

## Me! A Librarian?

### Find out More...

ask your librarian for further information on careers Library/Information Science. Use these web sites as guides:

#### American Library Association (ALA)

<http://www.ala.org>

The one-stop shopping place for information about library careers

#### Become a Librarian

<http://www.becomealibrarian.org/>

#### Beyond the Job

<http://www.beyondthejob.com/>

#### BCALA (National)

<http://www.bcala.org>

Serves as an advocate for the development, promotion, and improvement of library services and resources to the nation's African American community.

#### Connecticut Library Association (CLA)

<http://www.ctlibraryassociation.org/>

Connecticut's professional organization of over 1,000 librarians, library staff, friends and trustees.

#### Library Careers

<http://www.librarycareers.org>

#### LISJobs - Advice, Articles etc.

<http://www.lisjobs.com/advice.htm>

## BCALA-CT Involvements

BCALA (National)  
Conference

Book & Author Reception  
(fundraising)

Career Expos

(CLA) Connecticut Library  
Association Annual  
Conference

Yale Peabody Museum  
Dr. Martin Luther King  
Weekend Celebration

For More Information about the  
Connecticut Chapter of BCALA

Visit our website  
[www.bcala-ct.org](http://www.bcala-ct.org)

Black Caucus of the American  
Library Association

**BCALA-CT**  
**Connecticut Chapter**



Our Logo: The Andrinka Symbol  
DWENI NI MMEN (ram's horn)  
Symbol of strength (of mind, body  
and soul) and humility

## Mission Statement

The Connecticut Black Caucus of the American Library Association was established officially January 1999 as a statewide organization. The organization serves as a Connecticut affiliate of the national Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

The Connecticut Chapter of BCALA serves as an advocate for the development, promotion, and improvement of library services and resources for the state's African American community. It also provides leadership for the recruitment, networking, professional development and mentoring of librarians, and paraprofessionals.

This association also serves as an official organization for the advancement, mentoring, and resource sharing of its members and those interested in the profession at any level. We also strive to provide and promote access to African American resources within the realm of our role in the profession collectively, and in our individual organizations.

### 2008-2009 BCALA-CT Affiliate Executive Board [www.bcala-ct.org](http://www.bcala-ct.org)

*President*, Phara Bayonne;  
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## Purpose

- Support African American librarians and paraprofessionals in their professional roles
- Promote the participation of CT black librarians, and libraries in regional and national library arenas
- Promote and educate the library community about the profession of librarianship
- Promote and enhance awareness of the vital role libraries fulfill in society
- Provide leadership and to serve as a collective voice and advocate for continued improvement of library services to the African American community

## How to Participate

- Become a Member of BCALA-CT  
Visit our website: [www.bcala-ct.org](http://www.bcala-ct.org)
- Get involved with BCALA-CT Committees
- Promote community involvement in library activities
- Donate your time and expertise
- Post message to our chapter blog  
Visit our blog:  
[www.bcala-ct.blogspot.com](http://www.bcala-ct.blogspot.com)

## Membership

Yes, I want to support BCALA-CT and their efforts to improve the library services towards the African American community in CT.

### Check appropriate box:

New Membership

Renewal

**Fees:**  
\_\_ Individual/Student/Librarian [\$20.00]

\_\_ Organization [\$100.00]

\_\_ Contributions [\$\_\_\_\_\_]

### I would like to Join/Contribute to this committee:

- Nominating/Elections
- Program
- Recruitment/ Membership
- Scholarship

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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