequently won an IMLS Grant on a project titled Path to Leadership: National Forum on Advancing Asian/Pacific Islander American Librarianship. The goal of the program is to give historically underrepresented racial and ethnic groups tools to combat structural racism and discrimination.

2021 is also the inaugural year for our prestigious “Overdrive Distinguished Service Award.” Thanks to the generous donation from Overdrive, awardee will receive $1,000, together with a certificate to honor his/her extraordinary contribution to the development and advancement of the organization. Great success story from our fundraising committee!

CALA has been gaining more and more influences on IFLA ever since its entrance to this world library federation in 2012. For this year’s election, CALA was able to nominate a handful of its members to IFLA's standing committees and regional committees and we will be able to cast our votes for our favorite candidates in the upcoming election.
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Below is the article on American Libraries of our “Reflections on Race and Racism” and a few programs/events we launched during the pandemic.

During a pandemic that forced the closure of our communities, our cities, and our country, we all suffered a great deal as more than 100,000 lives were lost, millions of jobs disappeared, and people’s financial hardship deepened. Even though the virus attacks people indiscriminately, minority communities were hit hardest because of chronic poverty, lack of access to health care and education, and other factors that are ultimately byproducts of pervasive racism in one of the wealthiest countries in the world. And then the brutal and senseless killing of George Floyd by a white police officer in Minneapolis last week enraged us and created an outcry to end racial injustice in any way, shape, or form!

As the president-elect of CALA, I am writing on behalf of our organization in condemning violence and racism toward Black people and all People of Color. It is time for us to unite behind one voice to end racial discrimination, which is toxic in our society and sickens and kills in a more devastating way than any virus on earth. It is time for us to call out racist behavior so that it doesn’t have the oxygen to grow. It is time for us to demand equal rights and equal access for everyone, especially those who have been marginalized in this society for too long.

As information professionals with Chinese backgrounds, we understand the feelings of despair many of our African-American colleagues are experiencing. We stand with you all! We will use what we are most familiar with—information—to arm ourselves in any form of activism we engage in. We will take any opportunity to educate our members, colleagues, public, and families and friends on equity, diversity, and inclusion. We will challenge our fellow Chinese not to stay silent when any racist behaviors are displayed, whether toward Black, Brown, or any other People of Color.
I am hopeful that when we all stand united, we will see progress toward the end of racism.

"Far East Deep South" Film Screening and Discussion
The film follows a Chinese-American family's search for their roots in the Mississippi Delta, where they stumble upon surprising family revelations and uncover the racially complex history of Chinese immigrants in the segregated South.

Rewriting the Future of Libraries - inaugural program specially curated by ALA IRC Asia & Oceania, IFLA Asia & Oceania and CALA
Inaugural Program specially curated by ALA IRC Asia & Oceania, IFLA Asia & Oceania and CALA. At the end of this session, participants will gain an insight knowledge from the various speakers and benchmark their libraries from infrastructure, library services, library professional development, outreach activities, community development, digitisation in remaking future of libraries with the new dynamic era; including the library's role in achieving the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
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A Tribute to Professor Xia Yong (夏勇) of Zhejiang University Library

By Dr. Yan Ma and Ray Pun

Photo: Professor Xia Yong (middle) received an award for promoting reading in the Jianhua Rural Libraries. Photo provided by Professor Xia Yong.

Professor Xia Yong (right) invited Dr. Huai-Wei Lee (left -- Past CALA President 1978-1979) to visit the first Jianhua Rural Library. Photo provided by Professor Xia Yong.
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Professor Xia's leadership in developing and supporting Jianhua rural libraries (健华图书馆) as a volunteer has greatly contributed to the field. The first Jinhua rural library was located west of Hangzhou City, the capital of Zhejiang Province in 1990. After 32 years of building such rural libraries, there are now over 190 Jinhua rural libraries all over China. They are community public libraries supporting literacy and technology programs. Community members can have access to books, newspapers, and the Internet. For over 32 years, Professor Xia has been critical in building Jinhua libraries to support the rural communities in accessing information, books, and technology. These rural libraries have served over 2 million users.

