

# 2018 YALSA Sample Ballot

## 01. Todd Krueger

### **Current Position:**

Collection Development

### **Institution/Organization:**

Baltimore County Public Library

### **City:**

Towson

### **State:**

MD

### **Type of Library:**

Public

### **Previous Position(s):**

Director, Lyon Township Public Library, South Lyon MI, 2000-2004 Bookseller, Borders

Group, Ann Arbor, MI, 1998 2000

Rare Books Cataloger, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, UT, 1997-1998

### **Degrees and Certificates:**

University of Wisconsin--Madison, MA Library and Information Studies, 1994; University of Wisconsin--Madison, BA Geography, 1992.

### **Division Affiliation(s):**

ALSC

YALSA

### **To which Round Tables do you belong?**

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT)

### **Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?**

No

### **Were/are you an Emerging Leader?**

No

### **ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:**

ALA Council, 2015-present; ALA Nominating Committee, 2013-2014; ALA Committee on

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Diversity, 2012-2014, YALSA Division Councilor/Board Member/Executive Committee, 2015-present; YALSA Nonfiction Award, member, 2013-2014; YALSA Michael L. Printz Award, member, 2011-2012; YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, member, 2007-2009; PLA Baker & Taylor Entertainment Audio Music/Video Product Award, chair, 2012-2014; PLA Services to Teenagers and their Caregivers, member, 2007-08; GLBTRT ALA Annual Pre-conference Committee, member, 2013-2015; GLBTRT External Relations Committee, member, 2009-2011; GLBTRT Membership Committee, member, 2007-2008, 2012-2013

## **Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations:**

Capitol Choices, Board Member, 2013-present; Capitol Choices, Reading Group Facilitator, 2011-2015; Maryland Humanities, Letters About Literature judge, 2015-2016; Maryland Library Association, Maryland Author Award, chair, 2009-2011

## **Honors and Awards (library and non-library):**

Baltimore County Public Library, Staff Merit Award, 2012

## **Major Accomplishments:**

Fund and Partner Development Committee, YALSA Board, member, 2016-2017, chair, 2017-present

BookExpo presenter, "Librarians' Shout 'n' Share", 2017

Library Journal Course Facilitator (2x), "New Ideas in Collection Development & Merchandising", 2016-2017

Ingram & Library Journal webinar presenter, "Collection Development: Managing Must Haves – Series, Continuations, Awards, and Reviewed Titles, 2016

Committee on Professional Ethics panel, "Ethics in Action: Addressing Conflicts of Interest" at ALA Annual, 2014

New York Comic Con, "Comics, Graphic Novels, and Manga for Teens", 2010 PLA/YALSA presentation at ALA Annual, "Graphic Novels 201", 2009

## **Links to further information:**

Twitter: [@toddbcpl](https://twitter.com/toddbcpl)

## **Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:**

Teens first. A simple phrase, really, but the cornerstone of YALSA's mission. What can we do to ensure that teens come first in our libraries? We must focus primarily on them, in the school or public library, or wherever they need us. Many teens struggle with challenges of adolescence, and some face additional obstacles that require the expertise of YALSA members to ensure their future readiness as they become adults. Libraries emphasizing youth-centered, connected learning help to ensure teens' success. As we come to the end of our three-year Organizational Plan, there will be many opportunities to consider our ensuing steps. Having served on the YALSA Board for three years as Division Councilor and as a member of the Executive Committee, I believe I am qualified to take us forward into our next phase. I would be honored to receive your vote to become YALSA's next President-Elect.

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**Number of Years as an ALA Member:**

15

## 02. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

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### 03. Franklin L. Escobedo

**Current Position:**

Principal Librarian

**Institution/Organization:**

Coronado Public Library

**City:**

Coronado

**State:**

CA

**Type of Library:**

Public

**Previous Position(s):**

Principal Librarian, Young Adult Services, Oceanside Public Library 2007-2014

**Degrees and Certificates:**

San Jose State University, MLIS 2007; University of California, San Diego, BA Literatures of the World, 2002; University of California, San Diego, BA Visual Arts: Studio Art, 2002; Southwestern College, AA English

**Division Affiliate(s):**

LLAMA

YALSA

**To which Round Tables do you belong?**

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT)

**To which Ethnic Affiliates do you belong?**

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**Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?**

No

**Were/are you an Emerging Leader?**

No

**ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:**

Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Committee 2009-2013 PPYA Chair 2010

PPYA Sub-Committee Chair 2011 PPYA Sub-Committee Chair 2012

YALSA President's Program Planning Committee 2009 YALSA Nominating Committee 2011-2012

