



**Ann Ewbank**

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Associate Professor and Department Head, Education  
Director, School Library Media Program

**Type of Library:**

MSU Department of Education (School Library Educator)

**Statement of Professional Concerns:**

I have been fortunate to work in public, school, and academic libraries, and as a professor of library science. I discovered the power of working collaboratively with others through ALA and have been an active member-leader for my entire library career. We have an amazing opportunity to shape our association for decades to come. If we approach this opportunity thoughtfully and intentionally, and listen to all perspectives, I am confident that ALA's organizational changes will result in a stronger, more resilient, and socially just association. As an executive board member, I will work toward breaking down the silos and hierarchies within ALA. I will bring my personal values of communication, collaboration, and consensus to the table as we undertake major organizational change. We have one chance to do this right. A stronger association will benefit members, libraries, and the individuals we serve. For more about me, please see <https://annewbank.com/>.

**Previous Positions:**

- Assistant Division Director & Clinical Associate Professor, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, Arizona State University, 2011- 2014
- Adjunct Instructor, University of Arizona, School of Information Resources and Library Science, 2010-2011
- College of Education Liaison Librarian, Arizona State University, 2006-2011
- Reading Teacher, Cholla Middle School, Phoenix, AZ, 2005-2006
- School Librarian, Cholla Middle School, Phoenix, AZ, 2000-2005
- Library Page & Assistant, Phoenix (AZ) Public Library, 1999-2002
- Social Studies Teacher (middle and high school), Yuma & Phoenix, AZ, 1997-2000

**Education:**

PhD, Arizona State University, 2005; MLS, University of Arizona, 2001; B.S.Ed., Northern Arizona University, 1996

**Affiliation(s):**

AASL (Educators of School Libraries Section), LRRT, Freedom to Read Foundation, 1876 Club

**ALA and/or ALA-APA activities:**

- American Library Association, Budget Analysis and Review Committee, 2020-2024
- American Library Association, Policy Corps Advisory Committee, 2019-present
- American Association of School Librarians, Community of Scholars Task Force/Subcommittee, 2014-2016, 2019-present
- Montana Delegate, ALA National Library Legislative Day, 2015-present

- American Library Association, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, 2019-2021 (Chair, 2020-2021).
- American Library Association, Nominating Committee, 2019-2020
- American Library Association, Policy Corps, 2018-2023
- Councilor-at-Large, American Library Association, 2018-2021
- American Library Association, Chapter Relations Committee, 2017-2019
- American Association of School Librarians, Editorial Board Chair, *Knowledge Quest*, 2015-2018
- American Association of School Librarians, *School Library Research* Editorial Board, 2014-2018
- Chair, Committee on Legislation, American Library Association, 2015-2017
- American Library Association, Committee on Legislation/Subcommittee on Copyright, 2013-2015
- American Association of School Librarians, Legislation Committee, 2011-2014
- American Library Association, Presidential School Library Taskforce, 2011-2013
- American Library Association, Research and Statistics Committee, 2011-2013
- Association of College and Research Libraries, Liaisons Assembly, 2009-2013
- American Library Association, Committee on Library Advocacy, 2009-2011
- American Library Association, Presidential Task Force on Advocacy, 2008-2009
- Councilor-at-Large, American Library Association, 2006-2009
- Chair, American Association of School Librarians, No Child Left Behind Task Force, 2008
- American Association of School Librarians/ Association of College and Research Libraries, Interdivisional Committee on Information Literacy, 2007-2008
- American Association of School Librarians, No Child Left Behind Task Force, 2006-2008
- Chair, American Association of School Librarians, Instructional Classification Task Force, 2006-2007
- Arizona Delegate, ALA National Library Legislative Day, 2005-2007.
- American Association of School Librarians, Arizona Representative to the Affiliate Assembly, 2004-2005, 2011

**Offices held in state/regional library associations and other associations:**

- Member, Government Affairs Committee, Montana Library Association, 2018-present (Co-Chair, 2020-present)
- Chair, MLA-EveryLibrary School Library Advocacy Project Working Group, Montana Library Association, 2017-present
- Chair, ESSA Implementation Steering Committee, Montana Library Association, 2016-2019
- Chair, Research, Education, Information and School Libraries Special Interest Group, American Educational Research Association, 2014-2015
- Chair, Communication of Research Special Interest Group, American Educational Research Association, 2012-2013
- Program Chair, Communication of Research Special Interest Group, American Educational Research Association, 2012-2013
- Chair, Arizona Library Association, Louise A. Stephens Memorial Scholarship Committee, 2008-2011
- Arizona Historical Advisory Commission, Commissioner, 2007-2010
- President, Arizona Library Association, 2006-2007
- Secretary/Treasurer, Teacher as Researcher Special Interest Group, American Educational Research Association, 2004-2005
- Chair, Teacher-Librarian Division, Arizona Library Association, 2004-2005

