MESSAGE FROM THE CALA PRESIDENT

by Lian Ruan

I am honored to serve you as CALA’s President, 2015-2016. My presidential theme is ‘Success through Synergy and Inclusivity: The impact of team-based leadership.’ I will lead CALA to optimize synergy, value diversity, promote creativity through collaboration, and offer leadership training and opportunities. Let’s make a difference! With strong support from the CALA Board and members, I look forward to working with all of you and making this a fulfilling and productive year. ("Greetings" continue on page 2)

WHAT TO BREAK THE WINTER WITH:
CALA PROGRAM DURING 2016 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING IN BOSTON

Jan. 8–11, 2016
(All CALA meetings will be held both in person and online via AnyMeeting)

Top 3 hotels preferred (Selection based on price available and distance from the convention center): 1. Hyatt Regency, 2. Renaissance Waterfront Hotel, 3. InterContinental Boston.

Jan. 9, 2016 Saturday
7:30 am-8:30 am - EC Meeting 1 with ALA (CALA) Emerging Leaders (ELs). Mentor and coach ELs plus social time. Attendees include 2016 ELs and their mentors. Previous ELs and mentors will be invited. The suggested CALA project ideas for 2016 ALA EL Program will be shared and discussed.

8:45 am-9:45 am - EC Meeting 2 on President and ED’s Midyear Reports. Review and discussion on both reports.

10 am-12 pm - EC Meeting 3 on Committee/Task Force Action Plans and Midyear. Reports Review and make comments on ALL committee and task force’s action plans and midyear reports from 10am-11am and online meeting discussion from 11-12 pm.

12:15 pm–1:30 pm - CALA Member Group Lunch Gathering. All CALA members are invited and location TBA.

2pm–4pm - Board Orientation and Leadership Development Training OPEN MEETING. Open session to all attendees with a focus on CALA and caucuses. A panel of speakers will address the audience.

4:30pm-5:30pm - EC Meeting 4 with Chapter Presidents. The meeting agenda will be drafted based on action plans and midyear reports.

7pm–9pm - Board Meeting (II) OPEN MEETING [note: Board Meeting (I) was held in SF in June 2015]. The board meeting agenda will be drafted based on reviewing the action plans and midyear reports.

Jan. 10, 2016 Sunday Nothing scheduled

Jan. 11, 2016 Monday
6:30 am -7: am - ALA Sunrise Ceremony (an annual ALA event). CALA president is required to attend. Vice President and ED should be present. All other EC members and CALA leaders/members are encouraged to join.
CALA PROGRAMS & EVENTS DURING 2015 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

In addition to the meetings for the CALA Board, the Executive Committee of the Board (EC), and general membership, CALA successfully held a number of programs and events during the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco from June 26 to June 29, 2015. CALA Board Orientation continued its Leadership Training Series on Financial Management and Fundraising for Non-Profit Organizations, presented by Professor Ling Hwey Jeng. The CALA lunch gathering attracted 36 participants, including librarians from China. Additionally, the CALA Annual Program focused on the theme of “Partnership beyond CALA: Training Leaders of Color for Action,” with invited keynote speaker Barbara Kay 2013-2014. Panel speakers included Eileen K. Bosch, APALA President 2014-2015, Sabel Espinal, former REFORMA President, Janice Rice, former AILA President, Dr. Zhijia Shen, former CALA President, and Kelvin Watson, BCALA President 2014-2015.

The CALA Poster Sessions, entitled “Showcase of Your Achievements,” provided an ideal platform for CALA members to display posters on different topics to showcase, discuss, and share achievements in research, ongoing work, best practices, innovative services, and community development in an informal scholarly setting. The CALA Awards Banquet celebrated CALA members and their accomplishments. Among the winners, Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee won the ALA Melvil Dewey Medal Award, the highest honor awarded by the American Library Association beginning in 1953. Other notable awards went to Camila Alire, who won the ALA Equality Award, and Patty Wong, who earned the CALA Distinguished Services Award. Please find more information on the CALA website: [http://calaweb.org/Programs](http://calaweb.org/Programs) and photos on the CALA Facebook page at: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/CALA-Chinese-American-Librarians-Association/281336511932864](https://www.facebook.com/pages/CALA-Chinese-American-Librarians-Association/281336511932864).

(Photos provided by Lian Ruan)

CALA PROGRAMS DURING 2016 ALA MIDWINTER MEETING

CALA ALA Midwinter programs will take place on January 9, 2016 ([http://www.cala-web.org/node/1670](http://www.cala-web.org/node/1670)). Highlights include meetings of the Executive Committee of the Board (EC) with CALA’s ALA emerging leaders and CALA chapter presidents, the CALA member group lunch gathering, Board orientation and leadership development training, and the Board meeting. I was also invited to join the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance and Sunrise Celebration on January 11.

CALA LISTSERV POLICY

In August, the Board approved the CALA Listserv Policy. As it states, “the purpose of the CALA LISTSERV shall be to disseminate CALA-related information to the CALA LISTSERV members, and to facilitate the exchange of professional information and stimulate conversation and dialogue via an electronic forum.” It further states that “membership of the CALA LISTSERV shall be limited to current CALA members only, or as specifically authorized by the CALA Board of Directors, and in such case, only with specific purposes or justification for said exception.” To learn more about the policy, please go to [http://www.cala-web.org/listserv](http://www.cala-web.org/listserv).
CALA 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

The CALA Board has hosted five online meetings as of November 2015. On November 5, at the fourth meeting, the Board approved the CALA 2020 Strategic Plan which identifies the following six strategic areas to focus on: membership recruitment, retention, and engagement; leadership training and development; local chapter development; professional development opportunities through training and mentoring; professional networking through cutting-edge technologies; and CALA’s impact on local, state, national, and international levels. The plan will help CALA maximize strengths, utilize expertise, sharpen skills, and heighten the association’s far-reaching impact on CALA and the LIS field. The plan can be found at http://cala-web.org/node/1668. Since fall 2014, the CALA 2020 Strategic Plan Task Force has worked diligently with members and leaders on shaping a new future for CALA. Please find the history of the planning process at the Task Force web page, https://intranet.cala-web.org/node/3. Thank all of you so much for your enthusiastic participation and strong support!