In addition, Professor Xia has been an effective collaborator to support students from the USA to learn Chinese libraries. In 2009, as an LIS student, Ray Pun participated in a Chinese librarianship study abroad program, part of the Global Education for Librarians and Information Professional Program, taught by Dr. Yan Ma, LIS professor from the University of Rhode Island (URI). Professor Xia was instrumental in supporting the program by taking students to visit libraries in China – such as Zhejiang University Library in Hangzhou and many rural libraries in China and the ancient library Tian Yi Ge in Ningbo. Professor Xia’s knowledge and passion in showing the diversity of libraries in China to students was clearly there. We recognize Professor Xia’s educational commitment and engagement with many LIS students from the United States in learning about Chinese librarianship.

Here’s a selection from Professor Xia Yong and his contributions to the LIS field:

人物志 - - 夏勇

夏勇，1940年10月出生，浙江淳安人，研究馆员，中国致公党员。2001年9月至2008年10月任浙江大学宁波理工学院图书馆馆长。夏勇在宁波理工学院建院初期担任图书馆馆长，为创建学院图书馆倾注了大量心血，作出了突出贡献。他开拓创新，克服困难，运用在图书馆界的影响力，通过集中采集、接受捐赠等方式，在短时间内组织到了大量的中外文献书资料以及家具设备，招聘了专业人员，制定了规章制度，保证了初创时期学院图书馆的服务需要。他满腔热情投入新馆建设，组织协调馆舍布局装修、家具设备配置。
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业务机构设置、专业队伍扩充、管理系统运行等工作，使图书馆走上了快速、规范的发展轨道。为学院教学、科研和社会服务工作提供了有效的文献信息支撑。图书馆多次被学院评为年度考核优秀单位，夏勇本人也被评为2007 - 2008学年度学院先进工作者。

夏勇具有坚实的学术研究能力和丰富的图书馆管理和社会工作经历。曾任浙江大学图书馆馆长、文献信息研究所所长、浙江省图书馆学会副理事长、学术委员会主任，中国索引学会理事以及中国致公党浙江省委员会副主委、美国加州州立大学中国校友会

会长。美国加州圣塔国立文化协会健华社首席联络代表的有，开拓文化和扶贫教育，负责创建了134个乡村健华图书馆。

1993年获国务院特殊津贴。出版专著4种，发表论文70余篇，完成科研项目6项。

我的健华图书馆记忆

夏勇

健华社是以美国加州州立大学北岭分校（California State University, Northridge）华裔教授为主体建立的华人公益社团（非盈利组织）它的全称是加州圣塔国立文化协会健华社，简称圣塔健华协会（San Fernando Valley Chinese Cultural Association/ Cultural Exchange Committee,简称SVCCA/CEC，网址http://www.svcca.org）2009年健华社脱离圣塔健华协会独立，改名美国加州健华社(Cultural Enrichment Coalition, California, U.S.A)。

主要领导人有：社长刘克勋教授、刘玉生教授，副社长林楚耀教授、周广南教授，司库夏淑芬、彭景女士等。健华图书馆是由健华社推行的一个文化教育扶贫项目，主要由美籍华人特别是南加州华人捐资在中国较贫困的农村建立的乡图书馆，这些乡图书馆可以弥补这些地区由于政府的普遍不资助而建立的文化设施的空缺，以便给当地政府的人民提供一个可以免费吸收知识、培养阅读习惯，提高文化科学水平的场所。

因为我于1984 - 1985年间，作为访问学者在加州州立大学北岭分校学习与工作过，与健华社的领导人有深厚的友谊。

所以，在1989年健华社提出创建健华图书馆的时候就想到了我。并由社长，加州州立大学北岭分校图书馆资深馆员刘克勋教授给我写了一封信。信上是这样说的：“另外有件事，我觉得如果你们能和我们合作的话，应该可以办成事的。就是由此地的人出钱，配合国内有关单位的合作，在一个乡成立一个公共

