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Dear Colleague,

In 1991, AIA Council approved "Library Services for the Poor" (Policy 61). Eight years later, Council passed a resolution to promote implementation of that policy. My recollection is that a first step was to canvass all AIA units, offices, and divisions to determine what they had already done or intended to do to implement the Poor People's Policy.

Since poverty and inequality have become even more severe in the meantime, with poor-bashing emerging as a popular sport, it's more urgent than ever that libraries address the issues of hunger, homelessness, and service to low-income persons in a serious and continuing way.

My question, then, is simply: What is AIA doing to publicize the PPP and energize librarians to make it real?

With warmest regards,


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