

# CANDIDATE SLATE FOR ILF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## LESLIE SUTHERLIN, VICE PRESIDENT



**Leslie Sutherlin** currently serves as the District Library Media Specialist at South Dearborn Community Schools in Aurora. Though she started as the high school media specialist in 2004, due to attrition, her responsibilities have gradually expanded to include all buildings

in the district. Prior to her work in the library, she taught high school English at Greenfield-Central and South Dearborn and coached volleyball for 13 years. In ILF, she served as President of AISLE in 2013 and has been active in ILF in many capacities, including the Eliot Rosewater and YHBA Committees, Silent Auction Chair, Conference Committee member, Legislative/Advocacy Committee, AISLE District representative, and Indiana representative on the Council of State School Library Supervisors (formerly NASTEMP). Outside of ILF, Leslie served on Glenda Ritz's Hoosier Family of Readers, and more recently, Leslie was selected for the Indiana State Library Leadership Academy. She has been an NEA Learning and Leadership grant recipient, an LSTA grant recipient and later a grant reviewer, and she has been published in *School Library Monthly* in an article co-written with Marge Cox and Linda Mills.

Committed to improving her community, she is a member of Aurora Tri Kappa, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Milan, and Milan High School Soccer Boosters. She serves as the chair of the Score for Scholars program for Milan Community Dollars for Scholars, as well as Milan Middle School PTO. She has served as an adult literacy tutor and has used her grant-writing skills to secure funds for local amenities, including a school playground.

Leslie earned her BA in English from Butler University in 1991, serving as Editor of the literary magazine *Manuscripts*. She earned her MLS in 2008 from Indiana University. Currently, Leslie and her husband, David, live with their three teenagers, Elizabeth, Sam and Parker, in Milan, Indiana, home of the real *Hoosiers* team. The family has three cats and a Great Pyrenees, Luna. When not attending school functions and her children's sporting events, she loves reading, volunteering and travel. Leslie's twitter handle is @leslieinlibrary.

Leslie is committed to providing quality literacy support, learning opportunities and library services, despite

challenges that education currently faces. She believes K-12 is a significant time for our students to develop critical reading and thinking skills, and she is committed to finding innovative ways to connect with her students, despite being spread across multiple buildings.

**Statement:** ILF's commitment to providing quality library services to all types of library patrons is important to me. I hope during my time on the board I can collaborate to develop strategies that strengthen membership. I would also like to spread the importance of all libraries to Indiana residents and legislators. Lastly, I would like to find new ways of providing value to our members so that they feel supported and connected to others in their situation.

## JUNE KRUER, ASSISTANT TREASURER



**June Kruer** has been the Director of the Charlestown-Clark County Library for six years. Prior to being the director, she worked 24 years as the Branch Manager for the Henryville Branch of the Charlestown-Clark County Library system. June has an MLS from Indiana University and a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from IU. She also completed studies for the Certified Public Library Administrator certificate. June has held positions within the state as IPLA chair, district 6 chair, CYPD chair, and membership committee; she currently is the treasurer of the local chamber of commerce. June has been a member of Indiana Library Federation for more than 20 years and is currently on the ILF board.

June is married to Michael Kruer and they have two adult married children with three adorable grandsons. Michael and June recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Any free time that June has is spent with her grandsons or some various craft, such as knitting, quilting and crocheting. June and her husband enjoy riding around in their jeep or just walking in the woods on their farm.

**Statement:** I am passionate about increasing awareness of Indiana libraries within our communities and building a united library support system. I know that ultimately all libraries share the same goal, to have the public realize our worth within our communities. I would like this opportunity to assist in building a stronger Indiana library community.

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## LATRICE BOOKER, AT-LARGE CANDIDATE



**Latrice Booker** has worked as the Interim Director of Library Services at Indiana University Northwest since July 2017. Previously, she worked as the Coordinator of Library Instruction at Indiana University Northwest beginning in 2008 and received tenure in 2014. Latrice began working at IU Northwest as an undergraduate student worker in the Circulation department.

After graduating with her Bachelor's degree in Spanish, she did not want to leave the library. A librarian told her about the Master of Library Science degree, and Latrice enrolled in the master's program at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. She received her MLS from Indiana University in 2006 and Master's in Business Administration from Indiana University Northwest in 2012. Latrice is currently pursuing a Doctorate degree in Instructional Systems Technology from Indiana University Bloomington. She is very active in library associations, including serving as a Board Director-at-Large for the Indiana Library Federation, Councilor-at-Large for the American Library Association, past co-chair of the Association of College and Research Libraries Scholarships Committee, past chair for the ILF District 1 Planning Committee and past President of the Indiana University Librarians' Association. Latrice was also a 2009 ALA Emerging Leader and is a member of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

**Statement:** I believe that one of the ways we prosper as a society, is to educate and inform the people. Everyone should have access to information. It is our duty as information advocates to provide access to all who are in need. I want Indiana residents to know who the Indiana Library Federation is and what we stand for. I want to see library communities collaborate across the state to provide premier library services to their constituents. There is power in numbers and if we work together, we can succeed in making sure that every person in Indiana have the resources they need for their education, jobs and overall wellbeing.