CALA COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Thank you for the enthusiastic response to my call to serve CALA. The long list of CALA appointments includes 32 energetic teams that consist of 20 committees and 12 task forces, in addition to seven categories of CALA representatives with members to other organizations (see more about the CALA appointments at http://www.cala-web.org/node/1646). In October, after working hard with team members, all chairs submitted action plans along with budget requests to the president. I set up the Chairs Listserv to facilitate communications and information sharing. CALA’s success relies on the capable leadership of individual chairs and the effective teamwork of members. Go CALA!

CALA PRESIDENT BUDGET PROPOSAL

Based on budget requests for new programs and events and last year’s President Budget Proposal, the CALA President Budget Proposal was submitted to the Board for review and discussion in early November. At the suggestion of Board members, the President Budget Proposal added a grant that supports chapter presidents’ travel to the CALA Annual Conference. This grant will help increase the participation of chapter presidents in CALA board meetings, and it will help to recruit future CALA leaders at chapter and national levels. The Board approved the President Budget Proposal on November 16. Equipped with strong support from the Board, CALA committees, task forces, and representatives are rocking and rolling to achieve CALA goals.

LOCAL CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT AND CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

All chapter officers are in place. Congratulations to all chapter chairs for a job well done! I established the CALA Chapter President Club Listserv to enhance communications, resource sharing, and support among chapters and between national and regional chapters. All seven chapter presidents submitted their action plans to lead their chapters to a better future. Please see the name list for seven chapter officers at http://cala-web.org/node/1645.

ALA EMERGING LEADER PROGRAM

The CALA Executive Committee of the Board (EC) approved the continuation of sponsorship for two emerging leaders ($1,000/each) for the ALA Emerging Leader Program. Please join me in congratulating Xiaojie Duan and Jennifer Zhao who were chosen to be part of this great program. ALA’s press release states that there are 50 selected participants who will attend the ALA 2016 class of Emerging Leaders. To find more about the press release, please go to http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2015/11/emerging-leader-participants-class-2016-announced.

You may find the complete namelist at http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/sites/ala.org.educationcareers/files/content/Selected2016ELs_AllaList.pdf.
PARTICIPATION IN THE IFLA CONGRESS

Seven CALA members attended the 2015 IFLA World Library and Information Congress in South Africa. They are Clara Chu, Mario Gonzalez, Michael Huang, Raymond Pun, Janine Schmidt, Xuemao Wang, and Shali Zhang. Congratulations to Michael Huang who was elected as a standing committee member in the health and biosciences libraries section (http://library.stonybrook.edu/michael-bailou-huang-elected-ifla-standing-committee-health-biosciences-libraries-section/). Pun presented three conference papers; one for the pre-conference organized by the Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section, and two others for the Metropolitan Library Section and the Library Services to People with Special Needs Section.

The 2016 IFLA Congress will be held in Columbus, Ohio. In June 2015, at the CALA Board Meeting in San Francisco, the Board approved a contribution of $3,000 to the ALA/IFLA Annual Conference Scholarship ($1,000/award). CALA members will benefit from the scholarships to attend the congress. The scholarships fund congress registration for CALA members.

SCHOLAR EXCHANGE & SHARING WITH CHINA

Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program in Illinois. 28 participants from 22 Chinese universities attended the 2016 exchange program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which I have helped organize since 2005. The 2016 program is in its 11th year, and thus far all participants have joined CALA as members. CALA Executive Director Li Fu gave a presentation titled “Evaluation of Leadership Development in American Academic Libraries and CALA’s Leadership Training Program.” Chinese librarian participants highly appreciated kind support of CALA members in coordinating site visits and scholarly exchange at Columbia University with Director Jim Cheng and Chengzhi Wang; MIT with Eugenia Beh; UC Berkeley with Jianye He; San Hose State University with Yiping Wang and Diana Wu; University of San Francisco with Zheng Jessica Lu; and Google with Xin Xiang. Howard Silver, Head of Data and Specialized Services at MIT Libraries, wrote about the visit for their newsfeed at http://libraries.mit.edu/news/libraries-visitors-china/19685/.

The Institute for Chinese Academic Leaders: Valuing the Best of Tradition While Strategically Managing Change. I was invited to give a speech in July on the trends of U.S.-China library relations to Chinese library directors at the Ohio University Libraries. At the event, I also met several CALA members, including Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee, Dr. Camila Alire, Dean Xuemao Wang, and Dr. Yan He. To learn more about the Institute, visit the blog at https://www.library.ohiou.edu/2015/09/ohio-university-libraries-hosted-institute-for-chinese-academic-leaders/.

(Left picture: Courtesy of Tyler Stabile, Ohio University)

(More scholar exchange & sharing with China news on the next page)
Dunhuang Academy. The 2015 Dunhuang Forum: International Conference on Digital Library and Cultural Relics Preservation and Use in the Big Data Environment was organized by Dunhuang Academy in cooperation with organizations like the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. It was held in the Dunhuang Mogao Grottoes from August 24 to August 28, 2015. I was invited to give a presentation entitled “Digital Dunhuang & CALA: Collaboration in Scholarly Sharing and Exchange,” and met many CALA members, University. More collaborative projects are in the works and CALA will play an integral part in them. Please stay tuned.

Yunnan. The CALA Executive Committee of the Board (EC) and the Library Information Working Committee of Yunnan Province have agreed on a Letter of Intent on Continuing Cooperation between the two organizations for upcoming cooperation and visits through 2019. Executive Director Li Fu and I signed the Letter of Intent in October. CALA is taking the lead in planning the 2016 program. More to come.

