

Officer Ballot

President-Elect: One nominee – one position

The President-Elect serves a three year term as President-Elect, President, and Past President. Carol Coffey has been nominated in accordance with our informal practice of rotating the presidency among the various library types. Carol is the Patron Experience & Library Analytics Coordinator at the Central Arkansas Library System. In the 24 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 ArLA, as well as Member-at-Large on the 2021 ArLA Executive Board. 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.



Carol Coffey

ALA Councilor: One nominee – one position

The ALA Councilor serves a three-year term representing ArLA and the ALA members in Arkansas in accordance with ALA guidelines. Crystal Gates, Executive Director for William F. Laman Public Library System, has been nominated for ALA Councilor. For over ten years, Crystal has served in various roles for professional associations including ArLA, SELA, AAAL, and, most recently, ALA. Crystal completes her term as ArLA Past President this year and is currently the SELA President-Elect and AAAL Treasurer. She was recently appointed to the ALA Membership Committee and ALA Chapter Relations Committee for 2021-2023, and continues to serve on the ArLA Strategic Planning Committee. Crystal earned an M.A. in History from Louisiana Tech University and an MLIS from Louisiana State University. She relocated from Louisiana to Arkansas in 2015 and lives in Austin with her husband, children, and Gamer and Honey, who can be found in ArLA's 2021 Pets of ArLA calendar. Her passions include staff development, strategic planning, reading, spending time with family, and traveling.



Crystal Gates

Members at Large: 11 nominees for 4 positions

Members at Large are elected to represent the entire Arkansas Library Association membership. In addition to attending Board meetings, members-at-large serve in liaison roles between the Board and Communities of Interest. Members at Large serve a one-year term. The four nominees with the most votes will be elected.



Sarah Jefferson, School

Sarah Jefferson is a lifelong bibliophile and has known even from a young age that she wanted to be a librarian. She spent her first seven years in education teaching second grade, where her greatest joy was fostering a love of reading in her students. Since receiving her graduate degree from the University of Central Arkansas in 2016, she has been living the dream as the Library Media Specialist at Flippin High School. (School)



Simone Kirk, Public/ALPS

Growing up to be a certified bookseller in Germany and acquiring a European Master's Degree in Literature & Publishing/Marketing, Simone Kirk never gave libraries much thought, since reading books and having to give them back seemed pretty cruel to this passionate reader. Her goal to work in the publishing industry in Germany was redirected with a move to Star City, Arkansas, in 2004. After arriving in this very rural area of the States, she became the Branch Manager at the Star City Branch Library, which changed everything: Simone fell in love with libraries, and decided to put her knowledge of book selling, marketing, and customer service training to work. Simone is constantly trying to invent new ways to serve her community, developing programs, and spread her love for literacy in Southeast Arkansas. She has been a member of ALPS since 2009, is still active as an ALPS Regional Representative for Region 9, and also served as ALPS Chair in 2018. (Public, ALPS)



Susie Kirk, Academic/ALPS

Susie Kirk is the Library Outreach and Instruction Assistant at Henderson State University's Huie Library. Susie has worked in academic and public libraries since 2011. She has served as the chair of the ArLA Marketing Committee for several years. In addition to the Marketing Committee, Susie has served as a member on the Awards committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and the Conference Committee. She is a member of the Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals Community of Interest. This year she founded the Social Media and Marketing Community of Interest - that aims to bring together library social media and marketing workers to share ideas in order to better promote our state's libraries. Susie also

organized and designed the 2021 Pets of ArLA calendar to help raise money for the association.
(Academic, ALPS)



Amy McGohan, Academic

Amy McGohan has been the Electronic Resources Librarian at Harding University since 2015. Prior to her current position, Amy has worked in the libraries of the University of Arkansas Fayetteville, UCA, and the Tulsa Public Library System. She has previously been Chair of the Resources and Technical Services Division of ArLA, and has served on the Nomination Committee, Conference Committee, Scholarship Committee, OER Task Force, and Management Company Task Force. She is currently the Electronic Resources Committee Chair for ARKLink, handling consortial purchasing for almost 50 academic libraries in the state. (Academic)



John McGraw, Public

A native of Conway, John McGraw received his first library card at the Faulkner County Library in Conway when he was about six years old and heavily into Beverly Cleary. He graduated from Hendrix College in 1992 with a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, and received his MLIS degree from the University of Alabama in 2008.

