

Information with links regarding immigration resources for librarians.

The *Washington Post* reported the following Friday, August 28, 2026:

"--- In all, federal authorities detained more than 49,000 migrants in July 2026. More than half of those detained last month did not have a criminal record."

"--- DHS's enforcement capabilities were made possible after Congress last year approved [more than \\$170 billion](#) in additional funding allowing for thousands of additional ICE and Border Patrol officers, the purchase of new surveillance technology and adding more immigrant detention facilities. See: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/07/03/trump-tax-bill-house/>"

For more detailed information see the Deportation Data Project:

<https://deportationdata.org/>

and the Immigrations Customs and Enforcement website:

<https://www.ice.gov/>

As organizations that serve all, libraries are caught between serving their public and the policies federal ICE agents enforce. From the ALA Code of Ethics:

"We affirm the inherent dignity and rights of every person. We work to recognize and dismantle systemic and individual biases; to confront inequity and oppression; to enhance diversity and inclusion; and to advance racial and social justice in our libraries, communities, profession, and associations through awareness, advocacy, education, collaboration, services, and allocation of resources and spaces."

See the ALA Code of Ethics: <https://www.ala.org/tools/ethics>

The American Library Association (ALA) has somewhat addressed the issue for librarians on their website, *Libraries Respond: Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers*

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/advocacy/diversity/libraries-respond-immigrants-refugees-and-asylum-seekers>

Many agencies have provided the public with Red Cards, wallet-sized cards that carefully and concisely list a person's rights.