图书馆给当地的居民提供一个可以吸收知识，培养阅读习惯的场所。知道你在浙江省图书馆学会有很多熟人，又热心图书馆事业，希望你在浙大选个合适的乡镇，并让我们能和有关的地方领导挂上钩就可以开始这项计划了。”我收到这封信首先是很感动，当然也很高兴，当即给社长回了信表示同意。健华社对此事非常重视，即给我寄来聘书。由于这是一件大事，为慎重起见，我立即给当时的州立大学校长，现任全国人大副委员长的路甬祥教授写了一份请求报告。路校长立即作了批示：“请吴世明同志（当时主管外事副校长）转有关部门向省外办请示”不久市外办给我书面答复，该答复是浙江省外办综合处李志民副处长的意见：“一个外国机构聘请中国学者担任该机构驻我联络代表的事情，以前没有过。但从留任的任务看，主要是与本地乡镇合作办图书馆，属于对外文化交往，可以进行”。这样我就成为第一位健华社在中国大陆的联络代表 - 志愿者(义工)。通过几次信件往来，我和健华社领导很快就制定出建立乡镇公共图书馆的四项基本条件，即1、图书馆应建立在经济相对比较不发达，迫切需要在资金上给以资助的乡镇。2、当地政府对建设图书馆有较高的积极性，愿意无偿提供独立馆舍（200平方米以上），必要的设备和一名专职管理员，并在健华社的资助期满后乡镇政府要将健华图书馆的书刊经费列入乡镇政府财政预算，继续把健华图书馆办下去。3、当地民众有一定的文化素养，所在乡镇有中学或小学（如果健华图书馆建在乡镇也要为当地民众免费提供服务），从而对书刊资料有一定的需求。4、交通相对比较便利。便于当地民众利用图书馆。图书馆取名健华是寓意于强健中华。

有了健华图书馆建馆的4项建馆条件，我就开始物色第一所健华图书馆的建馆地。当时我有一位中学同学在建德当副县长主管文化教育工作，我与他一说，她很高兴，很快提供了2个符合条件的乡镇。

1990年4月社长刘克勋教授专程来建德县（当时建德县称县）乾潭镇考察，对乾潭镇政为创建健华图书馆所做的筹备工作表示满意。在中美双方签订协议书后，于同年11月第一所健华图书馆在建德市乾潭镇举行了开馆典礼。32年来美国加州健华社已在中国大陆22个省市自治区，主要是西部省区的老少边穷地区与当地政府共建健华图书馆190所，见附注2，服务地区人口覆盖面达到200多万。
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2004年以来又特别筹集资金20000美元，在早期建立的27所健华图书馆添置电脑2台，加上新建馆规定要配电脑，总量达到近180台（从2005年第36所健华图书馆开始才配备2台电脑），条件好的健华图书馆还建立了电子阅览室。不仅使农村地区的人民群众有书读有书看，使许多从未见过电脑的农民朋友也开始学会从因特网Internet上获取信息。健华社在美国共联络了几十位华裔成员，共捐资约120万美金。为了这项工作做好，并长期进行下去，健华社在中国各省市自治区聘请了多位志愿为健华社联络代表，共同开展此项工作。其中大部分联络代表由中国致公党组织领导担任。这项工作也得到致公中央的支持与肯定，为更广泛有效地推动这项工作，美国加州健华人与致公中央浙江省委通过联系协商于2008年初建立了健华图书馆中心，统筹管理全国健华图书馆有关事宜，使健华图书馆工作走上更规范，更健康的道路。为发展中国的农村文化事业，提高广大农村人民群众的科学文化水平，早日脱贫致富作出有益的贡献。此外从2010年开始健华社又推出一个针对贫富家庭（人均月收入低于1000元人民币）的优秀中小学生的健华奖学金项目，每年约70名，金额度1000-2000元/人，不同省市略有不同。

32年来健华图书馆在中国农村地区的三个文明建设中发挥了积极作用，得到广大人民群众的肯定和好评。中国图书馆学会于2005年特授予“阅读推广贡献奖”（全国共10名）。我也由于健华图书馆工作，获得中国致公党中央社会服务先进个人称号。