**Honors and/or Awards:**

- 2020, Phi Kappa Phi Anna K. Fridley Award for Distinguished Teaching, Montana State University

- 2018, Champion Award, Montana Library Association
- 2017, Outstanding Faculty Award: Outreach/Engagement, Montana State University, College of Education, Health and Human Development
- 2012, Rosenzweig Distinguished Contribution Award, Arizona Library Association
- 2009, Mover and Shaker, Library Journal
- 2006, Intellectual Freedom Award, Arizona Library Association
- 2005, Intellectual Freedom Award, American Association of School Librarians
- 2002, Lamp of Learning Award, Washington (AZ) School District

#### **Major Accomplishments:**

- Over \$7M grant funding awarded.
- Co-PI, IMLS Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian grant (2020-2023), *Indigenous Perspectives in School Librarianship*, \$574K to revise school librarian preparation curriculum and train 30 school librarians.
- Grew MSU School Library Media Program enrollment from ~40 to ~90 students.
- Graduated 115 school librarians since 2014.
- Nearly 400 citations of my scholarly work.
- Part of a ten year effort to include a school library provision in the federal Every Student Succeeds Act with ALA/AASL colleagues and staff.
- Part of the efforts to confirm Carla Hayden as Librarian of Congress and Crosby Kemper III as IMLS Director with Washington Office staff and ALA Policy Corps/Committee on Legislation colleagues.
- Directed a major school library remodel, coordinated by an Eagle Scout candidate.

#### **Selected Publications:**

- Ewbank, A. (2021, in press). Place Consciousness: A Narrative Inquiry of the Advocacy Practices of Five Rural/Frontier School Librarians. *Library Quarterly*, 91(1).
- Ewbank, A., Barnea, L., Keuch, N., Mattila, D., & Mayhall, K. (January 2020). The implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act and school libraries: A case study. *School Library Connection*.
- Ewbank, A. (2019). *Political advocacy for school librarians: Leveraging your influence*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- Ewbank, A. (April 2019). Political advocacy: Extending school librarian leadership. *School Library Connection*.
- Johnson, S. & Ewbank, A. (2018). Heuristics: An approach to evaluating news obtained through social media. *Knowledge Quest*, 47(1), 8-14.
- Ewbank, A., Masland, J.T., & Zabriskie, C. (2016). Library issues at the federal level: An introduction to ALA's Washington Office and the Committee on Legislation. *Political Librarian*, 2(1), 11-16.
- Ewbank, A. (2015). Library advocacy through Twitter: A social media analysis of #savelibraries and #getESEArigh. *School Libraries Worldwide*, 21(2), 26-38.
- Ewbank, A. & Kwon, J. (2015). School library advocacy literature in the United States: an exploratory content analysis. *Library and Information Science Research* 37(3), 236-243.
- Ewbank, A. (2015). Union-active school librarians and school library advocacy: A modified case study of the British Columbia Teacher-Librarians' Association and the British Columbia Teachers' Federation. *School Library Research*, 18.
- Ewbank, A. (2011). Advocacy for the school library media profession: Results of a U.S. national survey. *School Libraries Worldwide* 37(2).
- Ewbank, A. (2011). Values-oriented factors leading to retention of school librarian positions: A school district case study. *School Library Media Research*, 14.

- Ewbank, A., Guy, M., Tharp, J., & Welty, E. (2011). Collaboration and connection: A university outreach program for high school librarians and teachers. *Library Media Connection, 30*(2), 28-30.
- Ewbank, A. (2010). Surviving the Recession: Fostering environments that support school librarians. *School Library Monthly, 27*(3), 54-56. (Reprinted in *Synergy: The Journal of the School Library Association of Victoria (Australia)*, June 2011).
- Ewbank, A. (2010). Beginning a dialogue about how teacher-librarians advocate for the profession: Implications of a national survey. *Teacher Librarian, 37*(3), 87-89. (Reprinted in *Synergy: The Journal of the School Library Association of Victoria (Australia)*, December 2011).
- Shell, L., Duvernay, J., Ewbank, A., Konomos, P., Leaming, A., & Sylvester, G. (2010). A comprehensive plan for library support of online and extended education. *Journal of Library Administration, 50*(7), 951-971.
- Ewbank, A. (2009). Education library 2.0: The establishment of a dynamic multi-site liaison program. *Education Libraries, 32*(2), 3-12.
- Ewbank, A. (2008). Elimination of teacher-librarians in Mesa, Arizona: A need of advocacy. *Teacher-Librarian, 36*(2), 8-9.
- Ewbank, A., & Moreillon, J. (2007). Is there a teacher-librarian worldview? This we believe... *Knowledge Quest, 36*(1), 12-15.
- Ewbank, A., & Moreillon, J. (2006). The 65% Solution is no solution for schools or library media centers. *School Library Media Activities Monthly*. June, 22-24.

**Number of Years as an ALA Member: 19**