



**Alamance County Board of Commissioners**

**ACTION ITEM AGENDA ITEM**

**TO:** Bryan Hagood, County Manager

**MEETING DATE:** 05/21/18

**FROM:** Mary Wilkerson

**DATE SUBMITTED:** 05/9/18

**DEPT:** Library

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**ISSUE/ACTION REQUESTED:**

request approval to send Emery Lai and Elizabeth Weislak to the American Library Association's annual conference

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**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF REQUEST:**

The American Library Association's annual conference is being held in New Orleans in June. The conference offers a wide variety of programs, lectures and workshops designed to share information and ideas for creating and providing excellent programs and services to our patrons. This is a particularly important conference for us to attend because of the Facilitator training program ALA has offered. One of our performance management goals was to have a select number of staff members train and receive certification in facilitating discussions and conversations. The program offered by ALA supplemented the certification process and served to strengthen these skills. While most of the training for the ALA program was offered on-line, there is one component that is only being offered at the annual conference. Staff will attend this, receive the additional certification and use the knowledge they gain to teach other library staff that are being trained as facilitators. The training staff receives as part of the ALA program combined with other programs and workshops they attend will serve to help Alamance County Public Libraries as they move toward excellence in the services we provide the public.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

ALA Emery and Elizabeth Out of State Travel Form 2018 05 (DOCX)

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**ACTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESULT:** **APPROVED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner

**SECONDER:** Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman

**AYES:** Amy Scott Galey, Bill Lashley, Eddie Boswell, Robert E. Byrd