The 2015 Annual Conference of the Library Society of China and the Chinese Library Exhibition. The Annual Conference and the Exhibition will be held in Guangzhou, China from December 15 to 17, 2015. The theme for CALA’s Academic Session is entitled “The Library’s Role in Social Advancement: Current Trends in Academic and Public Libraries in the United States.” CALA speakers include Dr. Lian Ruan on new trends of academic libraries in the United States; Haipeng Li on academic library management and the role of leadership in academic libraries; Michael Huang on the evolving role of academic health sciences libraries and librarians; Angela Yang on new and innovative services in public libraries; Andree Y. Lee on information literacy education in distance learning; Liya Deng on expanding the role of public libraries: agents of change in connected learning environments; Dr. Raymond Wang on the roles of school media specialists and the community college librarians; and Dr. Clara M. Chu on libraries empowering communities: a transnational perspective. Special thanks go to Michael Huang, CALA Representative to the Library Society of China, for coordinating the CALA program. (Photo courtesy: Dunhuang Academy)

CALA’S CARE AND LOVE FOR MEMBERS

CALA’s Caring and Loving Fund was initiated by Executive Director Li Fu in 2014 in honor of her late husband. The fund is used when a member is in urgent need for help, experiencing an emergency such as illness, death in the family, or unforeseen disaster. This year, I appointed a task force on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Board (EC) to take charge of the fund activities. Co-Chair Jinxiu Guo and Andrew Lee have reached out to CALA members in need. These members appreciated CALA’s assistance and thoughtfulness. Please contact Jinxiu Guo at jinx_guo@gmail.com or Andrew Lee at yli7@gsu.edu if you know a CALA member in need of help. Vickie Doll, a CALA member, worked with CALA Midwest Chapter President Zhuo Fu and others to set up a donation website at https://www.gofundme.com/9m3funy for Lisa Zhao (CALA President, 2013/2014) who has fought hard against brain cancer for more than 14 months. As of November 12, in just two months, $13,705 has been raised. Thank you for your generosity! Please continue to spread the word about this fundraising website and to lend your kind support to Lisa and her family. As 32 teams carry out individual team action plans, every CALA day is getting more exciting. 众人拾柴火焰高 (Where many help to gather firewood, the flames shoot high)! Thank you so much again for your generous support to CALA and to me! Should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me via email at lruan@illinois.edu, or by phone at (217) 265-6105. Best Wishes and Happy Holidays!

Lian Ruan
CALA President, 2015/2016 November 17, 2015
DANCE OF THE LIBRARIAN

Many CALA members and friends in the last CALA banquet appreciated your passionate and professional dance, and you were introduced as a faculty librarian and researcher at the same time, can you tell us more about yourself?

I grew up and completed my College education in Taiwan. I had B.A. degree in Spanish Language and Literature. Business with Latin American countries was booming in the 1980s. During my college years, I was able to work as Spanish Secretary and Spanish language teacher for corporate clients. After having accumulated some savings, I came to America to pursue further studies. I received MLS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, worked one year as a Spanish cataloger for the California Spanish Language Data Base, and felt the needs to be more knowledgeable on technology-related issues. I returned to school for further study and received my second master degree in CIS from the New York Institute of Technology.

I liked to be challenged and always set up goal(s) to lead myself for directions. My current position as a faculty librarian at the City University of New York has fulfilled a great part of my lifetime goals to become a professional librarian, scholar, and researcher.

Most people outside the library world thought that librarians are traditionally conservative, wearing glasses, and dressed in plain outfits, etc. But the image of myself and many other librarians could tell the truth– that we are different and we are a fun group of individuals with energy, passion, and interests.

I am a dancer and I like to dance Zumba, belly dance, waltz, rumba, salsa, and much more. I love to express my feelings through the music and dance movements. In the 2015 ALA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, I provided entertainments in CALA Banquet on June 28, 2015 in San Francisco Chinatown Imperial Palace Restaurant. I was the belly dancer who contributed two Middle-Eastern dances in the CALA Annual Event. I have been truly enjoying being myself on stage since I started learning dance 12 years ago. It’s fun and entertaining and I’ve performed dance for over ten years. I encourage all of you to pursue your personal ambitions and interests.

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“HOPEFULLY MY ‘LOVE OF LIFE’ COULD SET UP SOMETHING TO CHEER UP OTHERS TO FOLLOW THE SAME WAY.” – SHEAU-YUEH JANEY CHAO

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(Photos on the upper right side: Sheau-yueh Janey Chao, the librarian. Photos in the middle: Sheau-yueh Janey Chao, the belly dancer.)
I heard that you have some collaboration work with the previous CALA president Carol Gee, could you give us some details? Also, for how long and in what ways have you been involved in CALA?

Carol and I collaborated to write a book about the history of Yuan family and we were supported by two PSC-CUNY (The Professional Staff Congress at the City University of New York) research travel grants for the past few years by conducting oral histories and interviews of the descendants of President Yuan Shikai based on the collected documents (See my 2015 publications under the "Publications" column of this issue).

**How do you manage your time devoted to research and dance? What does a typical day or weekend look like for you?**

Besides being a full time librarian M-F, I am taking belly dance lessons on Monday and Wednesday evenings (12 years) and practicing ballroom dances on Thursdays (10 years). On Saturday morning, I work out in the gym (10+ years) and currently teaching belly dance on Saturday afternoon (1 year).

I work on my research studies and writings on daily basis and also follow up unfinished business on Sundays.

**Do you have any other hobbies? Is there anything else you’d like to share with your fellow librarians?**

Other hobbies include travel (I lead dancing on Royal Caribbean Cruise and Carnival Glory to New England), mountain-climbing, hiking, camping, photography, choreography (lead group dance for my dance students), talking Spanish with native speakers, and cooking (make Chinese dumplings).

Here’s something else that I’d like to share:

I have great experiences on proposal writing and has been taking a role as library proposal evaluator in New York State for more than decades:

**Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC), Regional Bibliographic Data Bases and Interlibrary Resources Sharing Program (RBDB).** Reading Team to evaluate library grant proposals submitted to the New York State library grant programs, 2001-Present.

**Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO), Information Systems Advisory Group, Regional Bibliographic Data Bases and Interlibrary Resources Sharing Program (RBDB).** Reading Team for the evaluation of grant proposals provided by the New York State Library grant programs, 1999-2005.

I will be glad to help CALA for funding proposals or being a consultant/ reviewer/ editor in publications, thanks.

