

A Memorandum of Understanding
between the
Association for the Study of African American Life and History
and the
Black Caucus of the American Library Association

Rationale for Memorandum of Understanding

We feel strongly this collaboration will provide opportunities for the promotion of African American stories and histories. It is our goal to cultivate a long-term relationship that will contribute to the mission of both organizations. Both organizations stand for the academic freedom of educators, free access to accurate information, provide services and resources to the nation's African American community, and provide professional support for African American professionals, scholars, and students.

Purpose

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (hereafter referred to as "ASALH") and Black Caucus of the American Library Association (hereafter referred to as "BCALA") agree to enter into an agreement to undertake programs and initiatives to intervene in the problem outlined above.

ASALH's mission is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community. Founded in 1915 by historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson, ASALH is the oldest and largest organization devoted to the study of the heritage of African-descended people. The organization has developed several opportunities to serve and engage the teaching of Black history. ASALH will bring its expertise and resources to address the problem.

Established in 1970, BCALA, was formed to serve as an advocate for the development, promotion, and improvement of library services and resources to the nation's African American community; and to provide leadership for the recruitment and professional development of African American librarians.

Shared Responsibilities

1. Share news and events/conferences from each organization
2. Exchange corporate and/or institutional memberships

3. Communicate regarding professional opportunities, news, and networks
4. Send at least one representative from each organization to respective annual meeting and conference
5. Update respective websites to indicate information on partnership and resources
6. Collaborate on projects and issues of shared concerns relating to Black history, information literacy and access, literature, etc. as deemed necessary
7. Advertise in conference journal

Responsibilities of ASALH

1. Organize at least one conference session for BCALA annual meeting
2. Provide a space for BCALA session at annual meeting and advertise session as BCALA sponsored
3. Develop marketing materials for BCALA ASALH's Annual Black History Month Festival session and provide streaming support and/or post program to ASALH TV (ASALH's YouTube channel)

Responsibilities of BCALA

1. Develop at least one program for ASALH's Annual Black History Month Festival (annually in February)
2. Organize at least one conference session for ASALH's annual meeting
3. Provide a space for ASALH session at annual meeting and advertise session as ASALH sponsored

Fiscal/Financial

Any expenses arising to support the above activities are the responsibility of each organization.

Dates of MOU Agreement

It is our understanding that this Memorandum of Understanding will be evaluated every five years by the ASALH Executive Director, the ASALH President, the BCALA Executive Director, and BCALA President to assure that the responsibilities outlined in this Memorandum are pursued and the relationship continues to be mutually beneficial.

Authorized:

Signature of ASALH Executive Director

Date

Signature of BCALA Executive Director

Date