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### LabX and Epicenter Innovation Launch Program at American Library Association (ALA) Conference

Washington, D.C., June 9, 2022– [The National Academy of Science \(NAS\)’s LabX](#) Program and Epicenter Innovation are exhibiting at this year’s American Library Association (ALA) Conference. The conference is being held in Washington, D.C., and the association aims to bring library and educational professionals from across the world “Together Again!” for its annual summit.

According to [the ALA website](#), the conference hosts educational programming, provides updates on legislation and policies, and holds “discussions that majorly impact libraries, their roles, and their ongoing transformation.” This year promises to bring “librarians and library staff, educators, authors, publishers, friends of libraries, trustees, special guests, and exhibitors,” one of which is NAS’s LabX and their partner Epicenter Innovation.

LabX, a public engagement program of the NAS, and Epicenter Innovation will be displaying the Extreme Event game and its [Facilitator Certification Program](#). [The Extreme Event game](#) is an in-person role-playing game that simulates community and individual resilience-building in the face of disasters. The Facilitator Certification Program, a three-tiered offering that is [currently enrolling for Tier 2 cohorts](#), is aimed at educators, experienced and inexperienced alike, who want to train their communities to become more resilient.

“As we all know, libraries are more than just a place we go to borrow books. They act as a vital location for communities to connect, exchange ideas, and build relationships,” says Keri Stoeber, Program Officer of NAS’s LabX. “It is for this reason that we are bringing the Extreme Event game to the 2022 ALA conference. We hope that librarians and other library staff see the game as another tool for them to help bring their communities together and build strength and resilience.”

#### About LabX at the National Academy of Sciences

LabX is a public engagement testbed that boldly experiments with a variety of creative – sometimes even unorthodox – approaches designed to reach diverse audiences. They routinely tinker with new ideas and programs but have demonstrated a special fondness for STEM-based games of all kinds, short videos featuring fun people doing cool science things, and Instagram posts showcasing surprising science stories. For more information visit <https://labx.org/>.

#### About Epicenter Innovation

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