



Community of Interest Petition of Formation Form

Communities of Interest (CIs) are groups of Arkansas Library Association (ArLA) members who choose to organize around a type of library, type of activity, a special interest, or geographic area in order to further the mission of the ArLA. These groups are subject to ArLA rules. CIs are a benefit of membership and all voting ArLA members may join and participate in as many CIs as they choose.

All internal workings of the CI are at the discretion of the members. They decide how to select chair(s), govern themselves, etc. The only ongoing requirement of an ArLA Community of Interest is to submit an annual report and a current contact person.

A group must have at least fifteen (15) members to form a CI. Bylaws are optional at the discretion of the group (a template is provided as one possible set of bylaws).

The contact person from each CI will attend board meetings as liaisons between the governing body and interest groups.

For further details on the workings of Communities of Interest, see Sections ___ and ____, respectively, of the ArLA Handbook.

Submit to: _____

NAME OF CI: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____
(This person is responsible for the CI's Annual Report to be submitted by Year End)

FUNCTION OF CI: _____

DOES THE CI HAVE BYLAWS (optional)? YES / NO If so, please attach them.

DATE FORM COMPLETED: _____

COMPLETED BY: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR YEAR _____:
(Sponsor program/event; Maintain electronic list/website; Produce regular newsletter; Meetings planned; other activities determined by CI)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUESTED FROM ArLA BUDGET: _____

HOW FUNDS WILL BE USED?

LIST NAMES OF 15 (minimum) ArLA MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING FOR CREATION OF CI: