

**ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD
ELECTION 2019**

Candidate: **LESLIE B. PREDDY**

Current Position: School Librarian, Perry Meridian Middle School
202 West Meridian School Road, Indianapolis, IN 46217

Education: 1995 Indiana State University--M.S.: Educational Technology
1991 Indiana State University--B.S.: School Library Media Services, cum laude

ALA Activities: ALA, 1990-present

- Councilor-at-Large (2018-present)
- ALA Webinar: "The R.O.A.D. I Travel (Research, Observe, Analyze, Discover)", Webinar archived at <http://ala.adobeconnect.com/p2h0s99i2ye/> (2014)
- ALA Sara Jaffarian Award Selection committee (2006-2007)

AASL

- American Association of School Librarians President (2014-2017)
- Best Websites for Teaching & Learning committee (2017-2019)
- AASL Distinguished School Administrators Award committee (2010-2011)
- AASL Innovative Reading Grant committee Chair (2009-2010)
- AASL School Librarians Workshop Scholarship committee (2003-2004)
- AASL Region 3 representative for Indiana

AASL/ALSC/YALSA

- School and Public Library Cooperation committee (2017-present)

Indiana State Teacher of the Year Finalist (2010)
United States Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, ESSA
(Every Student Succeeds Act) and Effective School Libraries Listening Session, facilitator (2016)
Future Ready Library, USDOE committee (2016)
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), LB21 federal grants reviewer
Partnership for 21st Century Skills (P21), AASL Focus Group (2002)
National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) National Forum for school library media
specialist, Indiana representative (2002)

ALA Awards: ALA Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award (2014)
AASL School Library Media Program of the Year award (2010)
AASL Collaborative School Library Media Award (2003)

Professional Activities Instructional Leadership Editor, School Library Connection (SLC) journal
Highlight: Author of four professional books, as well as various blog posts, columns, and articles

Frequent speaker and school library representative at education and library meetings, conferences
Google Certified Educator
Indiana Library Federation (ILF) / Association of Indiana School Library Educators (AISLE), 1990-present
National Education Association (NEA) / Perry Education Association (PEA)

Statement of Professional Concerns

There are many reasons I find great joy in my job as a librarian and the volunteer time invested in the profession. Key is a love, passion, and boundless energy for libraries and our profession. My desire is the same as yours -- to continually help others help themselves, guide others to succeed and find the best self they can be, and defend every community's right to libraries. Each specialized library represented by ALA is a microcosm critical to the greater library ecosystem and the intellectual sustainability of a vibrant community. Using our collective strength, voice, and efforts, we defend and support rights and needs of our patrons locally, nationally, and internationally. I know our strength comes from the power of our association members working together toward these common, noble goals. The future of libraries depends on our involvement, the development of leaders, advocating for excellence, and supporting our communities through libraries. As a member of the Board, my experiences and expertise will be advantageous as we continue to move our profession and association forward through working as one and bridging the interconnectedness of our association's mission, our members, and the communities we serve.