Board Nominees for 2017 Announced

The PaLA Nominations & Elections Committee submits the following slate of candidates for this year’s election. The offices to be filled include first vice-president/president-elect, second vice-president/conference chair (for the 2018 conference in Harrisburg and the 2019 conference in Erie), treasurer, and three directors-at-large. Those elected will serve with the incoming president, Tina Hertel, beginning on January 1, 2018.

First Vice-President/President-Elect

David Belanger

David Belanger is director of the Lower Merion Library System, a six-member system providing public library services to 58,000 customers. Prior to working in Lower Merion, David spent 30 years with the Delaware County Library System, first as the automation coordinator, then as district consultant, and finally as system administrator.

Belanger received his M.S.L.S. from Villanova University, along with certification as a school librarian. He holds a master’s of Management from Penn State and a bachelor’s in telecommunications from Kutztown State College.

Belanger’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:

- Member, PA Forward Steering Committee and NextGen Task Force
- Chair-elect, Southeast chapter (2017)
- Founding member, Ex Libris Society
- Recipient, Distinguished Service Award (2014)
- Served on four conference committees
- Treasurer, PaLA board of directors
- Chair and treasurer, SEPLA chapter
- Member, Platform for 21st Century Libraries task force

Denise Sticha

Denise Sticha is the system administrator for the Berks County Public Library System and the district consultant for the Reading Public Library, holding these positions for the last five years. Prior to that, she was the executive director of the Westmoreland County Federated Library System for seven years, and the director of the Murrysville Community Library for 17 years.

Sticha began her career in the Kanawha County Public Library System in Charleston, W.Va., before returning to her native southwestern Pennsylvania roots. Additionally, she served as head of the Humanities Department of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and as the public services/reference librarian at Seton Hill University in Greenburg.

Sticha earned her M.L.S from the University of Pittsburgh and has a bachelor's degree from Bethany (W.Va.) College.

Sticha’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:

- Director-at-large, Pennsylvania Library Association, 2011–2013
- Member, PA Forward Steering Committee, 2011–present
- Pennsylvania Library Association Conference committee, multiple years
- Secretary, Southwest chapter secretary, 2003–2005

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Pennsylvania Library Association
Rising to the Challenge

BY CARRIE TURNER

I have always been a big fan of Laurie King’s Mary Russell series and I loved the fact that someone, somewhere, saw us as superheroes in the battle between good and evil despite the common stereotypes of librarians in the lay world.

Here we are today, being touted as warriors and the antidote to “fake news”. Truth be told, there has always been “fake news” – remember fairy photographs, Von Däniken, and alien abductions? And propaganda, whether from the left or the right? Librarians have risen to the challenge in the past and for the most part fought the suppression of unpopular ideas and censorship and supported the rights of the minority to express its point of view. I remember one colleague describing collection development as the art of inclusion, not exclusion. In these turbulent times, when “the forces of darkness” means different things to different people, I hope I can live up to my professional code of ethics and refrain from promoting my personal point of view in the workplace.

I think our ability to embrace diversity and inclusion is a major reason that a recent survey (http://digitalmaine.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1100&context=msl_docs) by the Maine State Library showed that librarians are the second-most trusted professionals out of the 22 professions studied (2016). Trust is a rare commodity in a world where so much communication is sponsored and at its foundation is a sales pitch.

For many people, the library is a refuge and the librarian is the guardian at the gate. In this context, our professional associations are more important than ever. We need the strength of multiple voices to support the timeless ideals of our profession in an ever-changing world.

“[To the librarians everywhere, who spend their lives in battle against the forces of darkness.]”

— Laurie R. King, Dedication, The Moor, 1998

Carrie Turner is the president of the Pennsylvania Library Association and president and CEO of the Cheltenham Township Library System. She is reading Gallows View by Peter Robinson and listening to The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson, read by Fiona Hardingham.
Hello Pennsylvania Library Association members! Since starting as your executive director, I have learned many fascinating and inspiring characteristics about our libraries. One common denominator that continues to stand out for each is the sheer number of activities and resources you provide, serving and uplifting each of your communities.

You serve your community and, in turn, Pennsylvania Library Association serves you as both professionals and library institutions. Through the collective body of all our members – no matter the size, type, geographic location, or population served – we will help advance ALL libraries across the state.

What a broad mission, right?! There are so many aspects of the library field that ask for our involvement as well as an investment of time and resources. Thankfully, I don’t have to decide where to focus by myself. We have an intelligent group of volunteer leaders who thoughtfully considered the many directions that Pennsylvania Library Association could go in 2017 and, at the December Leadership Orientation, these volunteers helped identify three very clear priority areas of focus:

1. Financial sustainability through membership
2. Clear communications
3. Greater awareness and visibility

By prioritizing our time, brain power, and resources into these areas, we want to strengthen Pennsylvania Library Association. So, what does this mean in application here at headquarters?

Greater awareness and visibility:
• Using our full name, Pennsylvania Library Association, not the PaLA acronym.
• Clearly identifying PA Forward as an initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association.
• Recognizing the rigor of being a professional librarian by asking members to identify where you earned your master’s degree versus “library school”, and encouraging you to use the MLS or MLIS after your name.
• Encouraging members to add “Member of the Pennsylvania Library Association” to your email signatures; and add that title if you are a volunteer leader.