(Photo on the left side: Janey was covered in *World Journal* for her lecture given on Sept. 20, 2015 with Carol Yuan Gee, 2015 CALA President.)
INSPIRATION OF A SURGEON
An interview by Sai Deng

Andrew Lam is one of the CALA 2014 Best Book Award winners and his Two Sons of China tells a compelling story of an American Soldier and a Chinese Communist as they engage the Japanese in guerrilla warfare during World War II. It is based on the little-known, real-life American Dixie Mission of 1944.

We noticed that you took an atypical route to become a novelist, what do you think the biggest challenge in your path?

In my day job I’m a retinal surgeon. I also have four kids. A lot of people figure my biggest challenge is finding the time to write, but it’s not. For me, the rate-determining step as a writer is always inspiration. You never know when you’ll come across a story that gets you really excited because you just have to share it with others. You can’t predict when you’ll be struck by a great idea for a new story. When these special moments happen to me, the writing seems almost effortless.

As a Chinese American, does your identity affect your subjects and your approaches in writing novels and how?

All writers write best about what they know. I am an expert at a few things. I’m a professional eye surgeon. I know what it’s like to be a son, husband, and father. I studied military history at Yale. And I’m Chinese American. All of these elements find their way into my writing because these facets comprise who I am as a person.

So yes, being Chinese American informs a lot of what I write. Even though I have never lived in China and have never interviewed a Chinese soldier from WWII, I have a lifetime of exposure to Chinese culture and history that enabled me to write knowledgably about this time and place.

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(Photo on the left side: Andrew Lam.)

How did you get to hear about the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) and decide to submit an entry to the CALA Best Book Award?

When I started writing my first book, Saving Sight, about my work as an eye surgeon, I googled “Chinese American authors” because I was curious about who was out there. Through that search I discovered CALA. Later on, my publisher and I thought Two Sons of China could be a good candidate for the book award.

"I FIND SURGERY CHALLENGING AND STIMULATING, BUT I’VE FOUND WRITING TO BE VERYFULFILLING AS WELL." – ANDREW LAM

For example, although I’d long-aspired to write a book that would help people better understand WWII in China, it wasn’t until I discovered the true story of the Dixie Mission—a group of American officials sent to Yanan to investigate Mao’s Communist guerilla fighters in 1944—that a light bulb went off in my head and I realized that this could be the basis for a great story about a war-time friendship between two soldiers, one American and one Communist Chinese. After this epiphany, I couldn’t wait to get started writing it.
For *Two Sons of China*, did you work toward your ending or did you find the ending during the writing process? How do you weigh the value of research, experiencing and imagination in creating your epic novel?

I knew from the outset that I wanted my novel to be about an American soldier and a Chinese guerilla fighter who start out with nothing in common but form a brotherhood in battle that is severely tested by outside forces beyond their control. I knew that at the end of the book these two heroes would make great sacrifices for each other, and I actually pictured the ending scenes of my book very early on.

For me, the historical research that goes into writing is not only very important—it’s also the most fun part of a project for me. It’s a thrill anytime I can include actual historical events, characters, and conversations into my narratives. In *Two Sons of China*, showing the perspectives of Mao, Zhou Enlai, and the real Americans who interacted with them was one of my goals. And much of what I wrote about the Dixie Mission really happened that way.

What does writing mean to you in your life? What would you tell people about the importance of Libraries? What do you have to say to the Chinese American librarians?

In my day job, I gain a lot of fulfillment from helping my patients. I find surgery challenging and stimulating. But I’ve found writing to be very fulfilling as well. Writing allows me to be creative, to share my knowledge of history with others, and to convey my passion for certain stories that I think everyone should know about.

Libraries are one of the best institutions in our society. As a child, I spent many hours in the library reading every nonfiction book in the kids’ section that I could find. I think Chinese American librarians play a very important role because it’s so important to serve the needs of this community. Opening resources and improving their accessibility to this ethnic group improves knowledge, engenders civic engagement, and enhances our society. So THANK YOU for all you do to accomplish these important goals!

(Photo on the left side: Cover of *Two Sons of China.*)
JOURNEY BACK FROM THE HACKING:
CALA'S WEBSITES AND SYSTEMS AFTER THE HACKING ON JULY 7, 2015

Weiling Liu, CALA Webmaster (2015-2016)

On July 7, 2015, as we know, CALA's main website and a few other sites were unfortunately hacked and went down. A few weeks later, the main website and some listservs were up on a new Web address (web-cala.org). We changed the website hosting provider after the hacking due to many reasons. After experiencing with the new provider for about one month, we felt that the experience was positive and moved to the new server. During the past few months, all possible restoring efforts have been made. Now the main website, membership database system, chapter websites and a few other application systems are back to business. The systems/websites that are currently available include the following:

1. Main website: http://cala-web.org
2. Intranet (Membership Database) https://intranet.cala-web.org (used to be my.cala-web.org)
3. Voting/Survey system
5. CALAlist: calalist@calaweb.org
6. Internal listservs for the Board, Chairs and Chapter presidents
7. Chapter websites
   a. GMA: http://gma.chapters.cala-web.org/
   b. MW: http://midwest.chapters.cala-web.org/
   c. NCA: http://nca.chapters.cala-web.org/
   d. SCA: http://www.southerncaifornia.cala-web.org/
   e. SE: http://www.southeast.cala-web.org/
   f. SW: Southwest Chapter (SW)

Due to some technical hurdles, the main website was not able to be restored as before. The new banner was adopted with customizations from a draft design created by Tingting Peng, a student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. All the pages need to be relinked. Although most public pages are now available, there are still many broken links. The Web Committee is working diligently on getting all the pages restored. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tingting Peng for her fine design, and thank the Web Committee members for their hard work in restoring the pages while carrying out their routine assigned tasks. Thank you, everyone, for your patience and understanding.

CALL FOR POSTER SESSION APPLICATIONS
IFLA WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS 2016—COLUMBUS, OH, USA

Are you involved in an interesting project or in an area of work that you would like to discuss with or show to other congress attendees? Why not present your work in the IFLA Poster Sessions?

