

## MLA Advocacy - March 22, 2018



Michigan voters in November will elect a new governor, secretary of state, attorney general, Michigan supreme court justices, and both state and federal senators and representatives. This means that elected officials as well as candidates will spend considerable time campaigning throughout the next eight months. When the final weeks of lame duck session roll around we will be watching closely for any legislation impacting our libraries.

A number of ballot proposals will be decided in November as well. Here is a detailed outline of the proposal process and the questions we should expect to see this fall. [This document is provided by MLA lobby firm GCSI.](#)

### **ALA Advocacy Bootcamp**

MLA and the Michigan Cooperative Directors Association are joining forces to present ALA Advocacy Bootcamp, this April 20, 2018 at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. Advocacy Bootcamp urges attendees to re-think advocacy: to re-define the library community and expand the way we advocate for libraries. The program will cover advocacy basics such as messaging, networking and community engagement as well as highlighting Intellectual Freedom history and principles. Attendees will focus on creating an advocacy plan they can implement in their library. Everyone is welcome to attend. The cost is \$20 and there are no membership requirements of any kind, only that you care about advocating for your library in your community.

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