Clear communications:
• Updating the www.palibraries.org website to be mobile friendly in the summer of 2017.
• Frequent postings to our social media pages that feature association activities as well as member and partner updates and information.
• Giving members the opportunity to sign up annually as volunteers, noting their specific interests.
• Issuing news and advocacy messages with useful and actionable content.

Financial sustainability through membership:
• From March 15 to June 15, the Pennsylvania Library Association will host its Membership Matters Campaign. This is the only time a discount will be offered to first-time members.
• A clear distinction of member and non-member rates will be made for applicable programs and products, and defining the real value of what is offered and available through Pennsylvania Library Association membership.
• Promotion of member-only, meaningful benefits for all types of members – personal, institutional, and commercial.

These priorities will help lead the Pennsylvania Library Association’s efforts this year. What priorities have you set to move your library forward in 2017? Have you determined the key priorities for your personal career path or in your library institution?

We, our collective body of members, are here to support each other and to achieve success – together!

Please keep in touch so we can celebrate one another’s successes and collaborate to find solutions to any challenges we may face. You can always reach me at christi@palibraries.org.

Christi Buker is the executive director of the Pennsylvania Library Association. She is reading Outliers by Malcom Gladwell.
Pittsburgh and libraries have a lot in common. Pennsylvania’s second largest city reinvented itself from a polluted steel town to a city that, in 2014, was ranked as the most livable city in the United States.

Pittsburgh has embraced change, grown, and thrived while staying true to its roots. The city’s rich history and current success inspired the 2017 Pennsylvania Library Association conference theme: Bridge to the Past, Gateway to the Future.

Libraries have a proud history as egalitarian institutions that provide access to information. Our past deserves to be honored, but we also need to look to the future. Libraries have the power to change lives, but only if we continue to grow and adapt in a rapidly changing world. It is an enormous task; luckily we have the opportunity to learn from and be inspired by fellow librarians at the annual conference.

The 2017 conference will be held October 15–18 at the DoubleTree Convention Center in Green Tree — a short drive through the Fort Pitt Tunnel to downtown. The conference committee has been busy planning a fun, educational and engaging conference. Attendees will leave Pittsburgh feeling energized and armed with ideas to take back to their libraries.

Need a break from the sessions? The Local Information and Tours committee is planning outings to sites in the City of Bridges. With several world-class museums, scenic sites, and restaurants in the area, everyone will have a chance to explore what Pittsburgh has to offer.

Dana Farabaugh is the district consultant for Westmoreland County and the 2017 Conference chair. She is currently reading All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation by Rebecca Traister.
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In a day and age when people are not readily accepted for their differences, and often ridiculed or shunned for them, it is important more than ever to continue to have safe, inclusive spaces. Our libraries are safe and inclusive spaces.

Let me share a bit of my personal perspective with you. When I took this post, I did so for several reasons. One of the very first reasons I fell in love with the Pennsylvania Library Association and the work done by each of you is because our libraries accept people as they are. Our libraries do not look at a person’s ethnicity, acumen, religious outlook, or sexual identity. Our libraries simply say these are our hours, come in and join us.

I think it’s important that our libraries demonstrate to communities everywhere the value in celebrating each other’s heritage and our individual backgrounds. When we don’t acknowledge those differences, we are disregarding a portion of our individual identities – whether intentional or not. Personally, I enjoy learning about another’s life and his or her cultural makeup. In those interactions, I am given a momentary glance into the depths of who that individual is. And the receipt of that knowledge adds to my overall collective experience as a person of color. Essentially, I see you and you, in turn, see me.

I believe the library community is there. There isn’t a question otherwise in my being. As libraries, we can provide programming and learning experiences to help others engage in the conversations to get there as well.

What do those opportunities look like? You could offer programs which promote women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. You may offer Human Library events where individuals can share their life stories directly with others. Another activity may be to host a program where you highlight foods from various cultures and have a pot luck. Each of these activities tie into PA Forward’s literacies. And they are each conversation starters. I realize sometimes these conversations can begin with a bit of awkwardness. But today is the day where you must be ok being a little bit uncomfortable because we won’t get to any level of comfort without these moments.

So let’s have the conversations. Let’s host the programs. Let’s engage in the thought. Let’s continue working to ensure that our libraries remain representative and welcoming to all and not just some. Doing this does not mean we favor one political ideology over another. It means we favor people. Period.

Libraries open a world of possibility to each of us. We can go and get lost in a book for hours and find ourselves so enthralled with the characters that we begin to blur the lines between fiction and reality. Our libraries offer services that allow individuals to apply for jobs, file their personal income taxes, partake in financial literacy programs or gather for activities that promote healthy, holistic lifestyles. They serve as summer feeding sites and boasts teen reading lounges. They are inclusive spaces for the patrons they serve.

We should embrace that and celebrate all our libraries have to offer, today and every day. And that means celebrating ourselves and those we serve.

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development will be observed on May 21, 2017. What program will your library host in recognition of this designation? If you’d like to share your event stories via PA Forward’s social media channels, please send your program photos, with captions, to paforward@palibraries.org.

Brandi Hunter-Davenport is the PA Forward project manager with PaLA. She just finished watching the first season of the Queen Sugar series on OWN. She is now looking forward to reading the book of the same title on which the television series is based.
I want to start by saying thank you for the opportunity to serve as the CRD chair. I am looking forward to an exciting year.

I have been a member of the CRD board since 2013, and my first position on the board was Technology coordinator. In that role, I helped to maintain the technical side of the PaLA CRD blog, *It’s Academic*, and I organized the digital versions of the division's documents. The job gave me an opportunity to learn about the history of CRD as well as the current activities. I met all of the board members at our April meeting at PaLA headquarters and learned the process for reviewing conference proposals. I had a chance to write a couple of posts for the blog.

While serving on the CRD board, I also served on the board of the PaLA Northeast Chapter as the publicity coordinator and as the secretary/treasurer. It was a good experience comparing the priorities and goals of the chapter and division, and both positions complemented each other.

Last year, I was elected CRD vice chair and my main responsibility was planning the spring workshop. I enjoyed the opportunity to organize a program for the workshop about what I feel is an important current topic in our field: critical information literacy. The workshop was held at Marywood University, where I serve as the User Services and Copyright librarian.

A new year brings new members to the board. We have three new members-at-large: Gregory Szczyrbak and Stephanie Sweeney Pennucci of Millersville, and Marguerite Savidakis-Dunn of Shippensburg.

Becoming a member-at-large is a great opportunity to learn about the division's activities and educational programs and to contribute to ad hoc committees throughout the year. Members-at-large are encouraged to take on leadership positions within two years of joining so it is a great way to get your feet wet and learn before you leap.

We also welcome Betsy E. Reichart from Penn Foster. She will be serving as the membership liaison. Her responsibilities include welcoming new members to the division, articulating the benefits and opportunities of CRD membership, and facilitating the CRD new member reception at the annual conference. If you join CRD this year, Betsy will be in touch.

Lastly, after several years of serving as the Connect & Communicate liaison, Bucknell's Jill Hallam-Miller is the board's new vice chair.

All the board positions are filled for this year. If you are interested in serving on the board in the future, CRD notifies members of the Pennsylvania Library Association of vacancies through email listservs and our blog.

The best way to learn more about CRD is through our blog, *It’s Academic*, located at http://crdpala.org/. There you can learn all the details about CRD, our upcoming events, past events, educational opportunities, and LSTA funds that are available for programs. Our blog-writing team, organized by our social media coordinator, Casey Sirochman, features news, announcements, and stories from a diverse group of Pennsylvania librarians. We also keep members informed through Facebook (PaLA College & Research Division) and Twitter (@CRDPaLA).

One of CRD’s ongoing educational opportunities is the Connect & Communicate virtual programming series, aimed at fostering a community of academic librarians in Pennsylvania. Erin Burns of Penn State Shenango (emb28@psu.edu) is our new coordinator and she is currently looking for presenters to talk about what they are doing at their library.

Connect & Communicate presentations are approximately an hour long with some room for questions from attendees. Erin recently sent an email with some suggested topics of current interest, such as “fake news” or “mindfulness in libraries”. Do you have something to say about these topics? What would you like to talk about? Get in touch with Erin if you have an idea for a presentation and would like to participate in the Connect & Communicate series. I had an opportunity to do two presentations in the series and it was a very gratifying experience.

The CRD’s annual workshop will be held on Friday, May 25 at Bucknell University in Lewisburg. The goal of this workshop is for academic librarians to understand how they can have a role in supporting and promoting digital scholarship across disciplines, and to come away with ideas they can implement in their own libraries. Projects presented need not be humanities-related. Priority will be given to proposals discussing projects implemented successfully on a shoestring budget or with grant funding.

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practicing librarians across the state and beyond. Last year the journal received the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) Seal of Approval, given to publications that adhere to “outstanding best practices”. Although the journal is published by CRD, it includes articles from all types of libraries. Tom Reinsfelder and Anne Behler, co-editors of PalRap (palrap@mail.pitt.edu), recently put out a call for submissions from public libraries. If you work at a public library, please consider submitting an article with PalRap.

The topic of the CRD luncheon at the annual conference will be Open Educational Resources (OER). As budgets continue to tighten for institutions as well as students, many educators are looking at the collaborative tools and resources available online to fill the gap. The discussion will look at opportunities for large and small libraries and how to promote OER at your institution.

CRD offers LSTA funding for programs of interest to Pennsylvania academic librarians. All the information and forms needed to apply are located at https://crdpala.org/lsta/. If you are collaborating on a program with a colleague in another department, it may qualify for LSTA funding by CRD. From the CRD LSTA page: “Programs that appeal to a wider audience will also be considered as long as the program includes educational or professional development for academic librarians.” Don’t hesitate to apply.

Again I would like to say that I am looking forward to an exciting year. The board will continue to provide ongoing professional development and opportunities for its members to contribute to the conversation among academic librarians in Pennsylvania.

I have one favor to ask members: I would like each one of you to ask one colleague in your library that is not a member to consider joining CRD. Let’s work together to encourage more voices in the conversation.

Leslie Worrell Christianson is the User Services & Copyright librarian at Marywood University in Scranton. She is currently reading Great Russian Short Novels translated by Andrew R. MacAndrew.

