

2023-2024 Division-level Committee Year-end Report & 2024-2025 Work Plan Template

Each summer, ACRL [division-level committees](#) should complete a year-end report and work plan. By **August 31, 2024**, the committee chair should post the completed combined template to ALA Connect.

The **report** section should be completed by the outgoing chair. The **work plan** section should be completed by the incoming chair. Committee members, Board liaison, staff liaison should all review and approve the work plan. Projects included in a committee's work plan will be implemented September 2024 through June 2025.

Committee Name & Charge	
Committee Name:	Government Relations Committee
Charge/Tasks:	Work with the ACRL Board and staff to formulate the ACRL legislative agenda seeking input from other ACRL committees and leaders. Assists the ACRL Board in efforts to incorporate the ACRL legislative agenda into the ALA legislative agenda. Serves in an advisory role to the ACRL Staff.

2023-2024 Leadership (terms: July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024)	
Chair:	Hallie Pritchett
Vice-Chair:	Kaitlyn Tanis
Board liaison:	Kara Whatley
Staff liaison:	Allison Payne
Other leaders:	

2024-2025 Leadership (terms: July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025)	
Chair:	Kaitlyn Tanis
Vice-Chair:	Natalie Marquez
Board liaison:	Kara Whatley
Staff liaison:	Allison Payne
Other leaders:	

Report & Work Plan Submission			
Year-end report written by:	Hallie Pritchett	Date:	8/27/24
Work plan submitted by:	Kaitlyn Tanis	Date:	8/16/24

2023–2024 Year-end Report (written by outgoing Chair)

This report will be included in the committee's official record of activities maintained by ACRL staff. Brief bulleted lists are suggested for the responses.

1. What were the major projects/activities accomplished by your committee this past year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)?

The Government Relations Committee (GRC) drafted the 2023 ACRL Legislative Agenda.

2. Which projects are in process or are expected to continue?

The GRC completed all of the assigned tasks expected of us in 2023-2024. Next year we will focus on the 2024 Legislative Agenda.

3. How has the work/activities of your committee demonstrated commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, within or beyond ACRL?

The charge of the GRC is to conduct research and identify key pieces of legislation that affect Academic and Research Libraries. We pay special attention to legislation that either impacts our populations and prevents equitable access to higher education. For example, each the Affordable Textbook Act ensures that alternatives to textbooks and their large cost do not harm a student's ability to perform well in school due to their inability to pay for them. This piece of legislation is important to highlight for librarians to ensure that we are advocating for our students. Typically, topics such as the ability to purchase textbooks, create larger barriers for minority communities in higher education. The GRC hopes to highlight these important pieces of legislation, so that ACRL knows what to lobby for.

4. What made this work most rewarding (observations/comments/accolades)?

The most rewarding work of the GRC is highlighting what policies and legislation ACRL should be aware of for the coming year. We deeply care about the issues that are affecting our institutions and realize that if ACRL can provide support and advocate for in areas that the committee finds valuable and important.

5. Any other comments, recommendations, or suggestions?

In the event of a board member or another member is not able to complete their duties, the vice chair or chair will complete the plans and reports. We previously had a few members not able to fulfill their duties, so this will help ensure that the work continues.

Work Plan: 7/1/2024-6/30/2025

Please complete this form for each activity that the committee plans to undertake in the 2024–2025 program year. While the form is pre-populated with ten activities, it is not required to generate ideas for all ten activities. Please only complete this form for the appropriate number of activities that work for your committee.

Work Plan Activity	
Activity Name:	Legislative Agenda
Brief description:	This committee will draft and revise the Legislative Agenda to provide background information for ACRL Board, staff, and members, to advocate effectively around national legislative policy issues important to academic libraries and higher education.

Activity Timeline	
How long will it take to do this project?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	continuous project assigned in charge
<input type="checkbox"/>	short-term project that will be completed this membership year
<input type="checkbox"/>	multi-year project continuing past June 30, 2025. Expected completion date:

ACRL Plan for Excellence	
Check the best goal and objective.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Goal: Value of Academic Libraries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 1. Cultivate research opportunities that communicate the impact of academic and research libraries in the higher education environment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 2. Promote the impact and value of academic and research libraries to the higher education community.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 3. Expand professional development opportunities for assessment and advocacy of the contributions towards impact of academic libraries.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 4. Support libraries in articulating their role in advancing issues of equity, access, diversity, and inclusion in higher education.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Goal: Student Learning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 1. Empower libraries to build sustainable, equitable, inclusive, and responsive information literacy programs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 2. Collaborate with internal and external partners to expand understanding of the impact of information literacy on student learning.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Goal: Research and Scholarly Environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 1. Increase the ways ACRL is an advocate and model for more representative and inclusive ways of knowing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 2. Enhance members' capacity to address issues related to scholarly communication, including but not limited to data management, library publishing, open access, and digital scholarship, and power and privilege in knowledge creation systems.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Objective 3. Increase ACRL's efforts to influence and advocate for more open and equitable dissemination policies and practices.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal: New Roles and Changing Landscapes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective 1. Deepen ACRL’s advocacy and support for the full range of the academic library workforce. <input type="checkbox"/> Objective 2. Equip the academic library workforce to effectively lead, manage, and embrace change, advocate for their communities, and serve as a catalyst for transformational change in higher education. <input type="checkbox"/> Objective 3. Increase diversity, cultivate equity, and nurture inclusion in the academic library workforce. 			
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Objective 1. Enhance members’ capacity to acknowledge, interrogate, and dismantle white supremacist structures and other systems of oppression. <input type="checkbox"/> Objective 2. Provide professional development and resources to attract, hire, support, retain, and promote workers from marginalized communities, which helps build inclusive working environments that center trust and belonging. <input type="checkbox"/> Objective 3. Build relationships and coalitions to cultivate “collective ownership, accountability, and responsibility” (Cultural Proficiencies for Racial Equity: A Framework, 2022). 			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabling Programs and Services (education, advocacy, publications, or member engagement)			
Activity Outline			
Outline the steps and deadlines planned to complete the project. Attach additional sheets if needed.			
Specific Action	Due Date	Party Responsible	Resources Needed (e.g., financial, tech, staff support)
Email Committee Members – Welcome & Schedule First Meeting	September 1, 2024	Chair	None
First Meeting – Introductions and reviewing the work of the committee.	September 30, 2024	Chair	Establish Google Doc of Legislative Agenda to work on
Gather issues and ideas from ACRL committees.	October 18, 2024	Chair	None
2 nd Meeting – Discuss ongoing and emerging legislation. Assign committee members to specific sections	Early October – November 2024	Committee	Google Doc
3 rd Meeting – Check in on progress of draft	January 2025	Committee	Google Docs
Solicit feedback from ACRL Staff Liaison of draft	February 2025	Chair	Google Docs

Final Meeting – Final Review and discussion of draft.	March 2025	Committee	Google Docs
Final review and copyediting of draft prior to submission	March 31, 2025	Chair and Vice-Chair	Google Docs
Submit final agenda with Board action form to ACRL office for vote.	April 1, 2025	Chair	None

Activity #1 Assessment
How will success be measured?
Success is measured by the completion and approval of the Legislative Agenda by the ACRL Board.