



Candidate Profile

2020 FLS Executive Board Election



Nominee For: Second Vice President

Term Ending: November 2022



Name:

Terry Mulee (incumbent)
Rochester (Monroe County Library System)

Present Position:

Second Vice President, FLS Executive Board (2012 – present)
Newsletter Editor; Webpage Liaison;
FLS Communications Committee Chair

Prior Work and Volunteer Experience:

2011 – 2015: Executive Board of St. John's Home Auxiliary; Membership Secretary; Communications Chair
2009, 2011, 2013: NYLA's Youth Services Section Spring Conference Committee member
Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley: Over 30 years of service as a trainer and 20 years on the Library Team, overseeing the collections, organization, and operation of three library locations across five counties in the Council.

Education:

Nazareth College of Rochester: B.A. Religious Studies, Elementary Education Certification.
Numerous training and environmental education certifications

Activities and Affiliations:

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.: life-long and Lifetime member
St. Monica Church: life-long member, numerous volunteer activities over the years including former roles as Silent Auction Coordinator and choir member
Amateur photographer

Position Statement:

In my eight years as a volunteer for the Empire Friends Roundtable, now the Friends of Libraries Section, I have watched our overall membership more than triple and the number of active members on the Executive Board quintuple. To me this growth demonstrates both the need for and importance of a strong state-wide network for Friends of Libraries.

My job as the 2nd Vice President gives me the opportunity to promote membership in NYLA and FLS. Through our newsletter, webpage resources, conference programming and presence at the trade show, regional workshops, Friends group Meet-ups, and awards, I can reach out to Friends and Friends groups, library staff, and library supporters across the state. I hope to see the upward trend of membership and active volunteerism in FLS continue.

However, as I look for increased membership, I am also aware of the challenges that the library community will have to overcome in the quest for a return to normalcy or our new reality in the wake of the Covid19 outbreak. We all know that NYS has been hit hard and I hope that FLS will help Friends navigate new and creative ways to support the libraries that we love so dearly. This makes membership in our organization even more crucial. The more members we have, the more we can do. Remember the FLS motto; "Friends Helping Friends." That's what we all need to do.