Northwest Chapter News

BY JESSICA LASHER

In 2016, the Northwest Chapter hosted two main events: unconferences and a fall workshop.

Our unconferences, typically held in the spring, bring library staff together in an informal setting to discuss popular topics and hot issues in today’s library world. In 2016, chapter members gathered in four locations within the region to discuss and share their procedures on fines, circulation policies, staff policies, movie rentals, eating in the library, and more. It’s always interesting to hear how other libraries operate and how they reached their conclusions. Spring unconferences are coming up soon, so be on the lookout for dates, themes, and locations.

In the fall, the chapter presented “Funding for Impact”, a workshop focused on building library relationships with donors and supporters. Jessica Lasher, director of the Punxsutawney Memorial Library, presented an overview of how to gather information and present it in modern formats. Trenton Moulin, executive director of Bridge Builders Community Foundation, spoke about the power and importance of developing individualized relationships with donors as well as managing donor databases. In the afternoon session, Teresa Gregory, associate professor at Point Park University’s School of Business in Sports, Arts & Entertainment Management, highlighted the significance social media plays in donor relations.

This year, the chapter is up and at it again. Officer and committee chair roles will be filled by the following individuals:

- Jessica Lasher, Punxsutawney Memorial Library: Chair and PR/Marketing Committee chair
- Kelli Knapp, Warren Library Association: Vice chair
- Brenda Beiker, Foxburg Free Library: Secretary/treasurer and Membership Committee chair
- Dan Flaherty, Oil City Library: Nominations chair
- Amy Gisinger, New Castle District: Intellectual Freedom chair
- Leslie LaBarte, Seneca District: Legislative Committee chair

For interested members, meetings are held about once a month. All meetings begin at 11 a.m. via Google Hangouts. Here are the following dates for regular chapter meetings (subject to change):

- May 15
- June 6
- July 10
- August 10
- September 5
- October 3
- November 7

Members can RSVP to any of the meetings to receive the Hangouts link by sending an e-mail to director@punxsutawneylibrary.org. We’re excited for what’s to come!

Jessica Lasher is the director of the Punxsutawney Memorial Library and chair of the Northwest Chapter.
Hello, my name is Niharika...Barbara...Fawn...Rob...Alexis...Jose...Alia...Brian...and today I am a living book.

I am a former gang member turned social activist...an Indian immigrant...a Mormon...a Native American woman...a Peace Corps volunteer...an adult child of a parent with mental illness...and this is my story.

Welcome to the Human Library.
the afternoon’s Books. You can watch a recording of the “Bestsellers Panel” through Penn State University Mediasite at http://live.mediasite.psu.edu/mediasite/play/257e6d7cc02a46b8bbf63dd7cd4e476e1d?catalog=8376d4b2-4dd1-457e-a3bf-e4cf9163feda.

Penn State’s first Human Library was modeled on hosting multiple Readers groups and this was successful in this setting. Many public libraries have followed the one-Reader, one-Book model that pairs one interested Reader with one Human Book with the sharing also in a controlled and supportive environment within the library. This was the model used when the first Human Library was held in Denmark in 2000 and it was the model followed in 2008 when Bainbridge (Wash.) Public Library and Santa Monica (Calif.) Public Library became the first libraries to host a Human Library event in the United States. A glance at the 2017 events map on the official Human Library organization’s website shows the continuing popularity of registered Human Libraries in both public and academic libraries throughout the world: https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1pUsTfkgmwV4clcgHxDRZNyFv4mE.

The founding organization, Human Library, remains active in promoting the Human Library concept. Once a library has committed to host an event by registering it with the parent organization, the event will appear on the world event map and the library’s planning team will have access to detailed guides, shared libraries’ experiences, and sample documents to use with their event. In addition, there are many excellent resources to help public and academic libraries explore hosting a Human Library for their communities. Some of these are listed at the end of this article.

A Human Library engages people in thinking about how they relate to unknown others, a way of connecting us with others’ experiences, ideas, and challenges in sometimes unexpected and personally expanding ways. This is one of the functions of a written book and it is part of what makes Human Libraries with their Human Books and Readers a natural fit for our brick-and-mortar libraries. As was demonstrated on a Penn State campus on a recent winter afternoon, it is also an excellent way of sharing a community with itself.

**SUGGESTED RESOURCES**

*(all resources were available on 3/01/2017)*

**THE HUMAN LIBRARY ORGANIZATION**

- Website: http://humanlibrary.org/
- Global map of registered Human Library events: www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1pUsTfkgmwV4clcgHxDRZNyFv4mE
- TEDx Talks: http://humanlibrarychicago.org/speakers/ronni-bergel

**WEBINARS ABOUT CREATING A HUMAN LIBRARY**

- WebJunction: www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/Living_Library_Project_Dont_Judge_a_Book_By_Its_Cover.html
- Infopeople: https://infopeople.org/civicrm/event/info?id=397

