The entire Advocacy, Legislation and Issues section of the ALA’s website provides a plethora of advocacy resources - whether you want to dive in and immediately undertake advocacy (check out the Contact Congress page or the list of Year-Round Engagement ideas) or you’re looking to gain a foundational understanding of what advocacy work is and why it’s important (try the Getting Started tab), you will find an abundance of great information.

Today we are honing in on the Advocacy Library, a “new and comprehensive collection of advocacy resources,” found under the Talking Points and Tools section of the Advocacy and Public Policy tab.

The Advocacy Library contains an extensive list of issues, spanning various types of libraries, each with a brief overview and link to more in-depth coverage. For example, as a frontline public library staff person relatively new to advocacy work, I find that the Frontline Advocacy for Public Libraries link contains supportive information relevant to me, which is very easy to navigate. Here I am inspired to understand my valuable role in advocating for libraries and am offered extensive tools to begin (literally, there is a toolkit). If you haven’t already, I encourage you to take a look Advocacy Library and see how it can support your advocacy efforts.

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