

Resolution on Damage and Destruction of Schools and Cultural Institutions in Gaza and Damage to Israeli Schools

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) deplores the destruction of libraries, library collections, and property, and the disruption of educational process by that act, whether it be done by individuals or groups of individuals, and whether it be done in the name of honest dissent, the desire to control or limit thought or ideas, or for any other purpose (ALA Policy B.8);¹

Whereas on June 19, 2002 ALA Council passed Resolution on the Destruction of Palestinian Libraries, Archives, and other Cultural Institutions (SD#18.8 of 2002) in which the ALA deplored the destruction of Palestinian libraries and cultural resources in the spring of 2002, and called upon the government of the United States, as well as other governments, intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations to prevent further destruction of libraries and cultural resources and to provide material assistance for the reconstruction and restoration of these resources;

Whereas on January 28, 2009 ALA Council passed Resolution on the Connection Between the Recent Gaza Conflict and Libraries (SD#18.1 of 2009) in which the American Library Association called for the protection of libraries and archives in Gaza and Israel and urged the US Government to support the United States Committee

¹B.2.8 Destruction of Libraries ALA Policy Manual,

<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/policymanual/updatedpolicymanual/section2/53intellfreedom#B.2.8>