**PUBLIC LIBRARY-SPECIFIC RESOURCES**

- Ashtabula (Ohio) Library: www.starbeacon.com/news/local_news/area-residents-learn-from-human-books-during-library-program/article_bcab3063-c915-57a4-82c6-f2e9ac6ff0d0.html
- Carbondale (Ill.) Public Library: http://humanlibrary.org/event/human-library11-days-for-compassion-carbondale-public-library-carbondale-il-us/
- Chicago Chapter of the Human Library: http://humanlibrarychicago.org/
- Free Library of Philadelphia: https://libwww.freelibrary.org/blog/post/1558

**ACADEMIC LIBRARY-SPECIFIC RESOURCES**

- Erie (NY) Community College: http://libguides.ecc.edu/c.php?g=395827&p=2689705
- Oregon State University Libraries: http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/humanlibrary
- Toronto (Can.) Public Library: www.yongestreetmedia.ca/features/humanbooks1208.aspx

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Abstract

One federated library system’s journey to a union catalog and patron-initiated resource sharing: How the eight libraries in Blair County are working to create a consistent patron experience.

Planning

The eight libraries of the Blair County Library System have been adapting to technological, financial, and educational/professional change since the system was formed in 1965. In 2013, the librarians participated in a workshop titled Navigating Change, with the theme that change is constant, it is necessary to accept change, and most importantly, it is necessary to plan to change.

The goals that developed from the workshop mainly focused on migrating the eight libraries onto one union catalog with standard policies and resource sharing. The libraries began to research these goals and determined that they would need to do the following in order to achieve their aims: achieve buy-in from the librarians, staff, and board; listen very closely to concerns; move step-by-step to ensure that everyone understood the process; and provide support in the form of training, logistics, and documentation to ensure a smooth implementation.

Throughout this process, the consistent and overarching goal was improvement of services to all library users in Blair County.

Implementation

In 2015, the eight libraries signed an agreement with the Pennsylvania Integrated Library Service (PaILS) to bring all the libraries together onto the SPARK consortium catalog and circulation system that runs on the Evergreen open source ILS.

The libraries migrated from Destiny and SIRSI into this ILS by the end of September 2016. During the planning and training phases, the Blair County staff members heeded advice from PaILS staff to avoid implementing two big changes at the same time: migrating to a new ILS and enabling resource sharing as a system for the first time.

During the migration, the libraries also merged their patron databases and, for the first time, allowed users to have one library card for all eight libraries. Since patron data was now accessible at eight libraries, a staff confidentiality agreement was developed to ensure proper data privacy at all eight libraries.

After the migration, BCLS staff visited each of the nine library boards to explain the benefits of resource sharing and discuss concerns with them. This also allowed the BCLS to design hold policies that matched up with the requests of library staff and board members (such as limiting the sharing of new and other high demand items), which were written into a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The boards were then each asked to ratify the MOU after it had been discussed and approved by all the librarians.

Training, logistics, and documentation

In the weeks before resource sharing was scheduled to start, BCLS staff traveled to each library to make sure that staff fully understood the procedures involved and had created workflows to implement resource sharing.

The BCLS board approved funding for an additional weekly delivery (one delivery a week is provided for all Altoona District libraries) and a delivery driver was hired, trained, and signed a confidentiality agreement (required of all staff who handle patron information).

In addition to the MOU, a comprehensive instruction document for staff was created and advertising/how-to pamphlets were produced for patrons.

Moving forward, and a model for change

Resource sharing in the BCLS began in February 2017 so we are awaiting to see
the effects on circulation. In the first weeks we were able to test the process with mostly staff placing holds and found that overall the workflows were easily integrated into each library’s daily routine. Staff are now encouraging patrons to place their own holds and a public relations push was planned for March 2017. We are hoping that this will be popular with our users.

“PaILS is proud to be a part of this significant change for the Blair County libraries,” said Scott Thomas, executive director of PaILS. “Wherever possible we encourage libraries that use SPARK to leverage all of its potential by sharing resources and creating new service models that benefit Pennsylvania library users.”

This model of focusing on change as a reality and focusing on patron experience to move forward has worked for reaching agreements on major changes on how the system functions and we look forward to using the model as we try to adapt to an ever increasing pace of change.

Note: SPARK is funded, in part, by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

Katie Martin, the Integrated Library Systems specialist for the Blair County Library System and the Circulation & Reference library for the Altoona Area Public Library, is reading Seeing Further by Bill Bryson. Tim Salony, the system administrator for the Blair County Library System, is reading George Marshall, Statesman 1945–1959 by Forrest C. Pogue.

Award Nomination FAQs

■ Do I have to be a PaLA member to nominate someone for an award? 
Yes. These awards are to celebrate PaLA members at the annual conference.

■ Does the person I nominate need to be a member of PaLA? 
Yes, except for the Elected Official and Trustee Award.

■ How do I nominate a member? 
There is an online application in SurveyMonkey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NDJLJHC

■ What kind of information will I need to fill out the form? 
• Name and contact information for the award nominee and yourself 
• Professional and biographical information for the nominee 
• Brief essay (suggested 1–2 pages) on why you are nominating this person 
• Additional letters of support/recommendation

■ Who is the Awards Chair for 2017? 
Janis Stubbs (jstubbs@delcolibraries.org) with the Delaware County Libraries

■ May I tell the nominee that I have put forward their name? 
Absolutely. They will most likely be honored to be nominated.

