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Type of Library: Academic

Statement of Professional Concerns:

“Without libraries what do we have? We have no past and no future.” This quote by Ray Bradberry keeps me motivated to serve as a librarian and as a member of the American Library Association (ALA) and additional library organizations.

The work that Librarians do and the service offered by all types of libraries is important and continues to increase in importance because it is our past and our future. It may sound like a tall order to fill, however history shows we have been accomplishing this task in awesome ways. This is why the current challenges that we encounter by our colleagues, community and our government is beyond

Library/Leadership Service Positions:

Vice President, Freedom to Read Foundation, (2022- Present)

Associate Professor, Interim Library Director, Langston Hughes Memorial Library, PA, (2012-2022)

Executive Board Member – Delaware Women's Coalition, Wilmington Delaware (2018-2022)

Board Member- Delaware New Castle County Advisory Library Board, (2017-Present)

Co-Chair Contract Negotiation Team - Lincoln University, American Association University Professors (AAUP) (2014-2017)

Education:

Leadership Institute Academic Librarians: Certificate. Harvard Graduate School of Education
Cambridge, MA August 2014

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA School of Information Sciences, Masters in Library and Information Sciences, 2010

Lincoln University, Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, 2010

Fellowship

Association of Research (ARL) Leadership Fellow 2021–2022

Affiliation(s):

FTRF (Freedom to Read Foundation), Intellectual Freedom Council, BCLA (Black Caucus of ALA Association), DLA (Delaware Library Association), MLA Maryland Library Association) AAUW (American Association University Women)

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 12