

2016 ALA Councilor-Elect Candidates

The ALA Councilor-Elect holds this position until the closing of ALA Annual in June 2016. At this point, she becomes ALA Councilor and represents the Missouri Library Association at Council meetings and makes regular reports on Council activities to the MLA Board and membership. This position is a three-year term and will run from July 1, 2016—June 30, 2019.



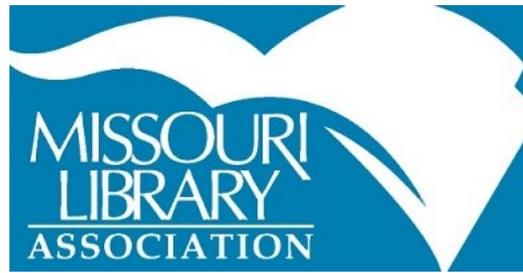
Stacy Hisle-Chaudri, *Assistant Branch Manager, Parkville Branch, Mid-Continent Public Library*

Biography

Stacy Hisle-Chaudri is the Assistant Branch Manager at the Parkville Branch of the Mid-Continent Public Library. She has worked in library and archival environments for ten years, beginning as a graduate assistant at the University of Central Missouri's James C. Kirkpatrick Library. After completing her coursework at UCM, Stacy interned at the United States Supreme Court Curator's Office in D.C. and then began working full-time in a variety of positions at JCKL. After moving to KCMO in 2013, she began working for Mid-Continent in her current position. Stacy has a Master of Library and Information Science from Wayne State University and a Master of Arts in History from the University of Central Missouri. She has been a member of the American Library Association since 2010 and a member of the Missouri Library Association since 2011. Stacy currently serves as MLA's Archivist and has been a member of the Web Committee since 2012, assisting with the Jobline service. She lives in Kansas City with her husband and enjoys reading and gardening in her free time.

Statement

I am honored to have an opportunity to run for the position of ALA Councilor. I have greatly enjoyed the time that I have spent working with the Missouri Library Association Board as the Archivist and I hope to be able to continue my service to MLA as the ALA Councilor. I can attest to the importance of the role that MLA serves for librarians in the region, since it was following my attendance at the 2009 annual conference that I decided to pursue a degree in librarianship. In addition to playing an important role in my personal professional development, MLA continues to have an impact on many librarians and libraries throughout our state. Without the advocacy, support, and communication that our organization provides, many members would be unable to maintain their awareness of the latest developments in our region or make connections with other librarians. If elected to the MLA Councilor position, I would ensure that the members of MLA and the ALA members of Missouri have a voice in the ALA Council meetings and that the membership would be apprised of all ALA activities. MLA has undergone many exciting changes in recent years and I would like to be a part of the leadership of this great organization as we look to the future of libraries in Missouri.



Stephanie Tolson, *Dean of Learning Resources and Academic Support, St. Charles Community College*

Biography

Stephanie Tolson is the Dean of Learning Resources and Academic Support for St. Charles Community College. She received a Doctorate in Education from Saint Louis University, an M.L.S. from Emporia State University, and received a B.A. in Economics and Business Administration from Park University. Stephanie believes in giving back to her profession and community. She is an active member of the Missouri Library Association (MLA), American Library Association (ALA), Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Special Libraries Association (SLA),

College and Reading Language Association (CRLA), and the Missouri Community College Association (MCCA). Stephanie was elected Chapter Cabinet Chair for the Special Libraries Association in 2001 and served as a member of SLA's Board of Directors until 2003. She was the Recorder, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Missouri Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries (MACRL). Stephanie has served as the Member-at-Large on the MLA Board and Conference Coordinator for the 2008 MLA Conference in St. Louis. Tolson currently serves on the Advisory Council for the University of Missouri, School of Information Science and Learning Technologies (SISLT). Stephanie has been an active participant in MLA for many years in various roles from conference presenter to member of committees such as the Legislative Committee. Prior to working in academia, she worked as a special librarian in corporations such as McDonnell Douglas People Gas Company. Stephanie loves to read, is a frequent patron of her public library, and has been instrumental in developing technology and collaborative learning spaces in libraries.

Statement

I am honored to be invited to run for the office of ALA Councilor. In this position, I look forward to working with colleagues on the MLA Board and the ALA Council to advance library issues. Libraries are near and dear to my heart. I agree with Ray Bradbury, "Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future." While participating in Library Advocacy Day many years ago, I passed the Governor's Office. I had appointments to visit and speak with several legislators, but not with the Governor. I decided to stop in and see if there was a slim chance that I could have an audience with him. His secretary asked me to check back in a half hour, and when I did the doors opened. I had the opportunity to speak with Governor Mel Carnahan. This really made my day. It was important to let him know that libraries changed lives and that librarians appreciated his continued support. No matter how much we plan and prepare, sometimes we have to act on our instincts. If elected your ALA Councilor, I will take the job seriously and commit to performing the duties of the office. ALA is a diverse and complex member organization. My previous experience serving on Boards of the Missouri Library Association and the Special Libraries Association has prepared me for working with parliamentary procedures within member organizations. As the delegate from Missouri, I will serve libraries and librarians by advancing local and state library issues in addition to actively reviewing actions of the ALA Executive Board, receiving reports from ALA's President, Executive Director, and Treasurer. I will act on your behalf on policy decisions that affect the membership. The Council is the governing body of ALA. It delegates to the divisions of the Association authority to plan and carry out programs and activities with policy established by Council. With your vote, I am ready and willing to serve you. I am an advocate for librarians and libraries.