2017-2018 CALA Annual Committee Report  
Southern California Chapter

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Chapter Name: CALA Southern California Chapter (SCA)

Chapter Roster:  
President: Icy Smith  
Vice President/President Elect: Jie Tian  
Immediate Past President: Ying Liu  
Treasurer: Win Shih  
Membership Chair: Manuel Urrizola  
Webmaster: Amy Jiang

Committee/Office Charge:  
The SCA Chapter serves members from Santa Barbara to San Diego Counties. The Chapter holds its own election of officers and programs that align to the missions and goals of CALA.

Goals and Objectives Completed:

1. To enhance open communication amongst members in a supportive environment as well as between Chinese-American librarians and other librarians;
2. To serve as a network for discussing and advancing professional interests and development opportunities relevant to all members;
3. To provide a vehicle whereby Chinese-American librarians may collaborate with other associations and organizations having similar or allied interests;
4. To advocate Chinese-American librarianship to both library and local communities;
5. To promote Sino-American librarianship and library services, and
6. To advocate justice and equity of access to quality diverse books in schools and libraries.

Tasks Completed:
1. Chapter President Icy Smith met with Yunnan library director delegates (Fei Li, Yonglin Wan, Yun Yang, & Shilin Zhao) in Los Angeles and organized a personal local cultural tour to visit
Los Angeles landmarks, including Universal Studios, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Venice Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Rancho Palos Verdes, from Aug. 10–12, 2017.

2. President Icy Smith maintained open communication with chapter members and held numerous online discussions with board members and officers for planning its annual program, from location and date to session topics and format, invitation of speakers, and budget.

3. Chaired by Manuel Urrizola, the Chapter’s membership roster was updated periodically for outreach efforts about chapter activities and election of officers. Currently, we have 61 members.

4. Webmaster Amy Jiang worked diligently on the annual program online registration process and election voting ballot system, and maintained and updated the Chapter’s website content periodically.

5. Treasurer Win Shih attentively managed the Chapter funds and prepared financial report to board members on a regularly basis, ensuring a strong financial stability of the SCA Chapter.

6. The Chapter successfully held its annual program at the Bowers Museum, the finest art museum in Orange County, on Feb, 27, 2018.

7. The annual program presentation materials were submitted to be archived in the CALA Academic Resources & Repository System.

8. Chaired by President Icy Smith, the Nominating/Election Committee sent out a Call for Nominations for two officer positions, to all chapter members in May. The two positions are the Vice President/President-Elect (one-year term) and Treasurer (one-year term).

9. The Nominating/Election Committee reviewed nominees’ backgrounds and qualifications, and sent out electronic voting ballots to all Chapter members on June 8, 2018. The voting period will end on June 30, 2018.

10. To continue promoting cultural diversity and social justice in libraries and schools, President Icy Smith has conducted lectures and professional development workshops in various teaching and library conventions, such as the California Teachers Association (CTA) Good Teaching Conference, CTA Equity and Human rights Conference, and the International Association of School Librarianship Conference. Lecture topics range from the forgotten history Chinese-Americans to the Japanese Occupation in Hong Kong during World War II.

Tasks to Be Completed:
The 2018–2019 SCA Chapter Election results will be announced to all CALA members on July 1, 2018.
Summary:

The SCA Chapter successfully held its annual program at the Bowers Museum, filled with rich history and cultural resources, for the first time. This new venue was strategically selected for its central location between the Santa Barbara and San Diego Counties, to encourage more participation from members and non-members alike.

Our annual program included professional development and author morning sessions to advance leadership growth among members and interested professionals; a social lunch at the museum’s Tangata Restaurant; and a docent-guided tour to see the Bowers Museum’s special exhibition: “Empress Dowager Cixi: Selections from the Summer Palace.”

Thirteen members and non-members from public libraries, academic libraries, and a government agency attended the program. Dr. Peter Keller, President of Bowers Museum, gave a warm welcome remark to attendees and encouraged collaboration between museums and the SCA Chapter. The sessions were presented by our board members Manuel Urrizola and Amy Jiang; Vice President Jie Tian; Jon Jablonski, Director of the Interdisciplinary Research Collaboratory, University of California Santa Barbara; and Florante Peter Ibanez, Past President of the APALA. They shared their expertise and knowledge, from new ideas and practical solutions for library programs to book publishing. Program sessions included:

• **Key Words to Unlocking Access—Making Resources Discoverable**, Manuel Urrizola, Head of Metadata & Technical Services, University of California Riverside.

• **Ecological Arts and the Library**, Jie Tian, Research & Instruction Librarian, Pollak Library, California State University Fullerton.

• **The Political-Economy of Pre-school Literacy Services in China**, Jon Jablonski, Director, Interdisciplinary Research Collaboratory, University of California Santa Barbara.

• **Blockchain and its Applications in the Library**, Amy Jiang, Associate Professor, Wilson Library, University of La Verne.

• **Sharing Experiences of Publishing “Filipino in Carson and the South Bay,”** Florante Peter Ibanez, Manager of Library Computer Services of Loyola Law School and Adjunct Professor at Loyola Marymount University and Pasadena City College.

Attendees were inspired, enjoying this special opportunity for networking and to have an educational and cultural experience. They commented on the venue’s culturally rich and elegant environment and expressed enthusiasm to return to the Bowers Museum for next year’s annual program and special exhibits.

Special thanks to our board members and officers for a successful annual program. The SCA Chapter incurred a net expenditure of $329.38 for the program, as a result of an underwriting obtained by President Icy Smith for the Bowers Museum to waive the $750 rental fee of the
Fluor Gallery. Below are photos of our program at the Fluor Gallery at Bowers Museum, and a group photo of attendees for CALA reference.

**Future Joint Program Planning:**
Chapter President Icy Smith has reached out to Dora Ho, 2017–2018 President of APALA, for a possible joint program next year. The SCA Chapter will consider hosting our program on a weekend instead of a weekday to accommodate both APALA and CALA members’ work schedules.