



The Voice of the Library Community

New York Library Association

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NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES INCOMING COUNCIL MEMBERS

ALBANY, NY – The New York Library Association (NYLA) is pleased to announce the incoming council members for the 2020 Council:

Claudia Depkin, President-Elect (2019-2020) / President (2020-2021): Claudia Depkin is currently the Director of the Haverstraw King’s Daughter Public Library. During her time as a NYLA member, she has served as the NYLA Treasurer and President of the Leadership & Management Section. Depkin is also a co-creator of the NYLA Sustainability Initiative.

Grace Riario, Treasurer-Elect (2019-2021) / Treasurer (2021-2023): Grace Riario has been an active member of NYLA, serving as a Councilor-at-Large from 2015-2018. She is currently the Interim Executive Director of the Ramapo Catskill Library System.

Simone Yearwood, Councilor-at-Large (Academic/Special) (2019-2022): Simone Yearwood is the Deputy Chief Librarian of Queens College-GSLIS. Yearwood’s interest in NYLA was spurred by her participation in the 2017 NYLA Academic, Research and Special Library Summit and she has previously worked with the New York Black Librarians Caucus (NYBLC).

Ana Canino-Fluit, Councilor-at-Large (School) (2019-2022): Ana Canino-Fluit is a Middle School Librarian at Rush-Henrietta Central Schools. Canino-Fluit has worked on the NYLA SSL/YSS Three Apples Award Committee and is dedicated to helping NYLA serve the ever-changing needs of the New York State Library Community.

Cassie Guthrie, ALA Chapter Councilor (2019-2022): Cassie Guthrie is the Director of the Greece Public Library and is currently finishing her term as NYLA Treasurer, and serves as the Chair of NYLA’s Legislative Committee. Guthrie is excited to represent NYLA and New York at the national level.

“As NYLA President, I am eager to work with this outstanding group of library leaders,” says **NYLA President, Michelle Young**, “their collective experience and talent will help us meet the needs of the New York library community and advance the strategic goals of NYLA.”

NYLA would like to thank all the members who took time to cast a ballot, as well as each candidate who ran for NYLA Council this year, AnnaLee Dragon, Chris Sagaas, Beth Lathrop, Corinne Leone, Joanne Koukoulas, Ph. D., and Jen Ferriss.

To view the full election results, please click [here](#).

About NYLA:

The New York Library Association (NYLA) is the voice of the library community in New York. NYLA is the oldest state library association in the country and represents school, college, special and public libraries, library staff, trustees, and students from around the state.

NYLA is the only statewide organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of all libraries and library staff in Albany and serves as the spokesperson on library matters to the media and public policymakers.

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