



Candidate Profile

2020 FLS Executive Board Election



Nominee For: Member At Large

Term Ending: November 2020



Name:

Leslie S. W. Riley (incumbent)
Cornwall-on-Hudson (Ramapo Catskill Library System)

Present Position:

Retired
Member At Large, FLS Executive Board (2013 - 2015; 2016 - present)
Reader for the Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award (2015 - present)

Work and Volunteer Experience:

Friends of the Cornwall Public Library (Recording Secretary, Board of Directors; Archivist; Bookstore Volunteer; Member of the Board, 34+ yrs.)

Church Lecture Committee Chair since 2017

Ramapo Catskill Library System: Public Services Consultant and Outreach Coordinator

[Customer Service More Than A Smile](#); Spanish Language Outreach; Trustee training

Newburgh Public Library: Adult Librarian - Substitute

Cornwall Public Library: Director: staff development; outreach; Friends (501c3)

Danbury Public Library: Children's Department Head

Bedford Hills Public Library: Acting Children's Librarian

John C. Hart Memorial Library: Library Clerk; Page; Volunteer

Education:

Library Information Sciences, MLS, SUNY - Albany 1970

Music, Philosophy, BA, Western College for Women 1968

Additional Training:

Peer Counseling 2007

Spanish Language Outreach 2004

Managing for Results 1999

Planning For Results 1997

Outreach Leadership Institute 1972

Activities and Affiliations:

First Church of Christ Scientist, Poughkeepsie – Lecture Committee Chair since 2017

Position Statement:

A vital Friends group develops good communication with the Library Director and staff, Library Trustees, the library's foundation, and the community. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue working with the dynamic leadership of Friends of Libraries Section (FLS) of the New York Library Association and "to promote and inspire local Friends groups...."

During a 48 year library career (Cornwall Public Library Director-18 years; Ramapo Catskill Library System Public Services Consultant and Outreach Coordinator-20 years; Cornwall Library Friends Board - 34+ years), there have been exceptional opportunities to reach out, advocate and generate interest affecting the impact of libraries in their communities. I am looking forward to continue working with the FLS Daniel W. Casey Advocacy Award Committee; being available to share experiences and ideas that add value to New York State's Friends groups; and participating in the outcomes and projects of FLS. Thank you!