

ALA Executive Board Election 2017

Candidate Name: Susan L. Jennings

Current Position: Dean of Library Services, Chattanooga State Community College -- Kolwyck Library & Information Commons, 4501 Amnicola Hwy, Chattanooga, TN 37406

Education- Degrees and Certificates:

University of Tennessee, MSIS- Library & Information Sciences, 2007

Appalachian State University, MA Southern Religious History, 1998

Appalachian State University, BA European History, 1987

Western Piedmont Community College, AA - College Transfer, 1985

ALA Activities: ACRL, LLAMA, member

Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT) Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT), member
Freedom to Read, member

ALA Council: New Members Roundtable (NMRT) Councilor, 2013-2015; Councilor at Large, 2015-2017

ALA Resolutions Committee, Member, 2013-2015

ALA Emerging Leaders, Class of 2010

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Member, Committee on Committees, 2013-14

NMRT Executive Board, Member as NMRT Councilor, 2013- 2015

NMRT 3M/NMRT Grant Committee, Member 2009-2010, Chair 2010-11

NMRT Resume Review Committee, Member 2010-11

NMRT Mentoring Committee, Member 2009-2010

Honors and Awards:

2011 Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Immersion Class (“Intentional Teaching”)

2010 American Library Association Emerging Leaders Class of 2010

2007 SIS Outstanding Service Award

2006 Gary R. Purcell Scholarship Recipient

Statement of Professional Concerns:

Having served on ALA Council for the past 6 years, I am passionate about the work we do. I seek election to the Executive Board because, as a mid-career librarian, I have been especially concerned about the future of librarianship and the support and guidance that those new to or considering the profession receive. My passion is to help new and aspiring librarians find their voice and place of service within ALA. My vast experience in the Tennessee Library Association has also wanted me to extend this path to those new professional serving tirelessly in state chapters. This path starts with providing opportunities for professional development, mentoring, and a seamless path for them to serve, learn and grow in the profession. With this passion, I would bring their voice to the ALA Executive Board. Making this connection is vital to the future success of ALA.