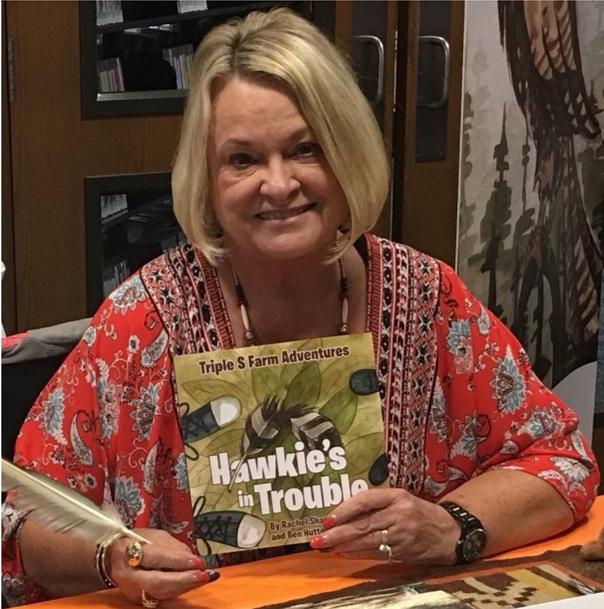


## President -Elect

### Rachel Shankles



I am a retired secondary teacher who spent 42 years in AR schools. I ended my public school career with 25 years of being a Library Media Specialist at Lakeside High School in Hot Springs. After retirement from public school, I went to work for UCA in the Leadership Studies Dept., Master's Program for Library Media, where I am the Coordinator of the Practicum Program and an adjunct faculty. I go into the schools all across Arkansas to observe my students-future librarians- doing their field supervision for their degree. This causes me to stay in contact with librarians who serve as the mentors and new librarians across our state. I have served as AAIM President twice and chair of AR Assoc of School Librarians division of ARLA three times. I was one of the first members of Resource Arkansas and a delegate to the Governor's Conference on Libraries. I was also an original member of the Teen Book Award Committee. I am very active in Alpha Delta Kappa, a female teacher

organization, and serve as officer on the state and International level. I also serve as an elder for my church and do a lot of volunteer work. In my spare time, I have published four books since retiring. I have a series of children's books called *The Triple S Farm Adventures* (about the woodland animals on our farm in Bismarck, AR, near Lake DeGray) and one book about growing up in Newport, AR in the 60's. I have won awards from AAIM, ArLA, AECT and ADK. I feel experienced enough to work with multitype libraries because of my work with Resource AR, the Teen Book Award Committee, and the fact that I established a county wide group of librarians called WeDewey that is still in existence in Garland County. I am part of the Pandemic Response Team of ArLA and presented the Open Forum for Reopening School Libraries zoom session this fall. I would like to serve on the ArLA board to represent the interests of the school librarians and get them more active in the organization.

## Treasurer-Elect

### Kristen Cooke



Kristen Cooke is a proud alumna of Texas Woman's University where she earned her Master's Degree in Library Science and a professional Librarian with administrative experience in both public and academic libraries. In public libraries, Mrs. Cooke oversaw adult learning and programming efforts, facilitated partnerships and city-wide collaborations in Little Rock, Arkansas, and served as Assistant Manager of the Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library and Learning Center in its planning stages and first year of operations when the center offered programs impacting over 25,000 patrons. As part of her service at the Central Arkansas Library System, Mrs. Cooke developed an extended learning program for adults in Central

Arkansas and oversaw the implementation of related programming grants.

As an academic librarian, Mrs. Cooke has held the position of Assistant Professor and Library Director working in both a large public university and a rural community college library. In her current role as Director of the Academic Commons at the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton, Mrs. Cooke oversees the E. Allen Gordon Academic Library, Tutoring Services, related faculty support services & training, the Science Study Center, and a computer lab.

Mrs. Cooke has experience in forecasting and budget planning as well as grant administration.

