



## Amy Nelson

Associate Director of Public Services  
Pueblo City County Library System  
Pueblo, Colorado

Amy Nelson graduated with her MLIS from Emporia State University with a concentration in archival studies. She graduated from The Colorado College with a BA in German and Russian. Amy has been working in libraries for the past 20 years and has had the wonderful fortune to explore libraries from many angles -- ranging from a K-8 rural school, outreach and adult literacy services to human resources, archives, branch management and now public library administration. Amy is passionate about dynamic library spaces and services, as well as engaging community through collaboration, dialogue and strong partnerships. In her current role, she oversees public services and security for 8 library locations and she loves being a part of the incredibly meaningful work that happens every day within these libraries and beyond their walls. A woman with many hats, Amy has also taught adjunct courses at Pueblo Community College, served as an EMT and State Park Ranger and is also a certified yoga instructor. She enjoys spending her free time with her husband and two dogs hiking the trails near her home in Beulah, Colorado, enjoying recreational pursuits such as biking, kayaking and snowboarding, indulging her creativity through knitting and needle-felting and cosplay, as well as singing karaoke.



## Andrea Placher

Library Director  
Williston Community Library  
Williston, North Dakota

I started my journey with the Williston Community Library almost twelve years ago as the Children's Librarian. Five years ago, I was honored to be offered the position of Library Director. Over the years I have been involved in numerous community organizations, library associations and currently serve on the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council. I live here in Williston with my partner in crime of 23 years, my daughter and our two pups Frankie and Izzo. I also have a son and daughter-in law who made me a Gramma to the cutest little blue eyed boy. I love to read, crochet, and craft with my down time. I am very excited to be a part of this wonderful opportunity.



**Angela Jordan**  
Adult Services Manager  
Teton County Library  
Jackson, Wyoming

Angela Jordan is the Adult Services Manager at Teton County Library in Jackson, WY. She has been a public library manager in the Rocky Mountain West for eight years. Prior to transitioning to public libraries, she worked at the University of Illinois Archives after earning her MLIS. She also holds an M.A. in American Studies from the University of Wyoming.



**Anna Madrigal**  
Branch Manager  
Johnson County Library  
Shawnee, Kansas

Anna Madrigal began her library career in 2012 when she became a page for the Springfield-Greene County Library system in Springfield, MO. Working her way up through the ranks, she has worked every public-facing position from circulation clerk, reference librarian and assistant manager to her current role as branch manager over two branches of the Johnson County Library system in the Kansas City metropolitan area. She received her MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2016, and shortly after was named to the ALA class of Emerging Leaders that same year. Anna aspires to one day utilize her growing experience and passion for public service in an administrative role in her organization as public libraries continue to evolve, innovate and diversify in service of their communities.



**Ann McGinley**  
Collections Manager  
Santa Fe Public Library  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Ann McGinley has been the Collections Manager for the Santa Fe Public Library since Fall 2021. Before that, she was the Library Branch Manager (2015-2020) and the Adult Services Manager (2013-2015) at the Rio Rancho Public Libraries. She was also the Circulation Manager (2010-2012) at Zollinger Library, University of New Mexico-Gallup. As a career changer, Ann has had an unusual path that includes teaching adults to speak English, delivering mail for the Postal Service, and working at an art museum during a blockbuster exhibit. Originally from California, Ann can't live without avocados. She also loves Halloween, paper crafting, and Corgis.



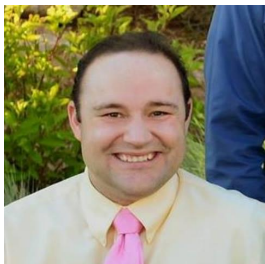
**April Miller**  
Access and Outreach Service Librarian  
Al Harris Library  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
Weatherford, Oklahoma

April Miller is the Access & Outreach Service Librarian for the Al Harris Library at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), as well as an Assistant Professor. In these roles, she plans and promotes various programs and events, manages the Public Services and Reference departments, and teaches Freshman Orientation and various Library Instruction classes. April has worked for SWOSU since August 2008, although she started her library career at the Clinton Public Library, a part of the Western Plains Library System in September 2001. In 2005, she became the Interlibrary Loan Librarian (2005-2007), and handled the webpage and all graphic and marketing materials for the library system (2005-2008).



**Betsy O'Neil**  
Adult Services and Technical Services Manager  
Natrona County Library  
Casper, Wyoming

Betsy O'Neil began her career as a Reference Librarian at Natrona County Public Library in 2004 and was promoted to Adult Services Manager in 2015. She received her MLIS from the University of Washington, and has a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Financial Analysis. She lives in Casper, Wyoming with her husband and two children.



