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THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP

The American Library Association was organized in 1877, and since that time has grown steadily in membership and influence. It is the largest and most influential of the library organizations in the United States. Its membership is composed of individuals, libraries, and library associations. The Association's primary purpose is to promote the development of libraries and library service in the United States. It does this through its publications, its efforts to secure legislation favorable to libraries, and its cooperation with other library organizations. The Association also provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among librarians and library workers. Its membership is open to all who are interested in the advancement of library service.

The Association's membership is divided into several classes. The most common is the individual membership, which is open to all who are interested in the advancement of library service. There is also a class for libraries, which is open to all libraries that are members of the Association. Finally, there is a class for library associations, which is open to all associations of librarians and library workers. The Association's membership is growing steadily, and it is expected that it will continue to grow in the future.

LIBRARY SERVICE

Library service is the foundation of the library system. It is the process by which libraries provide access to information and knowledge for their users. Library service is a complex process that involves many different aspects, including the selection, acquisition, and organization of materials, the provision of reference and information services, and the promotion of library use. The American Library Association is committed to the improvement of library service in the United States. It does this through its publications, its efforts to secure legislation favorable to libraries, and its cooperation with other library organizations. The Association also provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among librarians and library workers. Its membership is open to all who are interested in the advancement of library service.

The Association's efforts to improve library service are based on the principle that libraries are a public good. They are a source of information and knowledge that is essential for the advancement of the community. The Association believes that libraries should be accessible to all, and that they should provide a wide range of services to their users. It is committed to the improvement of library service in the United States, and it is working to ensure that libraries are able to provide the best possible service to their users.