

## Conferences & Scholarships



### ARSL Annual Conference

Each year the Association creates a unique conference for library staff from rural and small communities designed with both practicality and with the understanding that professional development and networking are essential parts of your success.

### ARSL Conference Scholarships

The Association for Rural and Small Libraries currently offers three annual conference scholarships to promote the organization and the conference. They are the Dr. Bernard Vavrek Scholarship, the Founders Scholarship, and the Ken Davenport Scholarship.

**The Dr. Bernard Vavrek Scholarship** is awarded to a current Library and Information Science student. It includes conference registration, hotel accommodations for three nights, \$500 stipend, and a one-year membership in ARSL.

**The Founders Scholarship and the Ken Davenport scholarship** are awarded to current library professionals. They include conference registration, hotel accommodations for three nights, a \$500 stipend and a one-year membership in ARSL. The definition of a “Library Professional” is a library staff member working in a small and/or rural library. A degree or certification is not required.

For more information on ARSL scholarships, please, visit [www.arsl.info](http://www.arsl.info) and click through “Conference” to “Scholarships”.

### Our Objectives

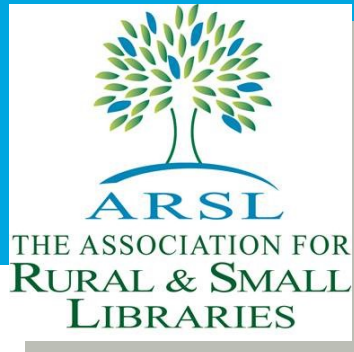
- To organize a network of members concerned about the growth and development of useful library services in rural and small libraries;
- To provide opportunities for the continuing education of members;
- To provide mechanisms for members to exchange ideas and to meet on a regular basis;
- To cultivate the practice of librarianship and to foster a spirit of cooperation among members of the profession, enabling them to act together for mutual goals;
- To serve as a source of current information about trends, issues, and strategies;
- To partner with other library and non-library groups and organizations serving rural and small library communities;
- To collect and disseminate information and resources that are critical to this network;
- To advocate for rural and small libraries at the local, state, and national levels.

The eight highlighted leaves in the tree of our logo represent the eight central objectives of our association. In order to grow, thrive and be who our members need us to be, we strive to accomplish these objectives.



The Voice of Rural and  
Small Libraries

[www.arsl.info](http://www.arsl.info)



## Our Mission

The Association for Rural & Small Libraries provides resources and support that empower those in small and rural libraries to deliver excellent service for their communities.

## Get Involved!

Become a member of ARSL today and receive these benefits of membership:

- Regular sharing of success stories and problem solving on rural library issues on the ARSL listserv
- Access to a wide variety of rural information sources in one location on ARSL's web site – a one stop shop for all things rural
- Access to rural and small library staff for professional networking
- Opportunity to vote for and run for the ARSL Board of Directors
- Opportunity to aid in providing a voice for rural and small libraries on the national library scene
- Quarterly member e-newsletter
- Discount on annual conference registration

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

To become a member, please, visit [www.arsl.info](http://www.arsl.info), click “membership”, scroll down and click on “Join ARSL >>”.

- Students, Retirees, Friends, Trustees, Volunteers, & Library Staff Level 3 (making \$14,999 or less per year): \$15
- Library Staff Level 2 Membership (Library Staff making \$15,000-\$29,999 per year): \$29
- Library Staff Level 1 Membership (Library Staff making \$30,000 or more per year): \$49
- Individual Membership Premier (Includes \$10 conference scholarship contribution): \$59
- Institutional Membership for Libraries, library cooperatives and State Libraries (Three library employees receive membership benefits): \$150
- Affiliate Membership for non-profit organizations whose purpose or interests are similar to ARSL: \$150
- Business Membership: \$200 which includes:
  - \* \$50 discount on exhibit space at annual conference and registration for up to 2 representatives of your organization
  - \* One complimentary electronic copy of ARSL member mailing list
  - \* Complimentary weblink on the ARSL website
  - \* Complimentary space for a “Lunchtime Seminar” at the annual conference (business member provides lunch)