**Daniel Mauchley**  
Director  
Duchesne County Library System  
Duchesne, Utah

Daniel Mauchley is the Duchesne County Library System Director, overseeing the Duchesne and Roosevelt branches since 2015. He earned his MLS from Emporia State University and his Bachelor's in Spanish Teaching from Weber State University with University and Department Honors. He worked three years in the Ogden School District as a district teacher librarian and as an elementary school librarian. He has served in the Utah Library Association as a Board Member-At-Large, the 2020-2021 President, and is currently the Bylaws Committee Chair and Past Presidents Committee Chair. He has served on many Utah State Library committees including the Recertification, Grant Review, and Online Library committees. Duchesne County Library System has been recognized by the Utah State Library Division with multiple Quality Library awards and a COVID-19 Exemplary Services award under his tenure thanks to the great work and improvements made by his staff. Daniel helped secure funding for and oversaw the construction of the new 16,700 square foot Roosevelt Branch, which opened February 2023.



**Erin Wahl**  
University Archivist  
New Mexico University Library  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Erin Renee Wahl lives and works in Las Cruces, New Mexico with her zebra finch Taquito and her small dog Baozi. Her research interests include the intersection of sustainability and libraries/archives, library and archives work environments, interdisciplinary use of archives, and rhetoric of and about libraries.



**Jessica Quarels**  
Instruction and Research Librarian  
Hazy Library and Learning Center  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Prescott, Arizona

Jessica Quarles is an Instruction and Reference Librarian at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. She is a cofounder of Community of Learning: Leadership and Development, a professional development book club that focuses on self-motivated growth, as well as team camaraderie and the positive exchange of ideas. Jessica enjoys bringing visibility to the library and started Pop Up Libraries on campus to improve awareness of library resources and services. She also enjoys bringing in artistic elements to a primarily STEM university by creating events such as rock painting, book spine poetry, and blackout poetry events for students. Jessica also serves as a member of the Undergraduate Research Institute Advisory Board on campus. In her free time, she enjoys kayaking, hiking, and trying new recipes.



**Joshua Ryan Pikka**  
Circulation and Technology Coordinator  
Minot Public Library  
Minot, North Dakota

Josh Pikka earned his MLIS from Wayne State University in Detroit in 2011. He served as a librarian and eventual Director of the John E. Biersdorf Library at Ecumenical Theological Seminary from 2011-2015. In 2016 he began his tenure at the Minot Public Library in Minot, ND as Technology Coordinator. He currently holds the position as Circulation and Technology Librarian. In his free time he loves to play hobby board games with his wife Laura.



**Judi Boyce**  
Assistant Director  
Sublette County Library  
Pinedale, Wyoming

I began working at Sublette County Library in 2014. I served as the Adult Programming Coordinator for 7 years, managing adult programs, and events, and creating an outreach program. I began cataloging our Adult, YA, and AV materials in 2020 when the pandemic led to the sudden retirement of two catalogers. I became the Assistant Director last summer and took over the management of the Adult and YA collections at that time, including continuing to catalog those items. I have a Bachelor's degree in Library Science from the University of Nebraska and have attended the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute. I have served on the Wyoming Library Association Board for several years, first as a member-at-large, and currently as the MPLA Wyoming State Representative. I also serve on the Pinedale Town Council, and am the town representative on the Pinedale Planning and Zoning Board, and the Pinedale Aquatic Center Joint Powers Board.



**Kassie Antonucci**  
Director  
Mybrary  
Elko, Nevada

Kassie Antonucci first entered the realm of library work in 2013 and quickly fell in love with everything libraries stand for. Having set upon this amazing career path, she worked hard to grow as a professional and take every chance to learn something new, leading to her current position of Director. She is an avid reader and when not at work, spends time with her adorable dog Piper going on walks in the desert or in her craft room, painting, drawing, and sculpting. She enjoys being creative and thinking outside the box to find a use for unique materials. She began an ambitious plan to rebrand her library system during their 100th anniversary last year and hopes to strengthen libraries nationwide, showcasing how amazing each one is and the untold value they bring to communities.



**Katrina Brown**  
Library Director  
Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library  
Casper, Wyoming

Katrina Brown is the Director of the Goodstein Foundation Library at Casper College. She has been part of the Wyoming Library community since 2005 when she started as a part-time reference assistant at Sheridan College. She has served as Vice-President/ President of WLA, on the WLA Legislative Committee, and as the chair of the Wyoming Community College Library Committee. Katrina is an advocate for library communities believing we make each other stronger and better. She works to bring professional development, training, and leadership opportunities to everyone who works in libraries. A Wyoming community college library director since 2010, Katrina is a past WLA President, a WLLI alum, and a Mentorship Program participant.



