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Type of Library: Public

Statement of Professional Concerns:

ALA membership reinforces the transformative work of our colleagues and profession. My experience with library workers and stakeholders on committees, taskforces, as an Emerging Leader and Chapter Councilor have impressed upon me the great importance of our work to build communities, dismantle inequality, and provide a solid foundation for a brighter tomorrow.

ALA membership's efforts to create agility in our processes to move us Forward Together and the inspiring call to action by Executive Director Hall to actively champion comprehensive and equitable access through universal broadband resonant deeply with my personal and professional values. Now is an exciting time to contribute to the future of ALA, specifically in the areas of inclusion, diversity, and sustainability.

I am eager to support communication, promote collaboration, and bring greater awareness of the strength our membership represents if chosen to serve. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Previous Positions:

Public Services Librarian, Burlington Public Library, Burlington, Iowa, 2011-2020
Youth Services Assistant, Burlington Public Library, 2008-2011
Adult Services Aide, Burlington Public Library, 2007-2008
Marketing Instructor, Center of Business, Southeastern Community College, 2015-Present

Education:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Information Sciences, Masters in Library and Information Sciences, 2012.
Iowa Wesleyan University, Bachelor's Degree in Human Services, 2010.

Affiliation(s):

FTRF (Freedom to Read Foundation), GLBTRT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Round Table), LITA (Library and Information Technology Association), PLA (Public Library Association), RUSA (Reference & User Services Association), YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association)

ALA and/or ALA-APA activities:

2020 IFRT chair-elect
2019-2020 Stonewall Book Awards Committee
2018-2020 ALA Policy Monitoring Committee
2019 YALSA Michael L. Printz Award Committee

2019 RUSA Sophie Brody Award Committee
2017 YALSA Fundraising Task Force
2016, YALSA Preconference, Marketing for Increased Impact
2016 ALA Emerging Leaders
2015-2016, ALA Public Awareness Committee, #LibrariesTransform
2015-2016 YALSA representative to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Roundtable, ALA
2015, ALA, Open to All: Serving the GLBT Community in your Library Toolkit
2014, New Members Round Table, Professional Development Grant award
2014, YALSA Division & Membership Promotion chair
2014, YALSAblog contributor
2014-2016 GLBTRT Advocacy Committee
2013-2014 Distance Learning Interest Group chair, LITA

Officers held in state/regional library associations and other associations:

2019 Freedom to Read Foundation, cohort 3
2018-2021 Iowa Governor's Commission of Libraries
2018 Downs Intellectual Freedom Awarded to ILA
2017-2021 Iowa Library Association, ALA Chapter Councilor / ILA Executive Board
2017-2021 ILA, Intellectual Freedom Committee chair
2016 United States of Women Summit, Nominated White House attendee
2016 ILA Conference Planning Committee member, Iowa Library Association
2015 Ad Hoc Communications Committee, Iowa Library Association
2014 Leadership Institute, Iowa Library Association
2014-2016 Iowa Teen Book Award Committee
2014 EchoBoom: Library Services for Users in their 20s & 30s, Scarecrow Press
2014-2016 Iowa Teen Book Award Committee
2014, Iowa Library Association, Quality Time Award
2014 Class, Leadership Institute, Iowa Library Association
2013-2018 Public Library Forum chair, Iowa Library Association
2012 Collaborative Summer Reading Program, State of Iowa Library instructor
2011-2016 Teen Services Advisory Council, State of Iowa Library
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Honors and/or Awards:

2016 United State of Women Summit, Nominated Attendee
2015 NMRT Professional Development Grant
2014 Iowa Library Association Quality Time Award
2014 Greater Burlington Partnership, 40 Professionals Under 40 Award

Major Accomplishments:

2016 American Library Association, Emerging Leaders
2016 White House, Summit of Women, Nominated Attendee
2015 Rowman & Littlefield Press, Author

Publications:

Mobile Social Marketing in Libraries. Rowman & Littlefield Press. 2015. Edited by Carol Smallwood.

Open to All: Serving the GLBT Community in Your Library, A Toolkit from the American Library Association Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table. 2015.

<http://www.ala.org/rt/sites/ala.org/rt/files/content/professionaltools/160309-glbtrt-open-to-all-toolkit-online.pdf>

"The echoBOOM: Library Services for Users in the 20s & 30s." Creative Management of Small Public Libraries. Scarcrow Press: 2014.

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 9