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Missouri Library Association Elects Executive Board

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Columbia, MO: Supporting libraries and librarians in Missouri, the Missouri Library Association (MLA) has elected a new Executive Board for 2009. The Executive Board is the principal decision-making body for MLA and determines the association's current and long-range goals, supporting a vision:

- to provide leadership and professional growth opportunities that develop, retain, and increase membership in the Missouri Library Association;
- to encourage the people of Missouri, through the legislative process, to adequately fund their libraries;
- to increase visibility and develop relationships across Missouri's library community.

The new MLA President is Kimberlee Ried, Archives and Outreach Specialist for the National Archives in Kansas City since 2003. She is active in the Greater KC Federal Executive Board as a co-chair for the Federal Information Council, and has served as coordinator for the Region's Combined Federal Campaign program. Prior to joining the National Archives she was a Youth Adult Specialist at the Kansas City, KS Public Library. She holds a BA in History, with an emphasis in Sociology and Cultural Anthropology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and a MA in Library Science from Emporia State University.

She joined MLA in 2003 and immediately became a leader in the Young Adult Services Special Interest Group. She has chaired the MLA Publication Committee and the Special Libraries Division. Additionally, she has written several articles for the American Library Association's professional journals and most recently was a guest writer and Community Curator for the Kansas City Museum. Within her community volunteer work she is an active member of the Junior League of Kansas City, MO; an Ambassador for the Kauffman Center for Performing Arts; and volunteers with the Children's Center for Visually Impaired; Girls Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri; and Truman Medical Center Foundation. She maintains board positions with Historic Kansas City Foundation, the Heritage League, Jackson County CASA, Kansas City Ballet Guild, and the Greater KC Women's Political Caucus PAC. Recently she's started working on "Raising the Woof" a capital campaign for Animal Haven pet shelter.

Established in 1900, the Missouri Library Association exists to facilitate the exchange of information and provide professional education for Missouri's librarians, career library workers, and library trustees and friends.

Ms. Ried will be supported in leadership by President-Elect Sharon McCaslin, the University Librarian at Fontbonne University in St. Louis. Ms. McCaslin has been a member of MLA since 2005 and is a Past-President of the Nebraska Library Association.

MLA Past-President Karen Hayden is Director of the Little-Dixie Regional Library in Moberly. The newly elected secretary is Frances Piesbergen, Reference Librarian at the University of Missouri – St. Louis; and Tony Garrett, Head of Access Services at the University of Missouri – St. Louis, is the interim Treasurer.

Two new Members-At-Large are Sarah Howard, Children's and Youth Coordinator at the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia; and Marty Miller, Reference Librarian at Longview Library – Metropolitan Community College in Lee's Summit. Pam Klipsch, Director of the Jefferson County Library in High Ridge, is the American Library Association (ALA) Councilor, representing MLA members of Missouri to the American Library Association, the national professional organization of librarians.

Additionally Missouri Library Association Divisions have new chairs. Courtney Mlinar, of Cottey College in Nevada is Chair of the Missouri Association of College and Research Libraries. Chair of the Public Library Division is Mary Beth Revels from the St. Joseph Public Library. Cindy Ernst of the Leon E. Bloch Law Library at the University of Missouri – Kansas City is the Special Library Division Chair. The Trustee & Friends Division Chair is Terri Brunner, from the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia; and Crystal Faris, of the Kansas City Public Library, is the Youth Services Division Chair.

[Note: Attached to Distribution E-Mail, Please Find a Selection of Board Member Photos.]