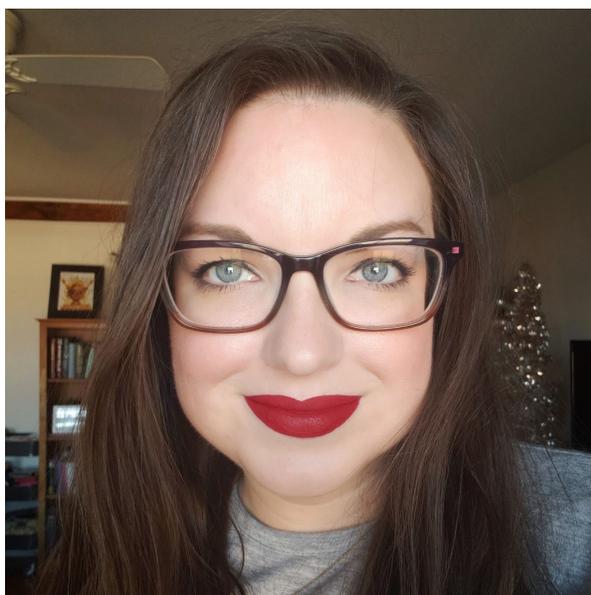
### **Kathleen Ashmore**



I am the Assistant Director at the Lonoke County Library System. I have been at the Cabot Public Library since 2015 and have worked various different roles since that time. I have been Assistant Director/Branch Manager since 2017. I have been working in libraries for about 15 years in Nevada, Missouri, and Arkansas. Some of that time has been spent in academic libraries and the majority of it in public libraries. I am wanting to get more involved in the Arkansas libraries, and this may be a good place for me to start. I am part of the 2018 ALL-IN Cohort and am looking forward to being able to give back to the Arkansas library community.

### **Secretary**

#### **Jessica Riedmueller**



Jessica Riedmueller is the User Experience and Assessment Librarian at the University of Central Arkansas. She has previously been the chair of the College and University Libraries Division and Reference and Information Services Division of ArLA prior to being appointed interim ArLA Secretary in 2019. She has participated in the Arkansas Library Leadership Institute (ALL-In) since 2015. She received her MLIS from Dominican University in River Forest, IL in 2013.

## Janice Weddle



Janice Weddle has worked at Hendrix College's Olin C. Bailey Library since 2017, where she oversees the library's public services as the Assistant Librarian for Instruction and Outreach. Ms. Weddle is currently Chair of the Bylaws & Manual Committee and Vice Chair of the Reference & Instruction Services Division (RISD) for ArLA, as well as a member of the Editorial Board for the Association's publication, *Arkansas Libraries*. She previously served as the Conference Programming Chair for ArLA's 2018 Annual Conference, as Secretary for RISD, a member of the Bylaws and Web Services Committees, and as Special Libraries Division Chair during her time as the Arkansas Documents Librarian at the State Library. Ms. Weddle participated in the Arkansas Library Leadership Institute's 2015 cohort and

remains an involved participant and advocate for ALL-In. She has worked in libraries throughout her life, including her days as a "Library Helper" in elementary school and her work as both a student worker and the full-time Government Documents Assistant at her alma mater, Truman State University. She believes in the power of education, especially the liberal arts and sciences, to help people reach their full potential, and she appreciates that her role as a librarian lets her encourage that growth. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, traveling, and daydreaming about both while watching PBS programs.

## Member at Large

### Ronald Russ



Mr. Russ was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He is a second-generation librarian, starting his career in 1993 after receiving his MLS from SUNY-Buffalo. He was married to the late Karen Russ, who was a documents librarian at UALR. His ArLA service includes (but is not limited to): Webmaster/Web Services Committee Chair, 1997-2011, 2015-present, ALA Councilor, 2009-2012, Two Year Colleges Round Table Chair, 2001-2002, 2019-2020, Reference Services Division Chair, 2008, and Publications Committee Chair, 2003-2004. He is also a recipient of the 2007 Suzanne Spurrier Outstanding Academic Librarian Award and the 2016 President's Award.

Statement of Purpose: Communication is more important than ever, given the COVID-19 pandemic. Communication though, is a two-way street. If elected, I'll listen to my constituents and as well as let them know what ArLA is doing for them. I've done this in the past as an ALA Councilor, as well as Webmaster/Web Services Committee Chair.

During my time as ALA Councilor I had a blog as well as provided live Twitter feeds from the Council floor. When there was a website breach in 2016, I told members about it, right away, rather than try to sweep it under the rug. My career has shown that I take service seriously, and I hope you'll vote for me for one of the members at large positions.

