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**Association for Library and Information Science Education Statement About COVID-19
and the Library and Information Science Community**

WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS (MARCH 16, 2020) - The Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) is committed to supporting our members and the library and information science (LIS) community during this time. Our top priority is the health and safety of everyone in the LIS community.

Information professionals are at the forefront of this pandemic assisting people to find reliable health information, helping people to critically appraise the news, and offering innovative programs and services to meet the needs of their respective communities worldwide.

Information professionals around the globe are also being called upon for their expertise in online teaching and learning to support colleagues at universities and other workplaces that are being asked to rapidly transition to remote environments.

Additionally, ALISE members and other information professionals are helping to shape policies in collaboration with public health professionals and other stakeholders to chart a path in this landscape of unknowns.

LIS programs have been at the forefront of online learning. Many LIS faculty are now assisting their home institutions to ramp up online offerings quickly in light of COVID-19.

ALISE is confident in and proud of the abilities of our members and the LIS community to navigate these uncertain times with compassion, knowledge, and leadership during these global health challenges.

The ALISE Board of Directors will continue to closely monitor developments and provide updates via email and the ALISE website, www.alise.org. ALISE also offers a directory of resources for LIS professionals at <https://www.alise.org/covid-19-resources>.

Selected Resources:

American Libraries Association (ALA): Resources for Pandemic Preparedness

<http://www.ala.org/tools/atoz/pandemic-preparedness>

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/novel-coronavirus-china>

Infection Prevention and Control Canada

<https://ipac-canada.org/coronavirus-resources.php>

U.S. National Library of Medicine

https://www.nlm.nih.gov/index.html#Novel_Coronavirus

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

World Health Organization:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

About ALISE:

The Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) is the global voice of library and information science education. ALISE leads innovative and high-quality research, teaching, and service for educators and scholars in library and information science and cognate disciplines internationally through engagement, advocacy, and knowledge creation and dissemination. ALISE is a non-profit organization that serves as the intellectual home of faculty, staff, and students in library and information science, and allied disciplines. More information is available at <http://www.alise.org>.

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