Celebrating 40 Glorious Years of Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA)

NCA Chapter Profile
The CALA California Chapter was divided into two chapters of Northern California Chapter (NCA) and Southern California Chapter (SCA) in July 2006. The geographic division between the North and the South is by the line on Luis Obispo and Bakersfield. Any new California members who live in the middle of the state and are uncertain which chapter they may join in, they may check the geographic convenience and voluntarily make decision on their own.

Current Member Locations
NCA is a small chapter composed of librarians from public, academic, special, some students from library schools as well as a few retirees.

Current Member Composition

Member Achievements & Contributions Highlight
Jianye He
- Retired Chinese Librarian at the New York Public Library. Founder and President of the "Books for China" Project which collects books from scholars and libraries in the U.S. and donates the books to university libraries in China. Recipient of the 2006 CALA Distinguished Service Award.

Priscilla C. Yu
- Held a similar City Planning and Landscape Architecture Librarian position at UC, Berkeley, University of Hawaii at Urban-Champaign. Recipient of the 1998 CALA Distinguished Service Award and 2001 CALA Presidents Recognition Award.

Sara Tang
- Retained Librarian, San Francisco Public Library, Recipient of 2008 CALA President’s Recognition Award. While serving as the CALA Membership Committee chair, she had the vision to automate CALA membership directory and established the computerized CALA membership database with Chinese entries.

June Ho

Kaisi Li
- Department Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services, General Library of University of California, Santa. 2011-2013 NCA Chapter president, Organized and chaired "Cooperation, Collaboration, and Resource Sharing" program in the 2010 CCLA (California Library Association) annual conference in 2010 as a member of the CALA and 2011-2012 CALA NCA co-sponsored two well-attended author talks in November 2011.

Patricia (Patty) Wong
- County Librarian/Director, Yolo County Library, California. 1993 CALA Chapter President, Served on CALA Board of Directors. Recipient of 2012 ALA Equality Award.

Sarah Lee
- Library Coordinator, Overyton Center Library, City College of San Francisco. Served on the CALA board for 10 years. Served on CALA Board of Directors. Recipient of 2013 CALA ASSLIS/BCSCS Community College Learning Resources and Library Achievement Award.

Jo Bell Whitlatch
- Faculty Emeritus, San Jose State University, Reference Librarian, San Francisco Public Library. 2010-2011 NCA Chapter President. Organized "Thinking Globally, Acting Globally" Program, a cooperative program among San Jose Library, USJ, CALA and supported with IMLS grant, Summer 2010.

Looking Forward
- Engage in cultural and community events to promote chapter presence.
- Organize networking events. Consider collaborating with other ethnic caveuses such as Asian/Pacific Librarians Association.
- Invite past participants in the project “Think Globally, Act Globally” to share their experiences in a workshop.
- Reward the new chapter website to present chapter information in an organized manner.
- Recruit new membership - an ongoing effort.