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Whereas the ALA Policy B.3 (Diversity) states that "ALA recognizes the critical need for access to library and information resources, services, and technologies by all people, especially those who may experience... discrimination on the basis of appearance, ethnicity, immigrant status...;" and

Whereas the ALA Policy B.1.1 (Core Values of Librarianship) states that all library users should receive "accurate, unbiased, and courteous responses to all requests;" now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. urges the Library of Congress to change the subject heading *Illegal aliens* to *Undocumented immigrants*.

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