The Congress Organisers are now calling for Applications to hold a Poster Session at the Congress that is to be held in Columbus, OH in the USA from 13-19 August 2016.

Presenters of a poster will be expected to be present on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 August 2016 in order to explain their poster and to hand out any leaflets, or other information materials, they have available for viewers of their poster. Each presenter can therefore only present one poster.

Full details of the Call for Poster Session Applications as well as the online application form can be found on the IFLA WLIC 2016 website.

Applicants are asked to describe how they intend to illustrate the project in the poster format. The poster has to be an experience in itself for the one who looks at it—and should show awareness of the format of a poster-session and its purpose.

Deadline The deadline for applications is 01 February 2016. Questions? Please contact: posters@ifla.org.
IFLA 2016 NATIONAL COMMITTEE FELLOWSHIP GRANT APPLICATION

(Application link: http://2016.ifla.org/congress-information/conference-participation-grants/ifla-2016-national-committee-fellowship-grant-application)

The IFLA 2016 National Committee, through generous donations from the North American library community, will offer up to 50 full fellowships to librarians from outside North America (U.S. and Canada) to attend the IFLA 2016 Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

The fellowship will cover travel, accommodation, a per diem food allowance, and conference registration fees. Priority will be given to younger professionals with a minimum of 5 years experience in the field of libraries who do not usually attend IFLA Conferences.

Applicants must be eligible to obtain a visa for travel. Applications should include a one-page Curriculum Vitae or resume (including educational background), submitted as a PDF attachment; and a statement (250 words maximum) regarding how your professional colleagues in your country will benefit from your participation in the IFLA conference.

The application deadline is 31 December via email upon receipt. Selection of the notification in early February 2016.

ALA AWARDED IMLS GRANT FOR IFLA 2016 CONGRESS FELLOWSHIPS

CHICAGO – The American Library Association (ALA) has been awarded a 2015 Laura Bush 21st Century Library Program grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The $50,000 grant will be used to provide 50 $1,000 scholarships to help a diverse group of librarians, library staff and library students in the United States attend the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 13-19, 2016. Laura Bush Program grants support the recruiting and educating of library students, continuing education for those already in the profession, research and new programs that build institutional capacity.

Fellowship grants will be provided to individuals in the early or middle stage (20 years or fewer) of their careers who are not already actively engaged in IFLA. The project will help to ensure the next generation of participants and leaders on the global stage from the United States fully represents the diversity in the community and country. Only U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States will be eligible to receive these scholarships. The scholarships will help cover costs related to travel, hotel, meals and registration. Interested parties are invited to apply by the deadline of Dec. 31, 2015.

This grant (IMLS grant number RE-00-15-0108-15) is part of a larger scholarship program led by the IFLA 2016 National Committee to fund at least 50 full scholarships to librarians from around the world, primarily from developing countries, as well as 50 additional $1,000 scholarships for North American librarians beyond those funded by the IMLS grant. Over 90 library associations, libraries, and library foundations have pledged $400,000 to date.

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NEW CALA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY RELEASED

September 2015

To recruit and retain Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) members is always a part of CALA’s strategic plan. Every President and Executive Director of CALA has exerted great efforts by initiating appropriate programs throughout the years. Members in CALA Membership Committees, Fundraising Committees, and individual founders such as Dr. Tze-Chung Li and Dr. Hwa-Wei Lee have also contributed tremendous efforts and time in this.

On behalf of the CALA Directory Task Force Committee, we are pleased to present you with the new 2015 CALA Membership Directory. As of July 1, 2015, there are a total of 502 active/paid members. Among them, 269 are Life Members, and 233 Annual Members (which include 3 Institutional Members). In the United States, the total membership breakdown is as follows: Northeast Chapter has 72 members, Midwest Chapter has 67, Northern California Chapter has 62, Southern California Chapter has 52, Great Mid-Atlantic Chapter has 46, Southwest Chapter has 30, and Southeast Chapter has 28. The USA membership represents 72.91% of the total CALA membership. For overseas and other countries, there are 155 members, which makes up 27.09% of the total CALA membership. You can find details of the membership distribution percentage and comparison between this directory and the previous one published in 2012-2013 from the section of Review and Analysis of CALA Membership.

Like previous CALA Membership Directories, this new 2015 CALA Membership Directory maintains the same structure and format for membership information. It includes a description of CALA Organization, a map of CALA Chapters and areas in the United States, a Review and Analysis of Geographic Distribution of Members, Membership Directory and Appendixes. All entries that are shown in the Directory is drawn from the membership database.

We have many people to thank for the coming of this Directory. We would like to thank Carol Gee, CALA president of 2014-2015, Lian Ruan, CALA President of 2015-2016, Li Fu, CALA Executive Director 2014-2016, and the Executive Board for appointing this Directory Task Force Committee and allocating funds to support this project. Our special thanks go to Maria Fung and Esther Lee, Co-Chairs of CALA Fundraising Committee for diligently raising tremendous funds to cover the printing cost. Special thanks also go to Weiling Liu, CALA Web Master, who helped retrieve membership information and carefully examine the information. Without the above people’s hard work, this project would not have happened.

We apologize in advance if there is any mistake in your membership information included in this 2015 Directory. We have tried our best to provide your information as accurate as possible. If you have discovered any wrong information about your membership or have questions regarding the Directory, please don’t hesitate to contact us. We would pass that information to the current CALA Membership Committee and they will update it accordingly. We hope you find the Directory a useful tool for activities in professional development, networking, communication, collaboration, and friendship. We also hope that you can keep this Directory as a proof of sweet memory of your long-time hard professional services and as a proud CALA member. Your dedicated volunteer services and your continuous endeavors to promote CALA and to maintain your CALA membership are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your support of CALA!

Yours respectfully,

Fu Zhuo, Michael Huang, Min Tong and Sai Deng, the CALA Directory Task Force Committee, 2014-2015
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:
2016 CHINESE AMERICAN LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION (CALA) SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Deadline: March 6, 2016
Online Application URL: http://my2.web-cala.org/node/11

Founded in 1973, the Chinese American Librarians Association, an affiliate of American Library Association, is pleased to announce the availability of its 2015-2016 scholarships:

• The CALA Scholarship of Library and Information Science (This scholarship awards $1000 to a full-time student at an ALA-accredited library school.)

