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State Librarian Stacey A. Aldrich President of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA)

SACRAMENTO – On June 26, California State Librarian Stacey A. Aldrich was inaugurated as the new president of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of the national organization, the American Library Association (ALA). The ceremony was held at the American Library Association’s Annual Conference in Anaheim, California. She will serve as one of the ALA’s 11 division presidents for the 2012-2013 year beginning July 1.

The ALA is an organization that advocates for libraries across the country. It promotes diversity, access for all, literacy, and freedom of information. Members include librarians, support staff, trustees, friends, retirees, students, and even international librarians. It touches all types of libraries and unites them in the common cause of supporting libraries in all the work they do. The ASCLA, one of the 11 divisions in the ALA, includes librarians and staff at libraries that serve special-needs populations, state library agencies, and specialized libraries, as well as library cooperatives and library consultants.

Aldrich served as vice president of the ASCLA for the past year and is very excited in her new role as president for the coming year. She states, “I am honored to have the opportunity to serve with ALA President, Maureen Sullivan and my colleagues in the 10 other divisions. ASCLA will focus this year on building the future in our communities through libraries and also creating resources that help us all ensure our resources are accessible to all.”

ASCLA works to cultivate a community of librarians and connect them with their peers. It seeks access for all library users and provides an outlet of communication for those who serve special populations.

About the State Library: Founded in 1850, the California State Library is the central reference and research library for the Governor’s office, legislature, state employees, and the general public. The State Library administers federal and state grants for programs in historical preservation, library construction, civil liberties education, literacy, volunteering, and broadband connectivity in public libraries. For more information, visit www.library.ca.gov.

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