**From:** Evelyn Keolian [mailto:ekeolian@chipublib.org]
**Sent:** Saturday, August 10, 2019 4:08 PM
**To:** Steve Berlin
**Subject:** American Library Association Conference Recap - Evelyn Keolian

Hi Steven,

I must apologize again for my lateness in getting this to you. It has been very busy at the library since I got back from the conference.

Thanks,

Evelyn

**Evelyn Keolian** | Librarian I - Assistive Resources Center

American Library Association Annual Conference Recap - Evelyn Keolian

This is my recap on my attendance to the American Library Association (ALA) Annual conference in Washington, DC from June 21 – 24, 2019 as a 2019 Association of Library Services to Children (ALSC) Equity Fellow. Every day I attended and participated in various professional development activities. I traveled to Washington, DC on Thursday, June 20th from Chicago and flew home to Chicago on Tuesday, June 25th.

Friday, June 21, I met with my ALSC Equity Fellows and Mentors group in the morning after a touch base meeting with my ALSC Mentor. Afterwards, I attended the ALSC preconference, With Gratitude: Honoring Stories that Connect Us (<http://www.ala.org/alsc/alsc-preconference-program>) from 11am to 4pm. In the evening (4-7pm), I attended the Opening Session with Jason Reynolds and went to the exhibits hall to meet with authors and publishers to learn about the upcoming children’s, teen, and adult books coming out this year which helps with collection development at the library and with my CPL committee work. From 8 to 10pm, I attended ALA Play which was put on by the Gaming Division to learn about new games coming out and how to play them to assist with programming ideas especially my ASL (American Sign Language) Game Days at three different library locations.

Saturday, June 22, I attended the HarperCollins Breakfast to learn more about the children’s and teen books that they are publishing this year, The New Frontier: Hot Topics Engaging Older Adults session to get ideas for my new CPL position which includes serving senior citizen patrons, APALA (Asian Pacific American Librarians Association) President’s Program: The Things We Do Make a Difference session, Library of Congress Open House (after hours just for ALA attendees) to learn more about the services and programs they offer the public, and attended different author and publisher events in the exhibit hall.

Sunday, June 23, I attended the Coretta Scott King Book Awards breakfast, Not a Kid Anymore: How and Why to Serve Adults with Disabilities in the Adult Department (to help with my new CPL job and to bring back information to my CPL committee, Diversability Advocacy), attended author and publisher events in the exhibit hall, and went to the Newbery-Caldecott-Legacy Banquet.

Monday, June 24, I attended the ALSC Awards, Sensory Screenings (movie screenings for patron with sensory disabilities), visited different vendors in the exhibit hall along with authors and publishers in the exhibit hall, went to my ALSC Equity All group meeting and met with my ALSC mentor before the end of the conference. In the late afternoon, I co-presented, The Quick and Dirty Guide to Disability Etiquette… session with 6 other librarians with disabilities.