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“Serving the Demands of Democracy.”-Dr. Carla D. Hayden & Equity of Access

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ALA, AASL collaborate with Cable in the Classroom to produce national publication focused on "Libraries, Learning and the Future"

The American Library Association and American Association of School Librarians are pleased to announce the Winter 2004 issue of *Threshold: Exploring the Future of Education*. ALA and AASL collaborated with *Threshold* publisher Cable in the Classroom (CIC) to produce the issue, entitled ["Libraries, Learning and the Future."](#)

The issue will reach almost 39,000 subscribers, most of whom are district superintendents, district technology and media coordinators, national education association leaders, school board leaders and national education policymakers.

"This issue of *Threshold* allows the ALA to reach a critical audience for school and public library messages," said ALA President Carla Hayden. "As we have seen with The Campaign for America's Libraries, we must speak loudly and clearly about the role of libraries and librarians in every venue possible to effect meaningful change."

The issue includes strong voices for libraries, librarianship, the roles of libraries and librarians in civil society, and the critical role of school librarians in education.

ALA voices in the issue include the following:

- Dr. Keith Curry Lance (Colorado State Library), "Libraries and Student Achievement"
- Dr. Kathleen de la Pena McCook, "Serving the Demands of Democracy: the critical role of libraries in ensuring the full civic participation of a diverse population."
- "The Future of Libraries," featuring Dr. Clifford Lynch (CNI), Alana Springsteen (Teen Advisory Board, Kalamazoo Public Library), Carolyn Karis (Urban School of San Francisco), Dr. Daniel Callison (Indiana University – Indianapolis), as well as Dr. Janet Murray (School of Literature, Communication, and Culture, Georgia Institute of Technology) and Jon Goodman and Doug Donzelli (MarketBridge Partners).
- Dr. Robert Martin, "A Nation of Learners: Creating and sustaining a learning society in the 21st century."

Other articles include “On Libraries, Learning, and Loving Both,” by Paul Dickson, author of “The Library in America,” and “Ethics in a Digital Age: Beyond honor codes and punishment,” by Dr. Hilarie B. Davis from the Technology for Learning Consortium. The issue opens with an “Exploration” – “Knowledge for All” – by ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels and Dr. Peggy O’Brien, executive director for Cable in the Classroom.

A number of ALA staff worked with CIC to develop the scope and direction of the issue and to provide a broad range of possible authors and subjects, including Fiels, ALA Associate Executive Director Mary Ghikas, AASL and Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Director Julie Walker, Public Library Association (PLA) Director Greta Southard and Office for Literacy and Outreach Services Director Satia Orange.

The issue is available online at:

<http://www.ciconline.org/AboutCIC/Publications/threshold.htm>.