

ALA American Library Association

2020 Executive Board Candidate Bio



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Type of Library: Department of Education (School Library Educator)

Statement of Professional Concerns:

I prefer to call this section “Statement of Professional Opportunities,” because our association is on the precipice of a new chapter.

I have been fortunate to work in a public library as a paraprofessional, a school library, an academic library, and now as a school library educator and researcher. ALA is my professional home. I discovered the power of working collaboratively with others through our association early, and have been an active member-leader in ALA for nearly my entire library career. Because I have experience in multiple types of libraries, my perspective is informed by the notion of *Libraries for a Lifetime*, meaning that we all serve the same individuals, just at different times in their lives. As a result of the roles I have held in ALA, I have been fortunate to work across the association and closely with ALA staff. While I know quite a bit about various aspects of the association, I also know that I have much to learn.

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 this major organizational change. I will listen to understand and hold myself accountable. If elected, I hope that you will hold me accountable too. 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, 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.
- 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

- Chair, MLA-EveryLibrary School Library Advocacy Project Working Group, Montana Library Association, 2017-present
- Chair, ESSA Implementation Steering Committee, Montana Library Association, 2016-present
- 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, AzLA 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:

- 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 \$6.3M grant funding awarded.
- 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.

Publications:

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.

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- 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).
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- 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: 18