• The Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship of Library and Information Science (This scholarship awards $500 to a full-time student at an ALA-accredited library school.)

• Lisa Zhao Scholarship Fund (This scholarship awards $500 to a full-time student at an ALA-accredited library school.)

• The Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu Research and Scholarship (This scholarship awards faculty and students at the Wuhan University, China. One award is for a library school faculty member ($400) and two awards go to library school students ($200 each.)

These scholarships are designed to encourage professional and leadership development in Chinese American librarianship. They are open to full-time students of Chinese heritage who are currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited master’s or doctoral program of library and information science at an institution of higher education in North America (with the exception of The Huang Tso-ping and Wu Yao-yu Research and Scholarship). The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student at the time the scholarship is awarded. Applicants may apply for any or all of the scholarships listed above. All scholarships are awarded in U.S. dollars.

To apply, please go to http://my2.web-cala.org/node/11 to access the application guidelines, application forms and reference forms. The application deadline is 12AM Central Time March 6, 2016. The recipients will be announced by April 30, 2016 and the awards will be presented at the CALA Awards Banquet during the 2016 CALA Annual Conference. If you have any questions, please contact the 2015-2016 CALA Scholarship Committee:

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2016 PETERSON ANNOUNCEMENT

The Donald Peterson Student Travel Award Subcommittee invites applications from archival science students and recent graduates of archival programs. The award subsidizes travel to the SAA Annual Meeting for students presenting research or actively participating in an SAA-sponsored committee, section, or roundtable.

Award and application information follow below. The application deadline is February 28, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the award or the application process, please contact Rachel Howard, Donald Peterson Student Travel Award Committee Chair, at rachel.howard@louisville.edu.

Purpose and Criteria for Selection

Established in 2005, this award supports students and recent graduates from graduate archival programs within North America to attend SAA’s Annual Meeting. The goal of the scholarship is to stimulate greater participation in the activities of the Association by students and recent graduates. This participation must include either a presentation of research during the Annual Meeting or active participation in an SAA-sponsored committee, section, or roundtable.

Eligibility

Awarded to an SAA member in good standing who is currently enrolled in an archival education program or who graduated from an archival education program in the previous calendar year. Applications are evaluated based on the merits of the applicant’s essay and letters of recommendation.

Sponsor and Funding

The Society of American Archivists, in honor of Donald Peterson (1908-1999), New York lawyer and philatelist, whose deep appreciation of world history and preservation developed early through his stamp collecting and held true throughout his life.

Prize

Up to $1,000 in support of registration, travel, and accommodation expenses associated with the SAA Annual Meeting.

First Awarded

2006

Application Form and Documentation

Submit three copies of the following to the address on the application form:

A 500-word essay describing the applicant’s career goals and potential impact on the archival profession.

Unofficial transcript to verify student status or copy of graduate diploma.

Two letters of recommendation from individuals having definite knowledge of the applicant’s qualifications. Application form.

Application Deadline

February 28, 2016
CALL FOR DONATION FOR CALA

Dear CALA members,

The CALA Public Relations and Fundraising Committee (CALA PRFC) has a good tradition to raise funds to support all kinds of CALA programs through grants, scholarship, and awards. These include but not limited to programs such as Sally C. Tseng Professional Development Grant, Best Book Award, and Outstanding Library Leadership Award in Memory of Dr. Margaret Chang Fung. Your donation to CALA is tax-deductible.

For the 2015-2016 term, the Committee still sets the primary goal as money donation, while time donation (volunteer work) is also welcome. We encourage each CALA member to participate in any of the following:

(1) You can donate online by filling out the CALA online Donation Form at: http://my2.web-cala.org/node/7

(2) 0.5% of your buying value will be return to CALA if you make a purchase at Amazon.com through the CALA gate: http://smile.amazon.com/ref =smi_ge_rl_rd_gw?_encoding=UTF8&ein=23-7417422&ref =smi_ext_ch_23-7417422_cl

(3) You can donate money to set up special programs for CALA, and the CALA PRFC will be working with you on the details.

(4) For any time donation/volunteer work, please report to your chapter President, and you may also want to report it in your IRS Tax Filing (Chapter Presidents are encouraged to add this item to their semi & annual report)

For further information including the CALA Donation Policy, please visit CALA’s donation page: http://www.cala-web.org/donate.

Please feel free to contact the Co-Chairs of the CALA Public Relations and Fundraising Committee (CALA PRFC 2015-16) for any comments and suggestions:
Hanrong Wang (email: hwang@jsu.edu, phone: 256-782-5250)
Xiaoyu Duan (email: xduan@ou.edu, phone: 217-418-9984)

Thank you! Your time and concern is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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LIBRARIES: ENABLING PROGRESS

THE 8TH SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY FORUM CALL FOR PAPERS FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The 8th Shanghai International Library Forum (SILF2016) will be held on July 6-8, 2016 at the Shanghai Library. Organized by the Shanghai Library (Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of Shanghai) and co-organized by the Shanghai Society for Library Science and the Shanghai Society for Scientific and Technical Information.

The theme of the forum is "Libraries: Enabling Progress". The conference will focus on hot issues and topics, the latest research achievements, innovative ideas, advanced technology and the latest developments related to the theme and conduct in-depth and extensive academic discussions. Well-known experts and scholars will be invited to present keynote speeches and thematic reports. To ensure the academic quality of this forum and attract more submissions, scholars of library and information science, managers of libraries and information agencies, and professionals from all fields at home and abroad are invited to submit papers and attend the conference.