### Susanna Kirk



Susie Kirk is the Outreach and Library Instruction Assistant at Henderson State University's Huie Library. She has worked in Arkansas libraries since 2011. She is an active member of ArLA, where she has served as the chair of the Marketing committee multiple times. Susie is also a member of the Arkansas Library Paraprofessional Division.

### Relinda Ruth



Relinda Ruth is the Director of Educational Resources and OER Specialist at University of Arkansas-Cossatot. She is responsible for the Educational Resource Center (ERC), which includes Kimball Library, all tutoring services, and the college's award-winning textbook rental/ OER program, along with textbook procurement. She also teaches English and literature courses as an adjunct instructor. As the college's OER Specialist, Relinda is responsible for the development and implementation of policies relating to open licensing, OER initiatives and practices, and provides guidance on creative commons licensing and OER content. She compiles open resources and provides OER usage training for faculty. Relinda chairs the college's OER Board, raises awareness of open

education activities, and as a leading contact for OER in Arkansas, she serves as an outspoken advocate for open resources and encourages broad participation across the state through conferences and speaking engagements. In 2019, Relinda was selected to serve as a member of the Open Education Network (OEN) Steering Committee. She also chairs the ARKLink OER Task Force. Relinda holds an M.A. in English and a B.S. in English and Mass Communications from Texas A&M University-Texarkana, and is also certified for specialization in open licensing and the Commons through Creative Commons.

## Gwyneth Jelinek



I have worked in both public and academic libraries for over 20 years and have been the Circulation Manager at the Fayetteville Public Library since 2014. I have been a part of the Arkansas Library Leadership Institute (ALL-IN) since 2015 serving as both a participant and mentor. I am also the current ARK-IUG chair and have served as the Polaris Team Lead with IUG from 2018-2020. I have presented at ALPS, ArLA, and IUG conferences. I received my Master's degree in library science from Florida State University and my Bachelor's degrees in history and political science from Tulane University. I have recently acquired a fixer-upper sailboat that is sitting in my driveway! I am also a food enthusiast, love to play board games, have two cats and two dogs, and I love to spend time with my family.

## Janine Jamison-Miller



Janine Jamison-Miller is currently the Library Manager of the Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library for the Saline County Library System. Janine has worked in public libraries since 2012, starting her career at the Pine Bluff Jefferson County Library System as a Library Clerk and the Fort Smith Public Library as the Windsor Branch Library Manager. Janine earned a dual Master's degree from North Carolina Central University in Library Science on the Public Library Track, as well as School Library Media.

Janine is currently serving on the Arkansas State Library Youth Services Committee, selected to participate in Leadership Saline County, National Institute of Health NNLM All of Us liaison, and serves on American Library Association Divisional Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion taskforce committees. In the past, Janine has also served as a reader for the Arkansas Teen Book Award and was also a part of the 2015 Inaugural All-In Leadership Development Program offered by the Arkansas State Library.

Janine is deeply passionate about helping others to reach their full potential, and strongly believes in the power of teamwork. She believes in helping to build others up by tapping into their strengths while simultaneously providing them opportunities to grow beyond what they are capable of. She is currently mentoring new librarians to help them navigate their professional journey of librarianship through the American Library Association Core Leadership Development Program.

Janine strongly believes in the importance of literacy and it being your gate to open the possibilities. She and her husband are working with their son, Valton, to complete the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. He's 3 ½, and so far they are 450 books into their journey. Oh the joys they are having, and the places they are going.

In her spare time, Janine enjoys spending quality time with her family, reading, playing music, loves traveling, and investing to empower herself. Janine loves living outside of the box and living life to its fullest.

### **Nithin Lakshmana**



Nithin Lakshmana moved to Arkansas from India and has been working in Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) as an eLearning Librarian since Oct 2014. He has been involved in starting and steering the OER committee in NWACC. The NWACC OER committee has awarded four faculty incentive awards since its inception in 2018. In his spare time he likes to cycle and go hiking with his two daughters.

### **Jennifer Wann**



As Manager of Library Development at the Arkansas State Library, Jennifer Wann is interested in developing statewide programs that assist libraries design services that meet their communities' needs; foster best practices in library management and administration; and facilitate the professional development of library workers at all levels of the organization. A Mississippi native and recent transplant to Arkansas, Jennifer was actively involved in the Mississippi Library Association and served on the Executive Board from 2016-2019.

