

LLA 2017-18 Election Association Nominees

LLA First Vice President / President-Elect Candidate

Catherine A. "Cathy" Smith

Supervisor of Libraries, Caddo Parish Public Schools

Education

- Ed.S., LSU Baton Rouge, 2001
- Reading Specialist, LSU-S, 1988
- M.L.S., North Texas State University, 1978
- B.S., English Education/School of Library Science, 1976

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- Librarian, Broadmoor Baptist Church, presently serving
- Second Grade School Visit Coordinator, Summer Reading Festival at ArtBreak, 2008-present
- Treasurer, Alpha Delta Kappa, LA Kappa Chapter Honorary Teachers' Sorority, 2005-present
- Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Selection Committee, 2006-present
- ALA Affiliate Assembly, 2013-present
- President, LASL, 2013-14

LLA Second Vice President Candidate

Sonnet Ireland

Reference Librarian, St. Tammany Parish Library - Causeway Branch

Education

- MLIS, Texas Woman's University, 2008
- BA in Classical Studies, Loyola University New Orleans, 2004

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- GODORT, SELA Chair, 2016-current
- Vice Chair/Chair Elect, 2015-2016
- GODORT, ALA Coordinator for the State and Local Documents Task Force, 2016-current
- Assistant Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect, 2015-2016
- Reference and User Services Association, ALA: ETS Services for Systems & Discovery Committee Member, 2016-current
- Louisiana Libraries Editorial Board GODORT Representative, 2013-present
- Academic Section, Louisiana Library Association Chair, 2015-2016
- Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, 2014-2015
- New Members Round Table, Louisiana Library Association Chair, 2013-2015
- Vice Chair, 2012-2013
- NOLA Information Literacy Collective Executive Board Chair, 2013-2014

- Executive Board Member, 2013-current
- Louisiana Federal Depository Library Council Chair, 2012-2014
- Academic Library Representative 2009-2011
- Attendee, 2007-current

LLA Secretary Candidates

Christopher Achee

Branch Librarian, Ascension Parish Library

Education

- M.L.I.S. from LSU, 2009
- B.A. from Millsaps College, 2006

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- Member of the Louisiana Virtual Library Study Commission, 2016-2017
- Co-chair of the Library Managers Interest Group, 2015-2016
- G.P.T. Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution – Secretary, 2014 - present
- Louisiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution – Secretary 2016; Assistant Secretary 2015

Erin N. Chesnutt

Director, Beauregard Parish Library

Education

- Masters of Library and Information Sciences. School of Library and Information Science; Louisiana State University, 2005-2007
- Baccalaureate of English (Literature); Minor in French; Louisiana Scholars' College, Northwestern State University, 2001-2005

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- Past-Chair, Public Library Section, LLA - 2016-Current
- Chair, Public Library Section, LLA - 2015-2016
- Vice-Chair, Public Library Section, LLA - 2014-2015
- Chair, James O. Modisette Award Committee, LLA - 2013-2015
- Member, Public Libraries Council, National Network of Libraries of Medicine - 2012
- Member, Program Subcommittee, PLA Annual Conference - 2012-2013
- Editorial Referee, Louisiana Libraries, LLA Journal - 2011-2013
- Parliamentarian, Public Library Section, LLA - 2010-2013

LLA 2017-18 Election Section Nominees

Academic Section

Secretary Candidate

Heather Plaisance

Head, Reference & Research Services, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Education

- Louisiana State University, Master of Library and Information Science, 2003
- Louisiana State University, Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication, 2002

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- American Library Association member, 2002-present
- Louisiana Library Association member, 2005-present
- Association of College & Research Libraries member, 2013-present
- Reference and User Services Association, 2007-2013
- LUC Awards Committee member, 2017
- LLA Conference Committee, Publicity Subcommittee Co-Chair, 2016-2017
- LALINC Research and Development committee member, 2008-2012
- LLA Academic Section Secretary, 2009
- LLA Grassroots Award Committee member, 2008-2009
- LLA Tellers Committee member, 2007-2008