I. Topics of the Conference
1. Smart library construction
2. Public cultural service in the digital environment
3. "Internet +" services in the big data era
4. Inclusive design
5. Library resource development and knowledge organization
6. Interconnected and integrated libraries: convergence and cross-boundary

II. Paper Submission Guidelines
1. The paper to be submitted must be the original work of the author(s), closely related to the theme of the conference and are not published on any journals at home or abroad, or given as a speech at any conference. The paper does not involve any classified information, there is no plagiarism, and the author takes sole responsibility for his or her views.
2. The paper contains 5,000 words or less, including an abstract of 300 words or less in English or Chinese. Please indicate the topic of your paper.
3. The paper should be arranged in the following order: title, author's organization and name, author's mailing address and zip code, abstract, keywords, text (sections indicated with numbers, such as 1, 1.1, 1.1.1 ......) and references.
4. The paper should be in Word format and submitted in electronic form to the contact e-mail of the Conference Organizing Committee.
5. Authors agree that the SILF Organizing Committee can revise or edit their papers and publish the papers accepted on the SILF website in PDF format, unless the Organizing Committee is otherwise notified.
6. Deadline for the submission of abstracts:
   February 15, 2016
7. Deadline for the submission of full papers:
   March 31, 2016

All papers will be reviewed by the forum’s Academic Committee. Accepted papers will be formally published in print in the conference proceedings.

III. Conference date and venue
Date: July 6-8, 2016
July 6, 2016: Registration
July 7, 2016: Opening ceremony, keynote speeches, plenary meeting reports
July 8, 2016: Sessions and closing ceremony
Venue: Shanghai Library (1555 Huaihai Zhong Road, Shanghai, China 200031)

IV. Secretariat
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Shanghai Library (Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of Shanghai)
Organizing Committee of the 8th Shanghai International Library Forum
August 2015
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:  
2016 CALA JING LIAO AWARD FOR THE BEST RESEARCH

Dear CALA members,

The CALA Jing Liao Award for the Best Research Committee is now accepting applications through March 31, 2016 for research published in 2015. The pursuit of excellence in research and service was what defined the career of Jing Liao (1954-2011), a long-time CALA member and a devoted and accomplished librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The establishment of this memorial fund honors the memory of Jing Liao by encouraging CALA members to strive for excellence of research in all media.

CALA members in good standing for at least three consecutive years are eligible for the competition that awards $500 annually. This year, awardee will also receive an additional $500 supplemental travel grant if he/she will participate in the 2016 ALA/CALA Annual Conference in Orlando, FL. The Jing Liao Supplemental Fund is donated by the following companies:

Beijing Zhenben Technology Co. Ltd.
China International Book Trading Corporation
Transmission Books & Microinfo Co., LTD.

We acknowledge their generous donations.

The deadline for 2016 submission is March 31, 2016. The applications may be submitted to the co-chairs or any of the Committee members listed below. The winner will be announced prior to the ALA annual conference in Orlando. The award will be presented and a citation read at the CALA Awards Banquet in June 2016.

Award Guidelines for 2016

An award in the amount of $500 will be granted to the author(s) of the winning publication in 2016;

A supplemental travel grant in the amount of $500 will be awarded to the author(s) to attend the 2016 Annual CALA Award Banquet with proof of attendance in Orlando, FL.

Applicants must be CALA members in good standing for at least three consecutive years, including the award year (i.e. 2016);

Applicants must demonstrate excellence in scholarly research by publishing works in any media (e.g. print, multi-media, or e-Journals including Open Access journals);

Applicants may submit one single work (in either English or Chinese) published in 2015 for consideration;

Applicants must not be past recipients of the award.

Selection Criteria

1. Originality of the research;
2. Quality and thoroughness of the research and its presentation;
3. Contribution to the subject field;
4. Significance to the library profession and to the library community.

Please submit the following documents to the committee co-chairs: Yingqi Tang (tang@jsu.edu), Mei Wang (meiw@umich.edu)

A short cover letter including a statement of your CALA membership history and current status;

Full-text of your publication in PDF format;

A complete citation of your publication in Chicago, APA, or MLA style, including its DOI link or URL if available;

A copy of your recent curriculum vitae.

The submission guideline is available at http://web-cala.org/cala under “Awards”. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members.

Yours Sincerely,

Jing Liao Award for the Best Research Committee, 2015-2016:

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CALA RECEIVES DONATION FROM TRANSMISSION BOOKS AND MICROINFO CO., LTD.
by Yingqi Tang, Josie Tang

On behalf of the CALA board, the CALA Jing Liao Award for the Best Research Committee is pleased to announce it has received a $1000 donation from Transmission Books and Microinfo Co., Ltd. (TBMC) for the Jing Liao Award for the Best Research Travel fund. The fund is designated for support Jing Liao Award recipient(s) participating in ALA/CALA Annual Conference.

Transmission Books and Microinfo Co., Ltd. (TBMC) was established in 1981. In early stage, TBMC primarily imported the foreign language books, academic publications, technical reports and microfilms from U.S., Europe and Japan, etc. In recent years, they have specialized in electronic publications & databases construction, and digital content integration & marketing. In addition to representing internationally renowned electronic publications and databases, TBMC holds the mission to enrich online Chinese language contents. In 2000, they formed an editorial department to develop a series of Taiwan Study Databases. At present, TBMC provides over 80 Chinese language databases into five major categories.

Mr. Felix Chu, Chairman, stands in front of Transmission Books & Microinfo Co., Ltd. (漢珍數位圖書股份有限公司). (Photo provided by TBMC)

Transmission dedicates to cultural innovation and targets to knowledge-based economy as their goal; provides domestic and overseas customers high-quality digital contents and electronic publication services.

“CALA highly appreciates the generous donation.” said Lian Ruan, president of CALA. “CALA members benefit from the donation. We will continue seeking outside funding to support members’ professional development training.”

Please join us in sending a HUGE THANK YOU to Transmission Books and Microinfo Co., Ltd. for their support and generosity. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Jing Liao Award, please contact the committee co-chairs, Ms. Yingqi Tang <tang@jsu.edu> or Ms. Mei Wang <meiw@umich.edu>.

CALA RESEARCH WEBINAR: PRACTICAL RESEARCH DESIGNS FOR LIBRARIANS

Sponsored by the CALA Professional Development Task Force, we are honored to have Dr. Yin Zhang speak to us on “Practical Research Designs for Librarians”.

