Benefits

- Networking with a vibrant group of individuals and organizations
- Access to AJL publications: ***Judaica Librarianship, AJL News, AJL Reviews***
- Reduced registration rate for the AJL annual conference
- Access to the current year's conference proceedings
- Membership in one of the AJL Divisions (RAS: Research Libraries, Archives, and Special Collections Division, or SSC: Synagogue, School and Center Libraries Division)

Conference

Each summer, AJL holds a conference to give members opportunities for networking and professional development. Scholars from around the world present topics of interest to attendees. While the conference is usually in the United States, it has also been held in Canada or Israel.

FAQ

~ Do I need to be a librarian to join AJL?

No, anyone may join!

~ I am a vendor, can I join?

Absolutely!

~ Do I need to be Jewish to be involved in AJL?

No, we welcome anyone with an interest in the field of Judaica librarianship, regardless of their religious affiliation or practice.

Awards

AJL's awards draw attention to the best in Jewish literature and scholarship each year, encouraging publication and purchase of high quality Jewish writing.

Sydney Taylor Book Award

for children's and teen literature

Sydney Taylor Manuscript Awards

for unpublished manuscripts targeting ages 8-11

Bibliography Award

for publication of outstanding Judaica bibliographies

Reference Award

for publication of outstanding Judaica reference books

Scholarships

AJL awards scholarships to students enrolled in a masters program of library and/or information science who demonstrate an interest in Judaica librarianship.

Chapters

AJL chapters provide a means for AJL members within a geographic area to share their expertise, promote regional collection development, upgrade their library skills, and generate communal programming and recognition. Check the AJL website to find a chapter in your area.

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Divisions

RAS

AJL's Research Libraries, Archives, and Special Collections Division has a membership of more than three hundred Judaica academic librarians worldwide. We are working together to further the interests of our profession in a time of tremendous technological change.

Among its many activities are those of the RAS Cataloging Committee, an influential body dealing with issues affecting Hebraica and Judaica cataloging policies. Committee members often consult with the Library of Congress and other national bodies to help create new cataloging policies

SSC

The SSC Division serves many types of institutions, including: synagogue libraries of all denominations, libraries in Jewish day schools and Hebrew schools, Jewish community center libraries, and libraries serving Jewish organizations.

There are a wide variety of resources available to our members: the *AJL wiki* provides many helpful tips on establishing and managing libraries of all types; the *Jewish ValuesFinder* helps us choose and evaluate titles for children and teens; and the *Bibliography Bank* provides a wealth of tailored lists for acquisitions, book discussions, and subject research.

Membership Categories

Personal Dues

Individual	$70
First year students in library and/or information science	free
Second or 3rd year student in library and/or information science program	$35
Retiree	$35

Institutional Dues

Institutional Membership (large institutions more than 100 FTE; includes 1 personal membership)	$100
Institutional Membership (small institutions fewer than 100 FTE; includes 1 personal membership)	$75

Corporate Dues

Book vendors, publishers, etc.	$70

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