



## **ALA President, Loida Garcia-Febo, to visit Cambridge Public Library**

### **Draft Press Release**

CAMBRIDGE, MA – – The Cambridge Public Library (CPL) is delighted to announce that the President of the American Library Association (ALA), Loida Garcia-Febo, will visit Cambridge on Thursday, October 18, 2018.

The City of Cambridge, MA is one of five destinations in the United States that President Garcia-Febo will visit on her advocacy campaign of Libraries=Strong Communities. This campaign is intended to highlight the value of public, academic, and school libraries, and the many ways in which these libraries deliver an increasing array of services, which contribute to strengthen communities.

While in Cambridge, the ALA President will speak at a public celebration of libraries, participate in several library programs at the CPL Main Branch and visit Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School and area universities. She will conclude her stay in Cambridge by visiting the Central Square Branch, where she will participate in a beginners English as a Second Language class, a cornerstone of the CPL's adult literacy programs.

“The Cambridge Public Library is honored to welcome ALA President Loida Garcia-Febo to Cambridge,” stated Dr. Maria McCauley, Director of Libraries for the City of Cambridge. “Libraries provide expertise, resources and services that empower individuals to become better informed and engaged residents and help people to live their best lives. I agree with the President of the ALA that Libraries = Strong Communities and we are honored the President will come to Cambridge to personally deliver this important and timely message.”

Ms. Garcia-Febo is a Puerto-Rican American librarian and library consultant. A member of the ALA for 15 years, Garcia-Febo was elected to the Executive Board of the ALA in 2015. She has held numerous committee appointments within ALA including: Chair of the Committee on Diversity, Intellectual Freedom Committee, and Nominating Committee.

The American Library Association (ALA) is the oldest and largest library association in the world. The ALA was founded in 1876 to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of Librarian, as vehicle to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.

### **About the Cambridge Public Library:**

The Cambridge Public Library opened in 1889 and serves the community of Cambridge, Massachusetts. It provides free access to information for over 100,000 Cambridge residents and provides an engaging community space for innovative events and programming to serve its patrons. The ALA President's visit to the Cambridge Public Library is supported by the Cambridge Public Library Foundation and by the Friends of the Cambridge Public Library

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