■ What is the deadline for nominations? 
August 1, 2017

■ How will I know if my nominee is chosen? 
An Awards Committee member will contact you by email or phone regarding the status of the application.
PaLA Awards Committee Seeks Nominations

**DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2017**

- **Distinguished Service Award:** The highest award given by the association. It is presented annually to one person in recognition of exceptionally meritorious service to libraries of the commonwealth.

- **Certificates of Merit:** Awarded to individuals making outstanding contributions to libraries in Pennsylvania during the last five years.

- **Elected Official Award:** Given annually to an elected official (or officials) for exemplary support of library service in Pennsylvania.

- **New Librarian Honors Award:** Acknowledges a librarian who has worked in the profession fewer than six years. It recognizes the originality and inventive ability of a new librarian who devises new and improved methods of library service on a statewide or local level.

- **Trustee of the Year Award:** Presented to a public library trustee in recognition of outstanding leadership and service to library development at the local, system, district, and/or state level.

- **Library Support Staff Recognition Award:** This award is presented to a Pennsylvania library that has consistently encouraged and supported its support staff to participate in career development activities (particularly those offered by PaLA). Nominations should be in the form of a statement of the library’s activities. Does your library provide opportunities for support staff to develop their library skills through continuing education? Does your library encourage support staff members to attend PaLA conferences and chapter meetings? Does your library provide opportunities for support staff to take classes on library-related activities, or in other skills which can be used on the job? Tell us how your library’s support helps you in your work, and give some recognition to your library!

I nominate ________________________________ for the ________________________________ Award, to be presented by the Pennsylvania Library Association in 2017.

I am making this nomination because of the following (attach additional sheets):

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Please send your nominations to:

Janis Stubbs, Awards Chair
Delaware County Library System
340 N. Middletown Rd., Fair Acres, Bldg. 19
Media, PA 1906

Online submissions (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NDJLJHC) are preferred.
First Vice-President/President-Elect continued

David Belanger

Other library activities:

- Vice-president, Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development
- Former president and member, HSLC board
- Former member, OCLC Member’s Council

Belanger has also served on the boards of the Delaware County Literacy Council, the Press Club of Delaware County and the Rotary Club of Media.

Denise Sticha

Sticha is the current president of Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries, and has been a member of the board of directors since 2012. She has presented at a number of PaLA conferences and regional workshops.

Second Vice-President/Conference Chair 2018 Harrisburg

Brianna Crum

Brianna Crum has been the district consultant for the Capital Area District since July 2015. In this role, she coordinates and implements workshops for staff and trustees on a district and multi-district level.

Crum began her career in 2009 at the Cleve J. Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill, gaining experience working in the reference and children’s departments, prior to becoming the library’s Public Services manager in 2013.

Crum earned an M.L.I.S. from Drexel University in 2010, and a B.S. in business administration, with a concentration in accounting, from Shippensburg University in 2005. Crum joined the Pennsylvania Library Association in 2016 as a member of the South Central chapter.

In addition to her membership in PaLA, Crum is a certified public innovator of The Harwood Institute, an organization that provides in-depth training for individuals desiring to impact their communities in a more active and focused way. She is also a member of the Consumer Health Special Advisory Group of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region.

Sara Edmiston

Sara Edmiston is the Community Relations librarian for the Adams County Library System. In this position, Edmiston oversees the PR/marketing for the system as well as the system’s outreach program, electronic resources, and volunteer program.

Edmiston joined the Adams County Library System in 2004 as the Information Services librarian, overseeing the reference and nonfiction collections as well as the teen program.

She earned an M.S.L.S. from Clarion University, and a B.A. in English literature from the State University of New York at Fredonia.

Edmiston’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:

- Chair, South Central Chapter, 2013
- Member, Annual Conference committee, 2009–10, 2012, 2014
- Member, Membership committee, 2007, 2009–11
- Member, Nominations committee, 2008
- PALS graduate, 2009

She is an active member of the Volunteer Administrators Network of Adams County.

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Second Vice-President/Conference Chair 2019 Erie

Peter Bess

Peter Bess has been the Youth Services librarian at Butler Area Public Library since 2009. He began his career as a part-time children’s assistant at the Main branch of the Kanawha County Public Library in Charleston, W.Va. While working towards his M.L.I.S. at the University of Pittsburgh he was assigned as a “Pitt Partner” to the Oakmont Carnegie Library where he worked in their Children’s Department.

At the Butler Area Public Library, Bess has enjoyed reaching out to local businesses, schools, and preschools in order to increase the library’s patron base, as well as grow their children’s programming by receiving the Family Place Library grant.

Bess received his M.L.I.S. from the University of Pittsburgh in 2009, and a bachelor’s in English creative writing from West Virginia State University in 2007.

Bess’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:

- Member, Southwest chapter
- Member, Youth Services division
- Chair, Carolyn Field Award committee, 2016
- Member, Carolyn Field Award committee, 2015

Bess is active in his community as a board member of the Butler County Children’s Center and a member of the Butler Early Care and Education Council.

Paula Collins

Paula Collins was named the director of the Clearfield County Public Library in February 2016. Prior to this position, she was the director of the Joseph & Elizabeth Shaw Public Library for 15 years. Collins began her library career at the Shaw Public Library as the Inter-Library Loan clerk.