**Krista Ohrtman**  
Access Services Librarian  
Mikkelsen Library  
Augustana University  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

I have been the Access Services Librarian at Augustana University since the spring of 2017. Previously, I served as Branch Manager for the Libraries of Stevens County in Washington State (a rural public library system). I received my MLIS from the University of Washington and currently live in Sioux Falls, SD with my spouse, two teenagers, and 3 pets. I currently serve as the Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the South Dakota Library Association. Outside of work, I enjoy cooking, baking (and eating), spending time outside and creating pottery.





**Kristen Bodine**  
Youth Services Supervisor  
Louisville Public Library  
Louisville, Colorado

With 10+ years' experience in libraries, Kristen is committed to creating warm, welcoming library spaces and building a team dedicated to excellent customer service. In her current role as the Youth Services Supervisor at the Louisville Public Library, Kristen loves sharing books in storytime, creating new and innovative programming with her team, and engaging with her community. Her leadership background includes interim roles as Public Services Manager and Acting Director. When not at work, you can find her reading, planning her next travel adventure, working on a puzzle, or taking her puppy on a walk.



**Linde Furman**  
Branch Manager  
Kirk-Bear Canyon Library  
Tucson, Arizona

Linde Furman is currently the Branch Manager of the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library, a branch of Pima County Public Library, in Tucson, Arizona. She has worked in public libraries for over a decade in library systems in both Virginia and Arizona. Linde has worked in a variety of capacities during her time in public library service, which has led to a diverse and eclectic mix of skill sets. Her greatest passion and expertise in her career is her work in the realm of trauma informed care in public libraries, especially as relates to supporting staff. She leads a grant-funded initiative and system-wide team at Pima County Public Library that focuses on creating support structures to assist staff in processing and recovering from secondary trauma, compassion fatigue, and primary trauma resulting from workplace incidents and other workplace stressors.





**Marie Erickson**  
Library Resources Program Manager  
Utah State Library  
Salt Lake City, Utah

I received my MLS from the Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Shortly before graduation, I was offered a job at the State Library of North Dakota. I was living the dream! Imagine getting paid to work in a library! Eventually, I started looking for a job closer to home and took a job with the Church History Library in Salt Lake City. I was there for 16 years before deciding it was time for a change and was presented with the opportunity to work as the Library Resources Program Manager. Now I spend my days working to provide libraries across the state with resources and services that enable them to successfully serve their communities. It is the best job ever! I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to learn more about how to lead in this capacity.



**Meghan Flynn**  
Assistant Director  
Grand County Public Library  
Moab, Utah

Meg Flynn has worked for the Grand County Public Library in Moab, Utah for 13 years and has been the Assistant Director since 2019. She earned an MLS from the University of North Texas as part of a Nevada-Utah Cohort. Meg is passionate about supporting digital literacy, challenging library policies that deny service, and bringing the library's cargo book bike to local events. In her free time, she can usually be found river rafting on the Colorado Plateau or researching regional river history.



**Miranda Wisor**  
**Technical Services Librarian**  
**Southeast Oklahoma Library System**  
**McAlester, Oklahoma**

Miranda Wisor received her undergraduate degree from Gettysburg College in Sociology and her MLS from Clarion University. She began her career working at Musselman Library at Gettysburg College in 2004 where she remained for fifteen years. In 2019, Miranda decided to transition from an academic library to a public library and moved to Oklahoma in order to accept the Technical Services Librarian position at Southeast Oklahoma Library System. There her duties include supervising the operations of Technical Services staff, interlibrary loan, and courier services for a seventeen library system. She is also responsible for collection management and ILS management for the library system. In addition to her core duties, Miranda is actively involved with the Oklahoma Library Association where she serves on two roundtables and two committees.



**Morgan Tiar**  
**Librarian I**  
**Washoe County Library System**  
**Reno, Nevada**

I reside on beautiful eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Reno, NV, with my husband and two children. I have been with Washoe County Library System for 9 years. I enjoy public service and appreciate the multitude of services and opportunities the library provides to our community. I am involved in many areas of library service including early literacy, event planning, and outreach. I am also the Finance Chair for Nevada Library Association.



**Rachel Kercher**  
Youth Services Librarian  
Leach Public Library  
Wahpeton, North Dakota

Rachel Kercher has served as the Youth Services Librarian at the Leach Public Library in Wahpeton, ND for the last ten years. She previously worked at the West Fargo (ND) Public Library. She completed her undergraduate degree in history from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, and her MLS from Emporia State University (Sioux Falls cohort 2019).



