OITP releases 3-D printer policy report

In January 2015, ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy released "Progress in the Making: 3D Printing Policy Considerations Through the Library Lens," a new report that encourages libraries, as vanguards of the digital learning and 3-D printing movement, to take a proactive role in developing institutional policies that address the social, technological, and political complexities that will result from the rise of 3-D printing. In the report, Charlie Wapner, who serves as the Information Policy Analyst of the Association's Office for Information Technology Policy, outlines the role 3-D printing now plays in libraries and formal centers for learning, and analyzes a number of policy issues, including copyright, trademark, trade dress, and product liability, which may arise from 3-D printing in public, school, and academic libraries.

Afterschool funding available through states

In late December 2014, Congress passed its massive $1.01 trillion CROmnibus bill providing FY15 funding for much of the federal government. For FY15 programs of interest to the library community, the CROmnibus package provided level funding for most programs while a small number of programs received slight increases or decreases. One example of a library program receiving a slight increase is the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, which received an increase of $2.3 million (0.2 percent of its budget).

E-rate order approved

In December 2014, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved a landmark e-rate modernization order that addresses the broadband capacity gap facing many public libraries and schools (and therefore school libraries). FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler called Keith Michael Fiels to thank ALA for our efforts and for Marijke Visser's contributions on behalf

of libraries during the past 18 months. Following the Order vote, Susan Hildreth, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Wheeler held a conference call, which was both a recognition of the hard work of the ALA and a call to action to provide as much information to applicants and library leaders as possible.

GPO is now the Government Publishing Office

In December 2014, Congress passed an appropriations bill that funds the federal government, as well as changes the name of the Government Printing Office, the federal agency that helps to ensure a more transparent government. Language in Section 1301 of the funding bill renames the Government Printing Office to the Government Publishing Office. ALA looks forward to continuing to work with the newly renamed agency.

ALA leadership visits New York City

In December 2014, an ALA leadership delegation met with executives from Penguin Random House, Macmillan Publishers, and Hachette Book Group to discuss library ebook issues. Additionally, the delegation met with leaders of the New York Public Library and Metropolitan New York Library Council about digital content and other issues. The delegation was led by ALA President Courtney Young and the cochairs of the Digital Content Working Group, Carolyn Anthony and Erika Linke. Also participating in the delegation were Sari Feldman, Barbara Stripling, Keith Michael Fiels, and Alan S. Inouye. 𝒵

ranging discussion of the role of the ACRL in promoting research and practice in academic librarianship. "Putting the 'Research' in the Association of College & Research Libraries: 75 Years of *College & Research Libraries* and other ACRL Research Programs" is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 8:30–9:30 a.m., in the Oregon Convention Center, Room C123-124 (but check your program for any updates to the location). 𝒵