YALSA President's Advisory Taskforce 2011-2013

YALSA YA Lit Symposium Evaluation Taskforce Chair 2012-2013 Moderated a YA Forum on ALA Connect on Outreach to GLBT Teens 2011

Spoke on a panel for Teen Advocates ALA Annual Conference New Orleans 2011 Spoke

on a panel for YALSA 101 about committees ALA Midwinter San Diego 2011 YALSA

Greenwood Outstanding Achievement Jury 2013

YALSA Financial Advancement Committee 2013-2015

YALSA Outstanding Books for College Bound Committee 2013-2014

YALSA 2016 Michael J. Printz Award Committee

YALSA 2017 Award Nominating Committee Chair 2016-2017

YALSA Board of Directors at Large 2016-2017

Spoke on a panel for YALSA 101 & YALSA 301 ALA Annual Chicago

2017 YALSA Secretary 2017-2018

ALA Conference Committee 2017-2019 GLBT-RT Liaison to YALSA 2009-2013

**Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations:**

YA/Children's Committee for the Serra Cooperative System in San Diego 2007- 2014

**Major Accomplishments:**

Advocating for teen services was the major motivator for me becoming a young adult services

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librarian. I've worked in libraries since high school, volunteered before that, and saw that teens were chronically underserved. While my duties have increased in my job since moving from YA Librarian to Principal Librarian position, advocating for teen services is still an important aspect of what I do on a daily basis.

## **Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:**

I have been serving as the YALSA Secretary since the last election, moving from Board Member at Large to Secretary has been a big change, but it has given me greater insight into YALSA and ALA as a whole. I would like to continue serving library staff on the YALSA Board as we move forward with the implementation of the new Organizational plan and we lead our organization into the futures by putting teens first.

## **Number of Years as an ALA Member:**

12

## **04. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**

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## **05. Trixie Dantis**

### **Current Position:**

Teen Services Supervisor

### **Institution/Organization:**

Arlington Heights Memorial Library

### **City:**

Arlington Heights

### **State:**

IL

### **Type of Library:**

Public

### **Previous Position(s):**

Teen Librarian, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Dec. 2013–Feb. 2016 Teen Advisor,

Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Feb.–Dec. 2013 Programs Assistant, Arlington Heights

Memorial Library, Jan. 2012–Feb. 2013

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## Degrees and Certificates:

Dominican University, MLIS, 2012

University of Illinois at Chicago, BA English, 2004

## Division Affiliation(s):

PLA

YALSA

ALSC

## Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?

No

## Were/are you an Emerging Leader?

No

## ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

YALSA, Division and Membership Promotion Committee, member, Feb 2017–present YALSA,

Board Fellow, Jun 2016–Jun 2017

YALSA, Midwinter Paper Presentation Committee, chair, Feb 2016–Jan 2016 YALSA, Board

Diversity Task Force, member, Mar 2015–Jun 2016

## Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations:

Illinois Library Association, Co-chair, Diversity Committee, 2017–present Illinois Library

Association, member, Diversity Committee, 2014–2017

Illinois Library Association, member, iREAD Resource Guide Task Force, 2015–present

Illinois Library Association, member, Reaching Forward Conference Planning Committee, 2014–2017

Illinois Library Association, member, Annual Conference Planning Committee, 2015–2016

## Honors and Awards (library and non-library):

*Library Journal* Movers & Shakers, Class of 2017

Illinois Library Association Crosman Memorial Award 2016

## Major Accomplishments:

When I started in Teen Services, one of my goals was to connect with Newcomer Center, a program for new immigrants in our local high school district. I scheduled a meeting with the

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coordinator and staff to highlight our recently renovated space and all of the cool things teens could do there. I quickly realized there were other ways the library could impact this program. Without a library on site, the students didn't have access to curriculum supporting resources or materials for pleasure reading. I worked with staff to develop a 'rotating collection' with items related to classroom topics as well as high-interest titles and native language materials. As our partnership developed, we added monthly outreach, bringing hands-on learning to students in an after-school club.

At the start and end of the school year, students take field trips to the library, learning about services they can access for free - for some, it's their first time in a library and many are amazed by resources they can access at no cost.

**Publication(s):**

Dantis: "Getting Dirty with a Teen-run Community Garden," Read for the Win!: 2016 iREAD Resource Guide (Illinois Library Association), 2015.

Dantis: "2015 Sylvia Murphy Williams Scholars," Reporter (Illinois Library Association), Volume 33, Issue 6, 2015.