说起我参加致公党，也与健华图书馆工作有很大关系。由于我做了美国健华社的中国总代表，与美国来华的专家教授来往越来越多。我的母校，加州州立大学北岭分校，由校长领衔的代表团到中国访问期间还请我在浙江大学组织了一次加州州立大学校友会会议。来自中国的校友约有20多名，会上我被选为第一任会长。大概是以上这些原因，中国共产党统战部长就找我谈话。问我：你不要参加共产党是否愿意参加致公党？他说致公党是归侨侨眷知识分子的组织，我在浙大的致公党员太少了。我参加致公党以后，特别是去中央社会主义学院学习以后又让我结识了许多来自全国的民主党派的朋友，特别是致公党的朋友他们都很支持我的工作。因此我开始将健华图书馆的项目与我们致公党的工作相结合，经常中国健华社的同意，先后聘请各省市区民办组织的机构等多位民主党派的领导人为健华社的联络代表，开展贫困地区的文化教育扶贫工作。现在已形成一个以政策为依托，以健华图书馆工作网络。他们有：江苏省扬州委员会，连云港市委员会，山东省委，安徽省委，辽宁省委，福建省委，江苏省委，湖南省委，湖北省委，四川绵阳市委员会，成都市委，贵州省委，云南省委，昆明市委，广西自治区委员会，江苏连云港市委员会以及民革新疆委员会，民革内蒙古委员会，民革四川雅安市委员会等。2000年退休以后，浙江大学欢迎我到浙大继续图书馆工作。致公党在政协委员也对健华图书馆的工作给予很大支持。在健华图书馆筹委会领导下，健华图书馆在工作条件并取得很大成效。2008年1月，第一届“全国健华图书馆管理员培训班”在我馆举行，参加的有来自全国各地健华人社的管理员40多人，学院领导和学院安排了教学和活动并承担培训班的部分费用。健华图书馆在工作时并参加了培训班的有关和接待工作。特别是我院支部工作人员王海涛同志利用业余时间参与健华图书馆开发了一套简单实用具有创新价值的信息管理系统，不仅得到健华图书馆管理员的欣赏也得到美国同行的赞扬。由于健华社成员都已经步入老年我也82岁了，美国加州健华人于2022年初召开理事会决定2022年停止健华人社项目，并签订了感谢信并获得美国的捐款者，中国的健华社联络代表及所有支持帮助过健华社工作的朋友们。

2022.12.8

附注1：个人及家庭及单位捐款者名单

周广南兄妹、邹庆国 刘永乐夫妇、左四明兄妹、吴维安、陈融融、林同坡兄妹、林立平、赵庆德夫妇；牛春龙、邱子平；赵就亮梁诗华、林同辉、李思平；

刘嘉祥、林同武、美国加州科技中心、林同光、周传钧、梁汉宗李素琴夫妇、林同均、吴松霞、黄甘泉伉俪、刘庭梅、黄郎；

周守堂兄妹、香港九龙轮船公司、TinaYen兄妹、黄齐芳、郭燕鹤 Grace、陈超、彭适、Monica Peng、刘永熙、Louis Rubinow夫妇、宁克瑞、G. Lee、沈正中、Allison Wu、金志成、陈丽香夫妇、美国加州健华人社

附注2：健华图书馆在全国的分布情况

浙江 28所 陕西 3所 广西 24所 吉林 1所 江西 2所

天津 1所 湖南 1所 辽宁 19所 湖北 1所 安徽 8所

黑龙江 24所 河南 2所 四川 34所 云南 16所 江苏 3所

内蒙 1所 新疆 2所 福建 2所 贵州 22所 山东 8所 重庆 4所，山西1所
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An Extraordinary Leader, and An Amazing Friend:
In Memory of Jim Rettig

By Liana Zhou

I’m stunned with the sad news of Jim Rettig’s death. And I offer my deepest condolence to his wife Monica and his family for their unimaginable loss. Jim was an extraordinary leader, and his presidency for American Library Association was hugely successful. He was able to build his presidency on his deeply cherished philosophy of inclusivity and diversity. I was fortunate to get to know Jim when he joined Chinese American librarian Association as a life member.

In 2008, Jim and I both participated in a China – U.S. Professional Conference in 2009. Jim represented the American Library Associations to express his goodwill to learn about the new developments in the Chinese Libraries, as well as to offer his expertise and experiences. In fact, Jim was the first ALA President visiting the libraries in China. After the library conference in Kunming, he and his wife Monica went on a trip to the city of Chengdu, provincial capital of Sichuan. Monica, Jim, and I were most fortunate to visit the famous Panda Research Park. Not only did any tourist would do, - taking photos of adorable pandas in the Park, but we were able to hold an eight-month-old panda in our arms! We were instructed to wear the protective gear; it was not to protect us from pandas, but to protect panda from us. We nervously waited for the appearance of the baby panda, and got our camera ready. When Monica and Jim and the baby panda were perfectly ready, the staff member only took one photo. I was surprised and immediately took out my camera to take as many snapshots as I could. We all knew this would be our once-in-a-lifetime moment, and we want to capture every single second of our time with the precious panda. When it was my turn to turn to hold the panda, Monica and Jim did the same for me, clicking their camera as quickly as possible. What an exhilarating visit that was and we were all so thrilled with this incredible trip. Shortly after we returned from China, I received a package from Monica and Jim, in that package was me holding the panda, a wonderful photo took by them, and in a perfect frame!

