



British Columbia Library Association

Position Statement

February 4, 2017

The BCLA endorses the statement issued by the [American Library Association \(ALA\) on January 30, 2017](#) regarding policies that contradict library values.

The BCLA stands with our Canadian and American colleagues in support of a fair and just society. We stand together in support of intellectual freedom, diversity, inclusion and access to information. We stand together in support of every individual's right to self-expression, without fear of reprisal. We stand together in opposition to actions and statements that incite violence, promote racism and limit our rights as citizens. Libraries are cornerstones of our society. Our foundation is strong. Our doors are open.