**Links to further information:**

[www.trixupmysleeve.com](http://www.trixupmysleeve.com)

**Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:**

YALSA has been a valuable resource in my efforts to develop and deliver meaningful library services for young adults. The creativity and passion of its membership is a great source of inspiration for me. If elected, I hope to continue and build upon this tradition. Libraries have the opportunity to support the developmental and learning needs of all youth. As a member of the Board, I would support the work of librarians, library staff, and educators, equipping them with the skills and tools needed to address the unique needs of young adults as well as resources for leadership development. I am passionate about advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in library services and within the association.

**Number of Years as an ALA Member**

6

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**06. Derek Ivie**

**Current Position:**

Youth Services Coordinator

**Institution/Organization:**

Suffolk Cooperative Library System

**City:**

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**State:**

NY

**Type of Library:**

System

**Previous Position(s):**

Youth Services Librarian, Suffolk Cooperative Library System, January 2014-November 2015

Librarian Specializing in YA Services, New York Public Library-Yorkville Branch, March 2013 - December 2013

Information Assistant Specializing in YA Services, New York Public Library-Epiphaney Branch, April 2012 - March 2013

**Degrees and Certificates:**

LIU Post, Advanced Certificate in Library Administration, 2017; Queens College, Master of

Library Science, 2011;

Baruch College, BA in Journalism/Creative Writing, 2007;

**Division Affiliation(s):**

YALSA

ALSC

**Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?**

No

**Were/are you an Emerging Leader?**

No

**ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:**

I am currently serving as a Board Member-at-Large on the YALSA Board. My term started in June of 2017.

**Major Accomplishments:**

Many of the major accomplishments I have had in my career are due to my participation in YALSA. In 2013 I was a member on the Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers committee and was the chair the following year. In 2015 I was able to serve on the 2016 Michael L. Printz Award Committee. Regarding another group, I recently closed out my second year serving on the Walter Dean Meyers Book Award Committee through the We Need Diverse Books Campaign. I am currently serving as a Board Member-at-Large on YALSA's Board.



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## Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:

The library can be a safe space for teens who are facing difficult issues in their lives - a place where they are accepted without judgement and where their voices have value. As a teen who was part of the LGBTQ community this is something I was always searching for. As an adult I have found my place in libraries and know that YALSA can offer more services and programs that will help library staff include all. In my current position as Board Member-at-Large I am part of the Advocacy Standing Committee and hope to be able to continue my work to help librarians around the country advocate for their teens, their spaces, and who they are in and outside of the library on both local and national levels.

## Number of Years as an ALA Member:

8

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## 07. Melissa McBride

### Current Position:

School Librarian

### Institution/Organization:

Southold Union Free School District

### City:

Southold

### State:

NY

### Type of Library:

School

### Previous Position(s):

School Librarian, Longwood High School, 9/2005-6/2007

Teen Services Librarian, Patchogue-Medford Public Library, 2004-2009

### Degrees and Certificates:

Penn State University, M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction, 2014

C.W. Post, LIU, MSLIS, 2005

Binghamton University, B.A. English Literature, 2000

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**Division Affiliation(s):**

AASL  
YALSA  
ALSC

**Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?**

No

**Were/are you an Emerging Leader?**

No

**ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:**

2016-Present, Chair, YALSA Organization & Bylaws  
2016-2017, Member AASL/ALSC/YALSA Interdivisional Committee on School/Public Library Cooperation  
2015- 2016, Member YALSA Organization & Bylaws  
2013-2015, Member YALSA Financial Advancement Committee  
2014, Member YALSA Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee  
2012-2014, Member YALSA Presidential Advisory Task Force  
2011-2013, Co-Chair, ALSC Organization & Bylaws  
2011-2012, Chair, YALSA 2012 Awards & Booklist Marketing Task Force  
2010-2011, Member ALSC Organization & Bylaws  
2010-2011, Member AASL Collaborative School Library Media Award  
2010-2011, Chair, YALSA Division & Membership Promotion  
2010, Member YALSA Organization & Bylaws  
2008-2010, Member YALSA Division & Membership Promotion

**Major Accomplishments:**

I helped plan and launch the "Authors Unlimited" event in Suffolk County, NY. This yearly event, started in 2011, celebrates and promotes reading by connecting teens and authors. I was on the committee from 2010-2012.

**Publication(s):**

Mack, C. & McBride, M: "YALSA Membership Engagement Survey Results," Young Adult Library Services (YALSA), Volume, Number 1, 2009

**Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:**

As a Director-at-Large, I would do my utmost to support and further the mission of YALSA. I have been working as an ex-officio Board member for the last two years as the Chair of the Organization & Bylaws committee. I would love to continue helping ensure that YALSA is fulfilling the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan and seeing the organization move into the future. I am passionate about teen services and those who serve teens and I would be honored to continue to work and advocate for those who put teens first.

