Trustee Report
Manske Library Board
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This month's report focuses on trends with Artificial Intelligence in Libraries nationally and internationally.

ALA: The State of America's Libraries 2024:

American Library Association annual report for 2024 summarized trends in Artificial Intelligence activity focused on:

Developing a clear definition for AI Literacy

Strategic use of AI in Libraries like content discovery, operational efficiency, and research support.

The importance of training, staff and community attitudes about AI, and shrinking resources impact how successfully AI will be integrated into library operations in the future.

The Clarivate Report regarding Artificial Intelligence:

These findings are directly quoted from the 2025 report based on survey data from the Association of Research Libraries. Over 1500 Research Libraries from across the world participated in the study:

Key findings of the report include:
- **Most libraries have an AI plan in place, or one in progress:** Over 60% of respondents are evaluating or planning for AI integration.
- **AI adoption is the top tech priority:** AI-powered tools for library users and patrons top the list of technology priorities for the next 12 months, according to 43% of respondents.
- **AI is advancing library missions:** Key goals for those evaluating or implementing AI include supporting student learning (52%), research excellence (47%) and content discoverability (45%), aligning closely with the mission of libraries.
- **Librarians see promises and pitfalls in AI adoption:** 42% believe AI can automate routine tasks, freeing librarians for strategic and creative activities. Levels of optimism vary regionally. AI skills gaps and shrinking budgets are top concerns. Lack of expertise and budget constraints are seen as greater challenges than privacy and security issues:
  - **Shrinking budgets:** Almost half (47%) cite shrinking budgets as their greatest challenge.

- **Skills gap:** 52% of respondents see upskilling as AI's biggest impact on employment, yet a third (32%) state that no training is available.
- **AI advancement will be led by IT:** By combining the expertise of heads of IT with strategic investment and direction from senior leadership, libraries can move from consideration to implementation of AI in the coming years.
- **Regional priorities differ:** Librarians' views on other key topics such as sustainability, diversity, open access, and open science show notable regional diversity.

Generalizations from other articles:

Integration of AI varies in both community libraries and research libraries at academic institutions. Adoption of AI into practice requires partnership with larger IT departments than many small libraries have at their disposal. There is a huge training/certification deficit for even those who are employed in IT organizations, much less for community libraries. Training quality adds to the slow-paced AI integration efforts. The attitudes and training issues are like when the internet was first introduced to library and academic environments.

Some fun applications at libraries include reading list generation for patrons who create a profile on and AI application. Academic libraries are producing student guides for AI use, so traditional plagiarism standards are maintained for student research. Source attribution is a tricky and confounding area for evaluation of authenticity in student products when AI is heavily relied on by the student for research.

Sources:

[State of America's Libraries: A Snapshot of 2024 | ALA](#)

[Tracking the AI Evolution in Research Libraries: Findings from ARL's Third AI Quick Poll — Association of Research Libraries](#)

[Clarivate Report Unveils the Transformative Role of Artificial Intelligence on Shaping the Future of the Library | Clarivate](#)

[The World of AI | American Libraries Magazine](#)

Legislative Update

As of May 31, 2025, the following legislation described in the May Trustee Report is at this point in the legislative process. **Updates in Bold.**

House Bill 3225-**This bill is marked recessed at the end of the legislative session, which means it could be brought up in the next legislative session.**

Relating to the prohibition of access by minors to sexually explicit materials in municipal public library collections; providing a civil penalty.

Pending in State Affairs Committee. 25% through the legislative process.

Bill Text: TX HB3225 | 2025-2026 | 89th Legislature | Introduced | LegiScan

House Bill 2572-**This bill has not advanced from the House Culture Recreation and Tourism Committee. No movement since the last Trustee Report. This bill was marked recessed at the end of the legislative session, which means it could be brought up in the next legislative session.**

Relating to the authority of a public library to financially support the American Library Association.

Pending in House Culture Recreation and Tourism Committee. 25% through the legislative process.

Texas-2025-HB2572-Introduced

Senate Bill 13-**Status is Reported Enrolled which means it has passed both the House and Senate in identical form and is ready to send to the Governor for signature. It will likely attract legal challenges.**

Relating to a school district's library materials and catalog, the creation of local school library advisory councils, and parental rights regarding public school library catalogs and access by the parent's child to library materials.

Engrossed on March 19, 2025. Referred to House Public Education Committee. 50% through the legislative process. When a bill is engrossed, it means the bill has been officially updated to reflect all the amendments and changes made during its passage through a legislative chamber. It is a formally printed version of the bill, incorporating all approved revisions, and it is a step before the bill is potentially enrolled and sent to the other legislative chamber.
Bill Text: TX SB13 | 2025-2026 | 89th Legislature | Engrossed | LegiScan