Dr. Yin Zhang is a Professor at the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at Kent State University (KSU). She received her Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her B.S. and M.S. in Information Science from Wuhan University, China. Her research and teaching areas include user information-seeking behavior, information uses and services, research methods, information systems, and information organization. She has published over 50 articles and collaborated with librarians. Her papers have won Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Bohdan S. Wynar Research Paper Competition Award and Methodology Paper Competition Award.

This webinar will provide an overview of research design principles with an emphasis on choosing a research topic, formulating research questions (and hypothesis), selecting methods, and developing a plan to collect data to answer the questions. Practical tips and examples will be provided to illustrate where to begin and how to define and carry out a research project.

Please register by the following link: https://kent.webex.com/kent/j.php?RIGID=r7f9e873592a436badf67b240d3fc295f.

CALA Research Webinar
Tuesday, December 15, 2015
2:00 pm  |  Eastern Standard Time (New York, GMT-05:00)  |  1 hr
CALL FOR NOMINATION FOR 2015 CALA BEST BOOK AWARD

The CALA (Chinese American Librarians Association) Best Book Award Committee (BBAC) would like to invite you to recommend books for the CALA 2015 Best Book Award. The goal of the Award is to promote awareness of the best books on Chinese topics or literature written in English or Chinese by authors of Chinese descent, and published originally in the North America. Winners of the Award will be announced during the 2016 CALA annual conference.

The committee members will select the books in the categories of “Fiction”, “Nonfiction”, “Juvenile Books (Age 12-18)”, “Children’s Books (Age 12 and under).” Each category of the Award consists of an award certificate and will be presented at the CALA’s Annual Award Banquet in June, 2016. The list of winners will be posted on CALA website, Facebook and Newsletter, and a press release will be sent to various print or online media.

Topics: relate to Chinese culture, civilization, life, Chinese Americans and more.

The submission guidelines and submission form is available at http://cala-web.org under “Awards”.

(Contemporary Chinese Art and The Three-Body Problem are among the winning titles for the 2014 CALA Best Book Award.)

2015 CALA BEST BOOK AWARD GUIDELINES

Goal
The goal of the CALA Annual Best Book Award is to promote awareness of the best books of Chinese topics or literature written by authors of Chinese descent, in English or Chinese language, that are originally published in North America. Winners of the Award will be announced by CALA during the ALA annual conference.

Award
Each category of the Award consists of an award certificate and will be presented at the CALA Annual Award Banquet. A press release will be sent to various print and online media. Honorable mentions may also be named in addition to the winning ones. If no eligible books are found to meet the selection criteria, no awards will be given.

Eligible Works
Works must be related to Chinese culture heritage or deal with subjects about China, written by authors of Chinese descent.

Works eligible must have premier publication during the calendar year of 2015 from January 1 to December 31, and must be published for general commercial release by a publishing house, trade or small press/publisher located in North America.

Nominations must be submitted to the Committee using the Best Book Award Nomination Form by March 1st, 2016.

Works must be in Chinese or English. This requirement does not limit the use of words or phrases in another language where appropriate in context. Translations of original works may be considered.

Works that have previously won other prizes or recognition are also eligible.

Ineligible Works
Anthologies containing the work of more than one author.

Reprints of books originally published prior to the current award year.

Self-published works.

Entry and Submission of Works
Entries may be submitted by an author, publisher, agent, publicist or any individual.

Nominations must be submitted to the Committee using the Best Book Award Nomination Form by March 1st, 2016.

An email address should be provided with each entry.

(Continue on the left side of the next page)
Upon receipt of the entry, the Award Committee will notify the submitter to acknowledge the receipt of the submission via email. The Award Committee is not responsible for lost submissions.

An author, publisher, publicist, agent or individual may submit more than one entry per author, but not more than one entry per book.

It is encouraged to mail books of entry to the Best Book Award Committee, with three copies, one copy each to committee members for according categories. All nominated books must be post marked by March 1st, 2016.

Please label on the envelope “CALA Best Book Award” when mailing book(s). If you cannot mail the book, please note it in the nomination form. Mailing addresses of CALA Best Book Award:

For Fiction & Non Fiction, please mail books to Sai Deng, Haiwang Yuan, and Zhao Liu at the following addresses:

**Sai Deng**
10564 Angler Ct.
Orlando, FL 32825

**Haiwang Yuan**
706 Cravens Library
University Libraries
Western Kentucky University
1906 College Heights Blvd.
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1067

**Zhao Liu**
Collection & Acquisition Services
Texas A&M University Libraries
College Station, TX 77843

For Juvenile (age 12-18) & Children’s (age 12 and under) Books, please mail books to Lijun Xue, Ning Zou, and Yuan Li at the following addresses:

**Lijun Xue**
Madonna University Library
36600 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150

**Ning Zou**
Crown 104
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7900 West Division Street
River Forest, IL 60305

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**LISA ZHAO’S FIGHT AGAINST BRAIN CANCER**

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to inform you of Lisa Zhao’s continuing fight with brain cancer and a way to help her through this challenge. We learned of Lisa’s condition from colleagues in the Midwest Chapter and her needs that include a home care provider. Her two older sisters returned to China earlier this month, and at the present time, her husband, Shawn, and son, Alan, provide 24/7 home care.

Friends of Lisa and colleagues from the Midwest Chapter have set up a love fund to support her and her family. We would appreciate greatly if CALA members or anyone who has ever served with Lisa on committees or knows her through other professional organizations will show your support through donations. We sincerely hope to offer Lisa and her family some help with her fight against cancer and show our support during this crucial stage in her life.

The love fund is dedicated to her medication, home care, and other related expenses and has been set up at: http://www.gofundme.com/9m3funfy.

A news article in World Journal (Chicago edition) has also been published: http://tinyurl.com/p3jbhy5 (in Chinese)

UIC Library Faculty Profile: Lisa Zhao (- prior to July 2014): http://researchguides.uic.edu/php?g=252441

Sincerely,

Vickie Doll on behalf of Lisa’s friends and CALA MW Chapter colleagues

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