Collins was a Laura Bush 21st Century Scholar and earned her M.S.L.S. from Clarion in 2011. She earned a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts with a concentration in library science from Clarion.

In addition to the numerous activities for the Pennsylvania Library Association over the years, Collins was also a part of the inaugural Pennsylvania Library Director’s Institute and was one of three Pennsylvania representatives to the Turning the Page workshop sponsored by the Gates Foundation at the ALA Mid-Winter Conference.

Collins’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:

- Member, Juniata-Conemaugh Chapter
- Member, Annual Conference committee and registration chair, 2007–present
- Member, PA Forward, Civic & Social Literacy committee, present
- Member, PA Forward Training team, present
- Past member, PA Forward Steering committee, present
- Past member, PA Forward, Basic Literacy team (public library representative)
- Past member, Public Relations/Marketing committee
- Past member, Carolyn Field Award committee

Electronic ballots will be sent to members in July.
The deadline for voting in the PaLA Elections is August 10, 2017

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Diana Falk has been the director of the Norwin Public Library in Irwin since 2005. She began her library career in 2003 as the director of the Dormont Public Library.

Before becoming a librarian, Falk worked in advertising for 10 years. She earned an M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh in 2003 and has a B.A. in English literature from Kenyon College.

Falk’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:
- Member, Southwest chapter, 2005–present
- Presenter, Southwest chapter workshop, 2016
- Member and fundraising co-chair, PaLA Conference committee, 2006

Falk is active member of the Norwin Chamber of Commerce and serves on its board of directors. She has held a variety of roles within that organization, including Membership and Marketing chair. She was voted Chamber of Person of the Year in 2006.

Associate professor Sheli Pratt-McHugh is the Cataloging and Metadata librarian and the Learning Commons coordinator at the University of Scranton’s Weinberg Memorial Library. She also serves as department chair for the library. She previously worked at the Scranton Public Library as the head cataloger serving the Lackawanna County Library System.

Pratt-McHugh earned an M.L.S. from Clarion University, an M.L.A. from Lock Haven, and a B.A. in media studies from Penn State.

Pratt-McHugh’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:
- Member, Membership committee, 2006–2010, 2017
- Co-chair, Conference Technology committee, 2016
- Judge, PaLA Selection committee ALA Emerging Leaders, 2014–16
- Chair, Northeast chapter Nominating committee, 2014
- Member, PaLA Nominating committee, 2014
- Co-chair, Conference Local Arrangements committee, 2014
- Chair, Northeast chapter, 2013
- Member, PaLA strategic plan Ad Hoc committee, 2013
- Vice-chair/Chair-elect, Northeast chapter, 2012
- Publicity co-chair, Conference committee, 2011
- Ad Hoc chair, Northeast chapter Special Events, 2010
- Chair, Technical Service round table, 2010
- Chair, Northeast chapter Membership committee, 2006–10

In 2012, PaLA selected Pratt-McHugh as the delegate to the ALA Emerging Leaders program. She was chosen to attend the inaugural PALS workshop on behalf of the Northeast chapter in 2009. She has presented at PaLA conferences and published in the PaLA Bulletin.
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Treasurer

Leslie Worrell Christianson

Leslie Worrell Christianson has been the User Services librarian and assistant professor at Marywood University since 2012. In her position, she is committed to providing the best possible access to information for students, faculty, and staff. As the supervisor of the public services areas of the library, she fosters a physical environment that supports creativity, engagement, and the free flow of ideas. She also provides information literacy instruction and reference. Her professional and research interests include copyright, equitable access to information, and scholarly communications.

Christianson received her M.L.I.S. from the Catholic University of America, and a B.A. in art studio and art history from Notre Dame of Maryland. She is a 2012 PALS graduate.

Christianson’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:

• Chair, College and Research Division. 2017
• Member, PA Forward Information Literacy Summit Planning committee, 2015–16
• Member, PA Forward Academic Outreach committee, 2014–present
• Secretary/treasurer, Northeast chapter, 2014–15
• Technology coordinator, College and Research Division, 2013–15
• Chair, Conference Evaluation committee, 2014
• Chair, Northeast chapter Publicity committee, 2012–13

Christianson has presented at PaLA conferences and regional workshops, nationally at the Conference on College Composition and Communication, and internationally at the International Federation for Library Associations and Institutions Information Literacy Satellite Meeting.

Erin Joyce

Erin Joyce is the district consultant for the Oil Creek District. Previously, she held the position of director at Redbank Valley Public Library.

She earned her M.L.S. from Clarion University and her B.S. in library science education from Clarion.

Joyce’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:

• Member, By-laws & Organization committee, 2017
• Member, Nominations committee, 2015
• Chair, Northwest chapter, 2014
• Vice-chair, Northwest chapter, 2013
• Member, Northwest Chapter, present

Her community activities include:

• Board member, Redbank Valley Chamber of Commerce, 2011–16
• Member, Redbank Valley Chamber of Commerce Marketing committee, 2011–present
• Treasurer, Redbank Valley Church Association, 2013–17
• Auditor, Leatherwood Church, 2014–16

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Director-at-Large

Brady Clemens

Brady Clemens is the district consultant for the Central Pennsylvania Library District. Previously, he served as the director of the Juniata County Library. Clemens started his career in public libraries as a reference librarian at the Uniontown Public Library.