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**Number of Years as an ALA Member:**

15

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## 08. Colleen Seisser

**Current Position:**

Selection Services Librarian

**Institution/Organization:**

Aurora Public Library

**City:**

Aurora

**State:**

IL

**Type of Library:**

Public

**Previous Position(s):**

Teen Services Librarian, Mount Prospect Public Library, 2011-2017 Teen Services Librarian,  
Deerfield Public Library, 2008-2010

**Degrees and Certificates:**

Dominican University, Master's Degree in Library Science, 2007-2009 Dominican University,  
Bachelor's Degree in Art History, 2003-2005 William Rainey Harper College, Associate in  
Arts, 1999-2001

**Division Affiliation(s):**

YALSA

**Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?**

No

**Were/are you an Emerging Leader?**

No

**ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:**

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2016-present Chair, YALSA Division Membership and Promotion Committee 2013-2017

YALSA Hub Blogger

2015-2017 Member, YALSA Website Advisory Board

2015-2016 Member, YALSA Division Membership and Promotion Committee 2014-2015 Chair,

YALSA's Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults Committee

2013-2014 Voting Member, YALSA's Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults Committee

2012-2013 Administrative Assistant, YALSA's Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

Committee

2012-2013 Member, YALSA Local Arrangements Committee

2012-2013 Member, YALSA Local Arrangements Committee

2016-2017 Liaison to ALA's Recruitment Assembly, HRDR Advisory Board, ALA Membership Promotion Task Force, and the ALA's New Members Roundtable

2017-2018 Liaison to ALA Membership Promotion Task Force and the ALA's New Members Roundtable

## **Major Accomplishments:**

2016-present: reviewer for Booklist, focusing on teen audiobook reviews.

Participated in a redesign and renovation of the Mount Prospect Public Library's second floor and the creation of a new teen space completed in January 2016.

Presented "The Maker Movement as Teen Play" with a colleague at the regional LACONI YSS Play workshop on Friday, September 25, 2015.

2013: Worked with a colleague to create a mission statement and vision and values for Teen Services at the Mount Prospect Public Library where there were none before.

2009: Created a Teen space, collection, programming, Teen Advisory Board, online presence, and outreach services where there had been none before for the Deerfield Public Library.

## **Links to further information:**

Twitter: [@colleenTS81](https://twitter.com/colleenTS81)

## **Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:**

If elected to the YALSA Board, one of my goals will be the recruitment and retention of

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members, especially those with diverse experiences and backgrounds, as it is a continued value of YALSA. Since 2015 I have volunteered for YALSA's Division and Membership Promotion committee. For the last two years I have been the chair for the DMP committee and I have been working hard for YALSA to reach its goal of growing its membership by 15% in 2018. This volunteer experience specifically working with YALSA and ALA on recruitment and membership retention has also made me committed to looking to the future to help ensure that YALSA remains a vital Division for all those working with teens in a library and education landscape.

**Number of Years as an ALA Member:**

10

**09. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**

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**10. Abigail Leigh Phillips**

**Current Position:**

Postdoctoral Fellow

**Institution/Organization:**

Utah State University

**City:**

Logan

**State:**

UT

**Type of Library:**

Currently a researcher at a university

**Previous Position(s):**

Doctoral Student, School of Information, Florida State University, 2012-2016 Librarian, Lee

County Library, Leesburg, Georgia, 2008-2012

Library Assistant, Lee County Library, Leesburg, Georgia, 2006-2008

**Degrees and Certificates:**

University of Georgia, BA, 2006 Florida State University, MLIS, 2008 Florida State University,

SLIS, 2014 Florida State University, PhD, 2016

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## Division Affiliation(s)

AASL  
YALSA

## To which Round Tables do you belong?

New Member Round Table (NMRT)  
Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)  
Library Research (LRRT)

## Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?

