

**ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD
ELECTION 2017**

- Candidate: H. Jack Martin
- Current Position: Executive Director, Providence Public Library, 150 Empire Street
Providence, RI 02903
- Education: Pratt Institute (New York, NY), M.L.I.S.
University of Georgia (Athens, GA), B.A.
- ALA Activities: ALA, 2001-present
- GLBT-RT member, 2001-present
 - Rhode Island Chapter Councilor, 2014-present
 - ALA Nominating Committee, 2018
 - Gaming in Libraries, 2007-08
- YALSA, 2001-present
- YALSA Board of Directors, 2010-15
 - Governance Nominating Committee, 2014-15
 - Chair, Financial Advancement Committee, 2014-15
 - YALSA Executive Board, 2011-14
 - President, 2012-13
 - Michael L. Printz Committee, 2008-09
 - Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers Committee, 2005-06
- Other Professional Activities:
- Rhode Island Library Association, Councilor, 2014-present
 - New York Library Association, 2005-11
 - Kirkus Reviews, Reviewer, 2005-present
 - Library Committee Member, Rhode Island School of Design, 2014-present
 - Mozilla Foundation, Hive Fashion Project Manager, 2012-13
 - Pratt Institute, Adjunct Professor, 2007-13
 - Emoti-Con NYC, Co-Founder, 2009
 - New York City Teen Author Festival, Co-Founder, 2007
 - Voices of Youth Advocates, Board Member, 2008-09
 - Co Author, Serving Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Teens: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians, 2007
 - New York Public Library, Irene Diamond Scholarship award winner, 2002

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Statement of Professional Concern

I would be honored to serve on the ALA Executive Board during a time when communities in the United States need libraries more than ever. ALA has always been the lead voice at the table for freedom of speech, privacy, diversity, open access and more, and I would love to bring my leadership and non-profit management experience to help continue and amplify the great work of our association. From a former Division President's viewpoint, I am very familiar with the inner workings and strategic vision of ALA--its divisions, round tables, initiatives and more. I've made many great friends and colleagues through that rewarding work. I'm known for spearheading innovation and seeing it through with funding and tangible results, as with YALSA's Futures report. As an executive director of a major urban public library, I also understand the front and back end of managing a non-profit that advocates for library services. I'm also adept at guiding organizations through times of evolution and change. I'm a collaborator, a big-picture brainstormer, a program designer, a strategic planner, a connector, a disrupter, an advocate, a dreamer, and a make-it-happen guy. I've been working in libraries since my mom volunteered me to work at the Cornelia Public Library in Georgia in 1989, and I would love to be an even bigger part of the awesome that ALA creates every day.