John is proud to serve as the Regional Director of the Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library System. He has previously been employed as a Student Supervisor in the University of New Mexico's Zimmerman Library, as Branch Manager of the Sid McMath Library in Little Rock, and as Manager of Reference Services for CALS. John previously served as ArLA Chair of the Public Libraries Division and is currently the Vice President of AAAL. He lives in the woods with his wife, his beasts, and two children. (Public)



Janine Miller, Special

Janine Jamison-Miller has worked in public libraries for the past 13.5 years through 3 different library systems: Pine Bluff-Jefferson County Library System, Fort Smith Public Library, and Saline County Library. Janine has a working knowledge and has worked throughout the years in virtually every capacity and role a public library has to offer from being on the front lines, to working behind the scenes, to being a community advocate and outreach, to being a branch manager, to being a part of library administration. Janine loves meeting new people, helping them to reach their goals within their career, and inspires lifelong learning. Janine is always challenging herself to continue to learn and grow. Janine recently accepted the position of Library Coordinator for the Arkansas State Library. (Special)



Jessica Riedmueller, Academic

Jessica Riedmueller is the User Experience and Assessment Librarian at UCA in Conway, Arkansas. She is passionate about accessibility and inclusion in library spaces with a particular focus on matters of gender and sexuality. She is currently Chair of Making Arkansas Libraries Accessible, the ArLA Community of Interest for accessibility. She has previously served on the Board as Chair of both the College and University Libraries Division and the Reference and Instruction Services Division. She also served as

Interim Secretary during ArLA's recent Bylaws revision. Jessica is a voracious reader of horror novels, has a music playlist ready for any situation, and has watched Battlestar Galactica all the way through at least four times. She resides in central Arkansas with her cat, Barry. (Academic)



Ron S. Russ, Academic

Ron Russ is the longtime Electronic & Public Services Librarian at ASU-Beebe. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY and is a second-generation librarian. Ron received his MLS from the University at Buffalo in 1993, and was a librarian in the Brooklyn Public Library system from 1993-1996. He has served in leadership positions in ArLA, ALA, ARKLink, and is currently a member of the Shared Governance Council at ASU-Beebe. His ArLA service includes (but is not limited to): Member-at-Large, 2021-present, Webmaster/Web Services Committee Chair, 1997-2011, 2015-present, ALA Councilor, 2009-2012, Two Year Colleges Round Table Chair, 2001-2002, 2019-2021, 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 & 2020 President's Award. His interests outside of libraries are jazz music, photography, and gardening. (Academic)



Kirsten Seidel, Public

Kirsten Seidel began her career working in libraries at Cabot Public Library in 2016. In 2017, she moved to become the YA/Adult Services Librarian at Cabot Public Library, where she is responsible for teen and adult programming. (Public)



Allie Stevens, Public

Allie Stevens is the Director of Calhoun County Library in Hampton, AR, and MLS of Record for Stuttgart Public Library in Stuttgart, AR. She received her MLIS from Louisiana State University in 2015, and was a 2018 ALA Emerging Leader. Allie currently serves as Coordinator for YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults selected list, Co-Chair of the ARSL Continuing Education Committee, and Chair of the ArLA Awards Committee. (Public)



Jennifer Wann, Special

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.

Jennifer serves at the project director for the Arkansas Library Leadership Institute (ALL-In) and recently served on the ARSL *Outstanding in their Field* Leadership Advisory Committee. Her professional memberships include ARSL, the Mississippi Library Association (MLA), and ArLA. She currently serves as a Member-at-Large on the ArLA Board and writes the "Face of AR Libraries" column for *Arkansas Libraries*.

Jennifer received her MLIS from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2006. She is a Certified Practitioner of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. Jennifer's MBTI 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.
(Special)