Dr. Shali Zhang, Dean of Libraries at Auburn University, shared that, "Jim treasured the visit very much. During the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago in summer 2009 when he was ALA President, he brough several framed photos with Pandas to his Presidential Suite. I saw those photos at one of the ALA events held in his suite then. He kept telling people about his Panda trip."

A few years later I was talking to Jim about our wonderful experience, and he said that trip was one of the most memorable moments of his life. During this China trip, I also witnessed the beautiful loving relationship between Monica and Jim. Jim showered Monica with attention, care and affection, and Monica to Jim. It was a joy to be spending time with this amazing couple.

I am most grateful for the professional advice that Jim generously shared with me over the years. But more importantly, I was fortunate to be one of colleagues who benefited from his kindness and generosity. He was an amazing friend to many of us. Rest in peace, Jim! Thank you for being our leader and our friend. Your memories and legacy will live on forever in our hearts.

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CALA President, 2001-2002
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The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction
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Jim and Monica with Tongji Univ library director 2009

Jim and Monica with some CALA members 2009

Jim and Monica with Panda, photo by Liana Zhou
Congratulations CALA!

A Tribute Resolution Recognizing the Chinese American Librarians Association’s 50th Anniversary

Whereas the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), one of the six National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCos), an association member of the Joint Council of Librarians of Color (JCLC) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and an affiliate of the American Library Association, celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2023;

Whereas since 1973, CALA “is an inclusive, diverse, and member-driven community which provides members with the opportunities to share knowledge and achieve their professional aspirations by providing support for research, leadership, and scholarship. CALA members are key collaborators, contributors, and leaders advancing the field of librarianship globally”;

Whereas CALA provides a global forum “to support the professional development and research scholarship of CALA members, advocate Chinese American librarians in professional organizations and enhance the leadership development of Chinese American librarians through training, mentoring, networking, and collaboration with colleagues in the United States and abroad”;

Whereas CALA supports and encourages library services to Chinese, Chinese American and Asian American and Pacific Islander communities at large over the past 5 decades;

Whereas CALA recruits and mentors Chinese and Chinese American library and information workers and students, and offers leadership opportunities and trainings for its members;

Whereas CALA, an association member of IFLA provides a global opportunity and forum whereby Chinese and Chinese American librarians can collaborate with other library associations and organizations having similar or allied interests; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

Congratulates and commends the Chinese American Librarians Association for its years of excellence in the development of diversifying the profession

Mover: Raymond Pun, ALA Councilor at Large, CALA President
Seconder: Hong Yao, ALA Councilor at Large, CALA Past President
Dear CALA President Ray Pun, Executive Director Michael Huang, and Members,

Heartfelt congratulations to ALL on celebrating Our CALA’s 50th Anniversary. We envision as an Association where our members can find encouragement, inspiration, leadership, mentorship, role models, support, and many more in CALA!

I especially want to thank CALA current and past leaders for your contributions, achievements, dedication, hard work, fundraising, and other activities to promote CALA, to establish grants and scholarships for members, to donate and raising funds to support colleagues and library communities for natural disasters, to provide services and other activities for our members, professional associations, and our communities.

My sincere thanks go to all current and past CALA presidents, executive directors, board of directors, chapter presidents, committees (both national and at the chapters’ levels), representatives, and many more. With your devotion, tireless hard work, volunteering your time, money, and leadership over the past 50 years, CALA’s visions, missions, objectives, and dreams have become realities.

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I am very happy to see members carrying the torch and past on to younger generations. I am confident that CALA’s spirits of volunteerism, devotion, and services will live on forever. Thank you ALL, my dear CALA members, for your unselfish contributions and volunteerism!!!

Best wishes to you and your families for a Joyous Holiday Season and a New Year filled with happiness, great health, prosperity, and success!

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