**Robin M. Hastings**  
Library Services Consultant  
Northeast Kansas Library System  
Lawrence, Kansas

Robin Hastings is the Library Services Consultant for the Northeast Kansas Library System (NEKLS). In that capacity, she provides technology and consulting on library services to 40+ libraries in the NEKLS region as well as providing management for several state-wide services in Kansas. She has presented all over the world on Cloud Computing, Project Management, Disaster Planning and many other topics. Robin is the author of 4 books on library-related topics as well as several articles in library-related journals.



**Sarah Hulsey**  
Assistant Director  
Summit County Library  
Frisco, Colorado

I received my MLIS in 2011 from Dominican University in River Forest, IL and soon after relocated to Breckenridge, CO. I was thrilled to start volunteering at Summit County Library and before long, I became a substitute Library Aide. After the South Branch Library moved into a historic renovated building in 2015, I took on a full-time position in a town I love. I have worn many hats over the years including overseeing circulation, meeting room reservations, adult programming, marketing and branch management. This year I shifted from Operations Manager to Assistant Director and enjoy overseeing all 3 library branches, working to streamline policies and procedures while launching exciting new initiatives, such as going fine free, implementing RFID, starting a Library of Things, planning and executing 2 library renovations and working towards a universal library card for Summit School District students. I have also recently been elected a Member-at-Large on the Colorado Association of Libraries Executive Board.



**Sarah Jones**  
Special Collections & Archives Technical Services  
Librarian  
University of Nevada  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Sarah Jones received her MLIS from the University of California, Los Angeles and a BA in the History of Science and Medicine from the University of California, Los Angeles. She has worked in Special Collections and Archives for five years in various capacities. She has been a Special Collections and Archives Technical Services Librarian at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas since 2019 where she oversees archival processing.



**Scarlett Fisher-Herreman**  
Technical Services Manager  
Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library  
Topeka, Kansas

Scarlett Fisher-Herreman is the Technical Services Manager at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library. She leads a team of 15 staff responsible for acquisitions, cataloging, and processing of the library's physical and digital collections. A native of Omaha, Neb., Scarlett moved to Kansas to complete library school at Emporia State University and ended up staying for 20 years! Scarlett, her husband, and two teenage children enjoy community activities and keeping up on their Craftsman bungalow located near the library. In March 2022, Scarlett became a docent educator at the Topeka Zoo & Conservation Center.



**Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse**  
Director  
Mulvane Public Library  
Mulvane, Kansas

Within the field of public librarianship, my experience is broad in scope. I spent 3 years as a Teen Library Assistant in Mulvane, Kansas, 4.5 years as a Librarian for Teens in Grand Junction, Colorado, 2 years as a Library Director in Farmington, New Hampshire, and 7 years to present as a Library Director in Mulvane, Kansas. During my years in the library profession, I have also been extremely active serving on professional boards, which have included the Colorado Association of Library's Public Library Board (COPLA), three different book committee boards within the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the Wichita Area Library Association (WALA), the Kansas Library Association Board (KLA), and the Mountain Plains Library Association Board (MPLA). My return to the Mulvane Public Library in 2015 was spurred by the desire to raise a family near my loved ones.



**Shari Theroux**  
Systems and Discovery Librarian  
H. M. Briggs Library  
South Dakota State University

My name is Shari Theroux. I have been working in libraries since 2007, beginning as a paraprofessional in the library at Northern State University. When I received my degree in 2012, I took the position of Systems Librarian. I stayed in that position until 2018, when I was hired at South Dakota State University I am currently the Systems and Discovery librarian for SDSU.



**Valarie N. Lamoreaux**  
**Assistant Director**  
**Leavenworth Public Library**  
**Leavenworth, Kansas**

Valarie N. Lamoreaux -To be a librarian was always the plan, and working for libraries is still the only job I want. The plan deviated a few times to other non-profit organizations. The experiences working in public relations and marketing serve as enhancements to my library work. I began my professional career as a library director for a rural public library with just my undergraduate degree in hand. An offer to manage a special collection for a department at Kansas State University was too good to pass up. I then detoured into marketing and public relations for eight years with a theatre and museum, a public school and a specialized institute. During this time, I completed my Master of Library of Science degree and learned a great deal about how to promote an organization and its services. I returned to the original path in 2014 when I joined the Leavenworth Public Library. Over the last 9 years I, along with other administrators, brought major changes internally and externally to the organization; most recently creating and launching a new strategic plan. Within the last two years I explored leadership opportunities within the Kansas library community as the Vice President and President of the Public Library Section, Kansas Library Association. I am proud of my career history and excited about expanding my opportunities, taking on new professional challenges and advancing my leadership.