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Expertise/Interests/Skills Nominee Can Bring to the Board as Described Above:

I would bring 15 years of public library service to the board. In my work, I've had experience with public service, technical services, programming and library management. This has given me a broad vision of how public libraries function in Michigan.

Regarding my interests, I'm interested in collection development in public libraries. Particularly in how collections are evolving as the needs and interests of the public evolve. I'm also interested in identifying community needs in our libraries and how we can serve or support those needs. For the library where I serve as the Director, those needs vary based on the community. This has allowed me to work with staff on how to identify community needs through conversations, data tools and usage statistics.

I also have skills in working with elected officials and community partners to advocate on the libraries behalf and show the importance of libraries in the community.

Brief Summary of Professional Experience:

Adult Services Librarian - Los Angeles Public Library - 2003 - 2005
Public Services Librarian - Capital Area District Libraries - 2005 - 2007
Training Specialist - Capital Area District Libraries - 2007 - 2012
Associate Director of Public Service - Capital Area District Libraries - 2012 - 2014
Senior Associate Director - Capital Area District Libraries - 2014 - 2017
Executive Director - Capital Area District Libraries - 2017 - Present

Service to the Michigan Library Association:

Fantastic Fiction Committee - 2007 - 2010
MLA Mentor Program - 2015 -2016
MLA Annual Conference Committee - 2018

Service to the Profession Outside of MLA:

Michigan Collection HQ User Group - 2014 - 2017
OverDrive Digipalooza 2008 Conference - Speaker
Baker & Taylor/Collection HQ Forum, PLA Conference 2016, 2018 - Speaker
"Using Podcasting to Get Your Foot In the Door With Community Partners" - Marketing Library Services - September/October 2018 Issue

Service to Non-Profit Organizations/Community Outside of the Library World:

Board Member - Capital Area Literacy Coalition

Other Board(s) and/or Committee(s) on which you are currently serving:

I am currently serving on the Board of the Capital Area Literacy Coalition. There is no end of term date for this position.



2019-2020 Board of Directors Election
Member-at-Large
Claire Lopiccolo
Library Director
Romeo District Library

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I have a lot of event planning experience and work well with a committee or team.

Brief Summary of Professional Experience:

Youth librarian - Bacon Memorial District Library, Wyandotte 2001-2002
Head of Youth Services - Independence Township Library, Clarkston 2002-2005
Head of Children's Services - Orion Township Public Library 2005-2012
Manager of Youth Services - Rochester Hills Public Library - 2012-2018
Director - Romeo District Library - 2018-present

Service to the Michigan Library Association:

Member-at-large, Chair - Children's Services Division 2004-2008
Spring Institute Planning Committee 2002-2008
Mentoring program - 2018

Service to the Profession Outside of MLA:

I am a long-time member of the American Library Association and the Public Library Association.
I have been active in the youth division of The Library Network.
I was a member of the MYSTIC committee for Metronet.

Service to Non-Profit Organizations/Community Outside of the Library World:

I was a member of Rotary from 2006-2010. I was the club secretary for one year.
I am currently in the process of joining Kiwanis.

Other Board(s) and/or Committee(s) on which you are currently serving:

I am a member of the MLA Annual Conference 2019 Work Group.