ARSL Annual Conference

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

ARSL Conference Scholarships

The Association 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.

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.

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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.
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.

Join now to enjoy these benefits:

- Access to rural and small library staff for professional networking including our quarterly online roundtables
- ARSL Listserv where hundreds of dynamic library professionals discuss problem solving and success stories
- Annual conference registration discount
- Opportunity to guide the future of ARSL by voting in Board elections
- Leadership and professional development opportunities through participation in a variety of committees
- Opportunity to aid in providing a voice for rural and small libraries on the national library scene
- Quarterly member e-newsletter

Our volunteer led organization strives to keep membership rates at a low price while offering invaluable member benefits.

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Students, Retirees, Friends, Trustees, Volunteers, & Library Staff (under $15,000 annually) $15.00
Library Staff ($15,000-$29,999 annually) $29.00
Library Staff (over $30,000 annually) $49.00
Institutional Membership for Libraries, Cooperatives and State Libraries $150.00

Allows for three (3) staff to receive benefits. Benefits are transferable.

Affiliate Membership (non-profits whose purpose or interests are similar to ARSL) $150.00
Benefits include discounted ARSL Annual Conference registration, access to the membership mailing list, a listing on the ARSL website, opportunities to share your organization’s information with members, and more.

Business Membership: $200.00
Benefits include exhibit discount and complimentary registration for the ARSL Annual Conference, access to the membership mailing list, a listing on the ARSL website, and more.

ARSL Angels
Become an ARSL Angel when you make a donation to the Scholarship Fund.