



## Candidate Profile

### 2020 FLS Executive Board Election



**Nominee For:** Member At Large

**Term Ending:** November 2020



**Name:**

Ristiina Wigg (incumbent)  
Corning (Southern Tier Library System)

**Present Position:**

Retired  
Member At Large, FLS Executive Board (2014 - present)

**Work and Volunteer Experience:**

1998 – 2013: Executive Director, Southern Tier Library System

**Education:**

BFA, Alfred University, 2017  
AMLS, University of Michigan, 1971  
BA, Oakland University, 1968

**Activities and Affiliations:**

Board member, Foundation for Southern Tier Libraries  
President, Finger Lakes Finns  
Executive Committee, Your NY23rd Political Action Committee

**Position Statement:**

The ongoing impact of Covid19 and the declining economy means the need to keep patrons safe through social distancing and disinfecting will affect libraries for a long time – including through funding, programs, and loan of materials. Libraries will face increasing demands for new technology and online access, as well as our traditional, well-loved services. As former executive director of the Southern Tier Library System, I saw first-hand how effective Friends of Libraries can be in supporting the growth of their library, connecting the library to its community, and advocating for political and financial support.

Our Friends of Libraries Section is a vital resource for finding information and developing strategies to meet challenges. I am excited to participate in our efforts to connect Friends statewide, share inspiration for new ideas, projects and activities, and to work with you!