Jennifer currently serves as the project manager for the Arkansas Library Leadership Institute (ALL-In) and is a member of the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) *Outstanding in Their Field* Leadership Advisory Committee. Jennifer received her MLIS from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2006. Her

Myers-Briggs type is ISTP, she has two cats named Spooky and Bug, and her favorite novels of all time are the *Realm of the Elderlings* series by Robin Hobb.

### **John McGraw**



John McGraw has been the director of the Faulkner-Van Buren Regional library system for five years. He was at the Central Arkansas Library System for fifteen years and in academic libraries for six years before that. He has worked to build bridges to the school and academic libraries in his region. He thinks small and rural libraries need all the help they can get and more. He was a founding member of the Arkansas Digital Library Consortium and he thinks more issues could be addressed by working together at a state-wide level. He is passionate about Gateway cards and the ALA's Freedom to Read statement.

### **Quanta Wyatt**



Quanta Gwin Wyatt is a wife, mom and librarian. Currently the K-12<sup>th</sup> grade media Specialist at Armorel School District, Quanta encourages students of all ages to read and explore the world around them. Quanta enjoys traveling with her husband, Doug and daughter, Kathleen and has been to all 50 states and 5 continents. When forced to stay home she enjoys reading, sewing, cooking and hanging out with her family.

## Rebecca Kidder



I am Rebecca Kidder and I serve as the Public Services Assistant Manager at the Saline County Library in Benton. I have been promoted to the position of Public Services Manager, effective later this month. Before coming to Benton, I served as Assistant Librarian and Interim Library Director at the College of the Ouachitas (now Arkansas State University Three Rivers). I earned a master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of North Texas in 2018.

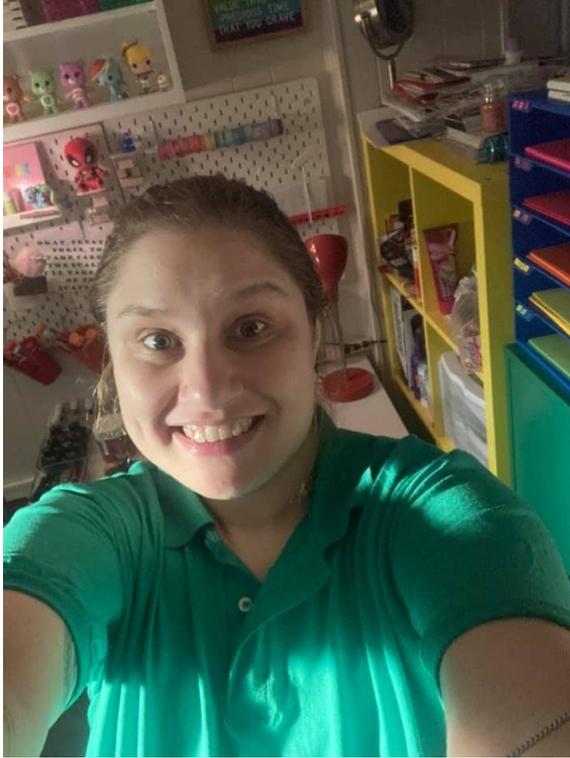
I have a bachelor's degree in graphic design from Ouachita Baptist University. After working as a graphic designer, I got the opportunity to join the library staff at the College of the Ouachitas. During that time, I made the decision to change my career and pursue the master's degree at North Texas. The Arkansas Library Association played a significant role in helping me confirm that the career change was the correct option. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a Member at Large and contribute to an organization that has had a positive impact on my career.

## Stewart Fuell



Stewart Fuell ran away from the circus to join the library in 2007. He is the Social Media Coordinator for the Central Arkansas Library System and the Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals chair-elect. Stewart lives in Central Arkansas with his partner (an angel) and two children (sometimes angels).

## J. Jobe



J. Jobe “The Rainbows Herself” (she/her/hers) is a vivacious exultant of color, sound, and movement. Before COVID she led Guillermo's Poetry Night; now she's the virtual Municipal Liaison for Nanowrimo's Little Rock and Hot Springs region ([nanowrimo.org](https://nanowrimo.org)). Jobe celebrates alma maters Knox College and University of Central Arkansas.