No

## Were/are you an Emerging Leader?

No

## ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

Chair, Nominating Committee, New Members Round Table, 2017 - 2018

Committee Member, Research Journal Advisory Board, Young Adult Library Services Association, 2017 - 2018, American Library Association

Committee Member, *Governance Committee*, New Members Round Table, 2017 - 2018, American Library Association

Committee Member, *Governance Nominating Committee*, Young Adult Library Services Association, 2015 - 2018, American Library Association

Chair, *American Library Association 2017 Local Arrangements Committee*, Young Adult Library Services Association, 2016 - 2017, American Library Association

Committee Member, *American Library Association Conference Committee*, Young Adult Library Services Association Representative, 2016 - 2017, American Library Association

Committee Member, *American Library Association Committee on Professional Ethics*, Young Adult Library Services Association Representative, 2016 - 2017, American Library Association

Committee Member, *Nominating Committee*, New Members Round Table, 2016 - 2017, American Library Association

Committee Member, *Governance Committee*, New Members Round Table, 2015 - 2017, American Library Association

Member-At-Large, *Library Research Round Table*, 2015 - 2017, American Library Association

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Committee Member, *American Library Association Annual Local Arrangements Committee*, Young Adult Library Services Association, 2015 - 2016, American Library Association

Committee Member, *Midwinter Paper Presentation Committee*, Young Adult Library Services Association, 2014 - 2016, American Library Association

Committee Member, *Competencies Update Taskforce*

## **Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations:**

Co-Chair, Special Interest Group Youth Services, 2018-2019, Association of Library and Information Science Education

Committee Member, Rural and Small Libraries Round Table, 2016 -2018, Utah Library Association

Member, Special Interest Group Information and Learning Sciences (InfoLearn), Association for Information Science & Technology

Committee Member, Youth Services Round Table, 2016 - 2018, Utah Library Association

Committee Member, Publications Committee, Computer Supported Collaborative Learning, 2017 - 2018, International Society of Learning Sciences

Committee Member, *Leadership Development Committee*, 2015 - 2016, Florida Library Association

Chair, *Doctoral Student Special Interest Group*, 2015 - 2016, Association of Library and Information Science Education

Co-Convener, *Doctoral Student Special Interest Group*, 2014 - 2015, Association of Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)

Member, *Special Interest Group Doctoral Student*, Association of Library and Information Science Education

Member, *Special Interest Group Youth Services*, Association of Library and Information Science Education

## **Honors and Awards (library and non-library):**

Beta Phi Mu, 2016 - Present

Sunshine State Library, 2015 - 2016 Leadership Institute (SSLLI), Florida Department of State

YALSA Board Fellowship, 2015 - 2016, American Library Association Dissertation Research

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Grant, 2015 - 2016, Florida State University

Congress of Graduate Students (COGS) 2014 - 2016, Travel Grant, Florida State University

ALA Annual Student-to-Staff Scholarship, 2013, American Library Association

Collaborator, 2012 - 2013, *21st Century Literacy Lecture Series*, Florida State University

**Graduate Student Grant**, 2012 - 2015, Florida State University

**Georgia Hope Scholarship**, 2002 - 2006, Board of Education, State of Georgia Florida State University (\$700 per semester)

Georgia Hope Scholarship, 2002

## **Major Accomplishments:**

In 2008, I received my MLIS from the School of Information at Florida State University with a concentration in Children and Youth Services. Because of my interest in youth services, I accepted a librarian position at Lee County Public Library in Leesburg, Georgia which both allowed me to serve as a teen librarian and provided me with opportunities to gain experience in a wide range of librarianship activities. After four years of working as a librarian, I decided to seek out a doctorate in Information Studies. Additionally, I received my Specialist in Library and Information Studies (SLIS) with a focus on leadership and management in 2014. I graduated with a PhD in Information Studies in 2016 from the School of Information at Florida State University. My dissertation investigated youth services, cyberbullying, and empathetic librarianship. Based upon my experience with and research on young adults and libraries, I became a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences at Utah State University to work on a IMLS funded grant and numerous library-geared studies.

## **Publication(s):**

Phillips, A. (2017). Understanding empathetic services: The role of empathy in everyday library work. *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*, 8(1).

Phillips, A. (2015). Facebooking it: Promoting library services to young adults through social media. *Public Library Quarterly*, 34(2), 1-20.

Lee, V. R. & Phillips, A (Eds.). (under contract). *Reconceptualizing libraries: Possibilities for information and learning sciences*. Abington, U.K.: Routledge

**Links to further information: Website:** [abigailleighphillips.com](http://abigailleighphillips.com)

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/abigailleigh>

**Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:**



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My professional vision of librarianship includes empathy, social justice, and compassion. This professional position provides us with the opportunity to engage with young adults in a way that enriches their lives through access to information resources, supportive adults and peers, and an environment in which they are valued and respected. As the Division Councilor for the Young Adults Library Services Association, I will act as an advocate for library staff who serve youth and for youth patrons themselves. Through my experiences as a librarian and an LIS researcher, I have a unique understanding of both the practical and theoretical challenges of librarianship. I will use this knowledge to work hard to improve how we engage with young adults, colleagues, and communities through our vital everyday library work.

**Number of Years as an ALA Member:**

6

**11. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**

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