Clemens earned both his M.L.S. and B.A. in English/history at Clarion University.

Clemens’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:
- Member, PA Forward Steering committee, present

Clemens has participated in a panel discussion at a previous PaLA conference.

Kate Cummings

Kate Cummings is the Electronic Resources librarian for Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke. Working in libraries since 2004, she held positions at Eastern Maine Community College, the University of Maine, and Wilkes University before joining the faculty at LCCC.

Cummings earned her M.L.I.S. from the University of South Carolina. She also holds a certificate in building construction, an A.A.S. in computer-aided drafting and design, an A.A. in liberal studies from Eastern Maine Community College, and a B.S. in business administration-accounting from the University of Maine. She is currently enrolled in the M.B.A. program at Wilkes University.

Cummings’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:
- Member, Membership committee, present
- Editor, PA Forward Today, the PA Forward newsletter, present
- Graduate, PALS, 2016

In addition to her PaLA activities, Cummings presented a poster at ACRL’s 2016 annual conference on the quantitative analysis and results of an information literacy outcomes assessment study, conducted at LCCC in 2015–2016. She also serves on the board of the Northeast Pennsylvania Rainbow Alliance.

Joann Eichenlaub

Joann Eichenlaub became assistant director of the Roger and Peggy Madigan Library at Pennsylvania College of Technology in 2012. She has worked in the Madigan Library since 2000, initially as a student assistant, then circulation assistant while attending college. Following graduation, she became manager of access services and worked toward her master’s degree.

Eichenlaub achieved an M.S.L.S. from Drexel University in 2011, and a B.S. in paralegal studies from Pennsylvania College of Technology in 2002.

Eichenlaub’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:
- Member, PA Forward Steering committee, 2017
- Co-chair, PA Forward Star Library Program and Training committee, 2016–17
- Member, PA Forward Academic Outreach committee, 2017
- Member, Civic and Social Literacy team, 2017
- Member, West Branch chapter, 2015–17
- Past chair, West Branch chapter, 2016

Other leadership activities in Pennsylvania libraries:
- Member, ACLCP Programming committee, 2016–17
- Member, PALS Branding team that developed the PA Forward Star Library Program (successfully piloted February to May 2016, statewide October 2016 at PaLA conference); presented virtual and in-person training sessions for the program, 2015–17
- Co-chair, ACLCP Copyright Special Interest group, established and co-coordinated the copyright special interest group, 2008–14

Vote

Electronic ballots will be sent to members in July. The deadline for voting in the PaLA Elections is August 10, 2017.

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Michelle Georgetti is the Adult Services librarian at the Valley Community Library, a member of the Lackawanna County Library System. Prior to her current position, she was the library director of the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library in Mountain Top after serving as the children’s librarian for two years.

Georgetti earned an M.S.L.S. from Clarion in 2014 and a B.S. in library science from Kutztown University with a minor in Spanish in 2012.

**Georgetti’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:**
- Acting secretary/treasurer, Northeast chapter, present
- Graduate, PALS, 2016
- Member, PaLA Membership committee, 2016
- Membership chair, Northeast chapter, 2016
- Graduate, Pennsylvania Library Director’s Institute, 2015
- Member, PaLA, 2015–present

Georgetti is a 2016 PALS graduate and is currently writing Compendium articles for her group project to support and promote the PA Forward initiative. She is involved in the Leadership Lackawanna Class of 2017 where her group is creating a volunteer network to provide ongoing assistance to organize, maintain, and store inventory for Saint Joseph’s First Home Program that helps at-risk mothers move into permanent housing.

Beth Evitts is the executive director of library services at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC). Her previous position was HACC’s Gettysburg Campus Library director.

Evitts started her library career at York Hospital Library, initially as the reference librarian then as the library director.

Evitts received her M.L.S. from the University of Maryland and a B.S. Education in library science from Millersville University.

She served on the program committee of the 2012 PaLA conference in Gettysburg. She is currently serving as the chair of the Associated College Libraries of Central Pennsylvania.

Nicole Henline is the director of the Monroeville Public Library in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh. Previously, she was the director of the Community Library of the Shenango Valley in Sharon, and a reference associate at Point Park University Library.

Henline started her career in libraries during her senior year of high school when she worked as a computer instructor at the Penn Hills Library. She worked there for 11 years during school, graduate school, and her teaching career. While at the Penn Hills Library, she wore many hats and learned a great deal about customer service and the importance of libraries in our communities.

Henline earned her M.L.I.S from the University of Pittsburgh, a master’s in Education from Duquesne University, a bachelor’s in English and a bachelor’s in business administration, also from Duquesne. Before become a library director, she taught 7th grade English for several years and she still holds instructional certificates in secondary English education, social studies education, and library science.

**Henline’s Pennsylvania Library Association activities include:**
- Member, Northwest chapter, 2011–15
- Member, Southwest chapter, 2015–present
- Presenter, PaLA Annual conference, 2016

In addition to her PaLA activities, Henline is very involved in the county library system. She is currently serving as the chair of the Librarians Advisory Council in Allegheny County and has served on a variety of committees and workgroups to help institute new and innovative ideas into library services.
Welcome New Members

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