Jobe’s writing credits include spots in Arkansas LGBTQIA+ publication The READ, the Arkansas Review as a reviewer, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette as an opinionated letter-writer, the Toad Suck Review as an interviewer and reviewer, the Encyclopedia of Arkansas, Kansas City art magazine Review Inc., and lit mag Catch. Jobe’s visual art has been featured in Demarkation: Illustrated Narrative Exhibit, The Bookstore at Library Square, and Moore Art Supplies & More. Her voice can sometimes be heard on the RadioCALs podcast.

Jobe has worked for the Central Arkansas Library System since 2009 and taught regular writing workshops since 2014. She is currently teaching the book *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron using Zoom.

## Carol Coffey



Carol Coffey is the Patron Experience & Library Analytics Coordinator at the Central Arkansas Library System. In the 23 years since she made Arkansas her home, she has served in a number of public service and administrative positions at CALS, including Head of Reference Services and Director of Library Resources. In addition to her work at CALS, Carol has served at various times as Chair of the Digital Resources Round Table, the Scholarship Committee, and the Public Libraries and Trustees Division of the Arkansas Library Association. She writes a regular column on management issues for Arkansas Libraries and geeks out over all things library. When she’s not working, Carol

loves to read history and British mysteries, garden, and travel.

### **Lavoris Martin**



Lavoris Martin, vocation as associate librarian serves as the Director of Library Technical Services for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff library. This role has afforded her the opportunity to manage and administer multiple library and grant budgets. Martin is a knowledgeable, innovative, technical skilled professional librarian with more than 20 years of progressively responsible experience in the academic library environment. She is dedicated to serving the university by providing assistance in information literacy and retrieval, discovery, research techniques, and Web 2.0 technologies. Martin is committed to promoting information and computer literacy for the university by supporting academic programs and other education

initiatives. She has a broad knowledge about technology, research databases, cataloging, circulation, acquisition and other aspects of library management and services. Have experience with networking computers and printers and setting up and maintaining servers. Mrs. Martin has been instrumental in providing the library system with leading Internet, database, management, electronic data retrieval system, and reporting capabilities critical to the success of the library and university effectiveness and service. Lavoris hold a master degree in Learning Systems in Education from University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Master of Science in Library Science, from the University of North Texas. Serve on the University Senate as the Senate for the library, the University Faculty Development Advisory Committee, Vice President/President elect for ARKLink, an Associate for the American Library Association (ALA) Conference Committee, Member of the ALA Information Technology Advisory Committee the ALA President Program Committee, and co-chair for the ALA Film and Media Round Table (FMRT) 2019, committee chair for the Arkansas Library Association (ArLA) Legislative Committee. Serve on as liaison for the School of Arts Science and campus technical services and participated on various

### **Tonya Ryals**



Tonya Ryals has worked in public libraries since becoming a page at the Lawrence County Library in 2007. She received her degree in Information Science from the University of Michigan in 2014. She was the Director of the Jackson County Library and is currently the Assistant Director of the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library. She was honored to

be named a member of the ALA Emerging Leaders Class of 2020.

## Becky Fischer



Becky Fischer has worked in libraries for 21 years. Becky has worked my way up, so I've seen things at every level of the hierarchy. Her passion for libraries particularly comes through when she speaks. She is an advocate for all library staff. Becky has served as ALPS chair-elect & President; She became involved in ArLA not only as a board member but on several committees with this. She has learned so much and would like to use this experience to help.

Becky's goals as a Member at Large would be to help ArLA grow and retain membership. To help raise ArLA to raise funds to support the library profession. Also, to ensure the future of ArLA.

## SELA Representative

### Emily Rozario



My name is Emily Rozario. I accept the nomination to serve as SELA Rep on the ArLA Board. I have served as SELA Representative on the ArLA Board for the past two years. I received my MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh in 2016. I work at the William F. Laman Public Library as the tech service/catalog librarian, and have worked here for three years. I love being a librarian; I love getting to see new books and getting the new books into patrons' hands. The joy the patrons have about their arrived hold makes me happy to do what I do. I live in Little Rock, AR and have lived here for the past three years. I am originally from Iowa. I am married to Sheldon. We have been married for two and a half years. We have a black lab named Shadow. In my free time; I enjoy

knitting, baking, reading, going on walks, and watching movies.