Support for LSCA Reauthorization

Whereas academic libraries are partners with public libraries in providing information to businesses, government officials, and non-government organizations, as well as to students and scholars, through direct access and interlibrary loan programs; and

Whereas the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) appropriates funds for interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing in both public and academic libraries, thereby making currently-held library resources more widely available to users; and

Whereas LSCA provides invaluable support for education at all levels; and

Whereas LSCA enables libraries to undertake projects, such as buildings and utilizing computer technology, which would not be possible with normal funding; and

Whereas a renewed LSCA will support access to the National Information Infrastructure by all segments of society; and

Whereas a new LSCA bill will shortly be developed with input from libraries and the information profession;

Be it resolved that the Association of College and Research Libraries strongly supports the reauthorization of LSCA (with a new name and programs as appropriate) and, further, that it strongly urges ACRL members to make their views concerning the content of the new legislation known to the American Library Association Task Force on LSCA Reauthorization.

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