LaSSAL Section

Vice Chair / Chair - Elect Candidate

Kathy Tuminello

Executive Secretary/Records Manager/Travel Coordinator, Shreve Memorial Library

Education

- Various workshops, conferences, webinars and seminars since 1992
- H.S. Graduate in 1972

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- LaSSAL Board member for many years, previously serving in all offices: Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Chair/President

Treasurer Candidate

Jane Vidrine

Library Specialist 3, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Education

- Business, Coriel Technical College, 1984

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- Evangeline Genealogical & Historical Society, current President

Secretary Candidates

Pamela Bennett

Rapides Parish Library

Education

- Master of Education in Educational Technology, 2004
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology, 1999

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- Hannah's Plea
- Northwestern State University of La. Registrar's Office
- Louisiana Special Education Center

Shayne Bertrand

Reference Specialist, Rapides Parish Library - Main Branch

Education

- LSU, BA History, 2001

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- LSU Staff Association President, 2011
- LSU Staff Association Vice President, 2010
- LSU Staff Association Treasurer, 2008

Lauren Feltner

Library Specialist 2, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Education

- Converse College, Bachelor's degree in History, 2012
- UL Lafayette. Master's degree in Public History, 2016
- LSU, MLIS, in progress

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- Dupre Library Special Collections
- Civitas Board - Secretary
- Phi Alpha Theta - Historian
- HS Yearbook editor for 2 years
- Gold Award in Girl Scouts

Public Section

Vice Chair / Chair - Elect Candidates

Laura-Ellen Ayres

Director, Rapides Parish Library

Education

- Masters of Library Science, Vanderbilt University, 1982
- Bachelor of Arts, Louisiana College, 1981

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- Secretary, Louisiana Library Association, 2016-17
- Chair, LLA Public Section, 2013-14
- Secretary, Louisiana Library Association, 2011-12
- United Way of Cenla Allocation Team 2014-17

Donald Smith

Director, Morehouse Parish Library

Education

- Certificate, The University of Tulsa, 1991; Major: Business Administration
- MS, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, 1978; Major: Instructional Media
- MLS, University of Missouri - Columbia, 1976; Major: Library Science
- MA, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, 1972; Major: History
- BA, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, 1968; Major: History & Supporting Areas of Emphasis: French

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

Professional Positions

- Director, Morehouse Parish (July 1, 2016)
- Library Dean of the Library/Professor, University of Louisiana at Monroe (February 1 1993- June 30, 2016)
- Associate Director for General Services/Librarian, University of Tulsa (September 1 1982 - January 31 1993)
- Associate Professor/Librarian, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (July 1 1973 - August 31 1982)

Professional Memberships

- National, Association of Jewish Libraries (October 2014 - Present)
- State, Louisiana Library Association (June 1993 - Present)
- State, Association of College and Research Libraries/ Louisiana (June 1993 - Present)
- Local, Trail Blazer Executive Council (1993 – Present)
- National, Phi Kappa Phi Literacy Grant Selection Committee (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2016)
- National, Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Selection Committee (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014)
- State, LALINC Executive Board (July 1, 1994 - June 30, 2014)
- State, Louisiana Library Network Commission (2004 - 2013)
- State, Louisiana Library Association Academic Section (2009 - 2011)

- Regional, LALINC Research & Development Committee (2000 - 2007)
- State, Oklahoma Library Association (1993 - 2007)
- State, Louisiana Library Association Conference Co-chair (2003 - 2004)
- State, Louisiana Library Association Technology & Automation Committee (2000 - 2002)
- State, Louisiana Library Association Scholarship Fund Trust (1994 - 2002)
- State, Technology Consortium for Teacher Education (1997 - 1999)
- State, Louisiana Library Association Commission (1997 - 1999)
- State, LALINC Resources Sharing Committee (1995 - 1999)
- National, ALA LAMA (1993 - 1996)

Secretary Candidate

Rebecca Cloud

Reference Librarian, Lincoln Parish Library

Education

- San Jose State University, MLIS, 2012-2015
- Lewis & Clark College, B.A., 2006-2010

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- LLA Public Section Parliamentarian, 2016-2017
- Louisiana Library Association Member, 2014-Present
- Attended 2015 Conference, Shreveport
- Presented "Readers Advisory Socialite" at 2016 Conference
- Will present at 2017 Conference
- Association of Small and Rural Libraries (ARSL) Member 2015-2016
- Presented "Readers Advisory Socialite" at 2015 Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas

Parliamentarian Candidate

Krishanna Patrick

Teen Coordinator, Lincoln Parish Library

Education

- University Of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) General Studies; 124 credit hours (currently working on switching schools to pursue a Bachelors in Library Science)

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- Delta Kappa Gamma Organization
- Member of LLA
- Member of PLA
- Member of ARSL
- Member of ALA

GODORT Section

Secretary Candidate

Carly Searcy

Government Information Librarian, McNeese State University

Education

- University of Michigan, MIS/Information Science, 1999
- Western Michigan University, Graduate Certificate in Holistic Health, 1997
- Western Michigan University, BS/Psychology & English, 1995

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- 2016: Reviewer, School Library Journal
- 2015: Consultant, Strategic Planning, United Way of Southwest Michigan; Panelist, Council of Michigan Foundations; Presenter, Southwest Michigan School Business Officials Conference 2012: Presenter, Southwest Michigan School Business Officials Conference; Presenter, Library Camp, Allen County (Indiana) Public Library
- 2010 - present: PLA Committee Member, EBSCO Excellence in Small &/or Rural Public Library Service Award
- 2010 - present: Virtual Member, YALSA Thinking Big About Advocacy Contest Taskforce
- 2009 - present: YALSA Committee Member, Operations & Bylaws
- 2008 - present: Contributor, Audiobook Reviews for Library Journal
- 2008: Consultant, Strategic Planning Session for Youth Professionals, Kendallville Public Library
- 2007: Presenter, Indiana Library Federation District 3 Conference
- 2006 - 2007: Chair, YALSA Task Force, Selected DVDs Evaluation Task Force
- 2005: Presenter, Indiana Library Federation Children's and Young Peoples Division Conference

LASL Section

Second Vice President / First Vice President Candidate

Kimberly Adkins

Librarian, C. E. Byrd High School

Education

- Louisiana State University Shreveport +30, etc. (1994-2013)
- Louisiana Tech University M. Ed. (1991-1992)

- Randolph-Macon Woman's College B. A. (1989-1991)
- Centenary College (1987-1989)

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- Renewal National Board Certified Teacher
- Louisiana Literary Award Committee
- Modisette Award winner
- Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award Committee
- Chairman- Administrative Council- Ellerbe Road UMC
- President Caddo Association of School Librarians
- Presenter LaLAMP, LLA

Kim Howell

Librarian, Stockwell Place Elementary

Education

- Louisiana Tech University – Ruston, Library Science Certification, Spring 2011
- Louisiana Tech University – Ruston, Undergrad, Fall 1980 - Spring 1985
- LSU-Shreveport, Kindergarten Certification, Spring 1996
- Louisiana State University Shreveport, Bachelor of Arts - Elementary Education, Winter 1993

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- Vice President, Bossier Association of Librarians
- Fablevision Ambassador
- Highly Exceptional Compass Educator
- Teacher Leader
- ALA Member
- LLA Member
- LASL Member - Standards Committee, Nominating Committee
- TEAMFCA-Stockwell Place
- TEAMHelpingHearts
- KSLA - Educator of the Week
- MDA Outstanding Leader Award
- Dream Team - Stockwell Place
- Leadership Team - Stockwell Place
- United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, Committee Member
- R.E.A.D Program
- Former: 4-H Sponsor, Robotics Coach, May Day 5K Committee Member

Subject Specialists Section

Secretary Candidate

Charlene Bonnette

Manager, Louisiana Department, State Library of Louisiana

Education

- Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge), Anthropology (Minor in Art History), 1995
- Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge), School of Library and Information Science, 1997

Experience, Memberships, Activities & Honors

- Have served as Subject Specialists Secretary twice
- Vice-Chair and Chair twice
- Manage the Louisiana Department of the State Library, including Reference, Preservation, Exhibits Coordinator, and care of the Archives
- Certified Archivist
- Louisiana Library Association, member
- Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association, member
- Society of Southwest Archivists, member
- Society of American Archivists, member
- Academy of Certified Archivists, member