## FONDA OWENS, PUBLIC LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE



**Fonda Owens** is the director of the La Porte County Public Library, which is a multi-location library system with a service population of 65,000+. The library employs 54 FTE and has an annual budget of about 5.5 million dollars. She began as director in November of 2011 and prior to that was the Extension Services Manager beginning in January 2003. Before moving to La Porte, Fonda worked in public libraries in Alabama and Virginia. Over the course of her career, she has worked in circulation, youth services, technical services, outreach services and administration. She is a current member of ILF and in past years has been a member of ALA and PLA. The library is an institutional member of ILF and ALA.

Fonda's focus over the last five years has been on building and maintaining community relationships. The result of that focus has been the successful effort to get a \$12 million bond approved by the County Council. The bond funds were used to build four new facilities and extensively renovate three other buildings. The work at the Main Library has won an architectural award for design and most importantly, the community loves the new facilities. Another outcome has been a deeper collaboration between the library and the school corporations for new library services for students and teachers. This is called Libraries 360. The end result of the service is over 15,000 students and their teachers have LPCPL cards and materials are delivered to schools for their use.

Fonda is an active participant of the La Porte Chamber of Commerce as a member of their Governmental Affairs (2011 to Present) and the Business Retention (2017 to Present) Committees. She also represents the library on Skill Up!, which is a county-wide career readiness initiative led by the Department of Workforce Development. Fonda has been a member of the Rotary Club of La Porte since 2012, where she serves on the Rotary's Board of Directors and is active with Women in Leadership La Porte County, having served on their Board of Directors since 2017.

Fonda has three wonderful children, who have helped her grow and mature in ways that she cannot fully explain but she deeply appreciates their contributions to the person she has become. Fonda knows they will continue to keep her on her toes!

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**Statement:** My interest in serving on the Board of Directors for ILF comes from a belief that grows ever stronger in me that libraries are not becoming less relevant----libraries are becoming more relevant. ILF is working on that same belief and I would be honored to have the opportunity to be more involved with ILF. The services that libraries offer to communities are needed for strong, vibrant communities. That is what keeps me coming in to work every day.

## CHAD HECK, SCHOOL LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE



**Chad Heck** is the school librarian at Pike High School's freshman campus. He has served as a school librarian for the last decade. Prior to librarianship, Chad was a technology integration specialist and a classroom teacher teaching mathematics and computer science. Chad is passionate about intellectual freedom and the role of libraries in a democratic society. He was called to librarianship in high school after experiencing the talents of an awesome school librarian. In fact, he started reading Eliot Rosewater book nominees as a high school student around the time the program began.

Chad completed his BS and teaching certification at Manchester College (now Manchester University) with majors in mathematics and computer science. He later completed his MLS and school library certification from Indiana University and his JD and graduate certificate in intellectual property law from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in state and federal courts in Indiana. He holds a certificate in educational technology leadership from the Consortium of School Networking.

Chad has served on multiple committees within ILF including Advocacy and the Annual Conference Committee. He has presented many times at Annual Conference on topics from library ethics, intellectual freedom, and copyright and fair use.

**Statement:** As a board member, I will continue to push forward on ILF's school library advocacy. I will advocate for strong school library programs led by a licensed teacher with education and training in librarianship. I believe that librarians and the library community are strongest when we hold ourselves to our professional values including access, professionalism and intellectual freedom.

## MARNA HOSTETLER, ACADEMIC LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE

**Marna Hostetler** is the Director of the David L. Rice Library at the University of Southern Indiana (USI), a position she assumed in October 2012. Prior to USI, Ms. Hostetler was at the University of South Carolina (USC) for 13 years, holding positions as Head of Interlibrary Loan, Head of Access Services and finally Associate Dean of Libraries. Before USC, Ms. Hostetler worked for two years as Public Services Librarian at Hollins University, a liberal arts university for women in Roanoke, VA.

Ms. Hostetler earned a BA in Sociology, a BA in Psychology, as well as her MLS from Indiana University in Bloomington.

Ms. Hostetler has served as a board member for the Indiana Library Federation (ILF) since 2017 and is a member of ILF's Awards and Scholarships Committee and its Indiana Academic Library Association Advisory Board. She was a board member for the Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) from 2014-2017, serving on the Self-Administration Task Force (2015-2016) and the Board Nominating Committee (2016-2017). Ms. Hostetler is a member of the American Library Association's Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) and served on LLAMA's Library Organization and Management Section's Financial and Administrative Services and Leadership Development Committees from 2013 to 2015. She has served as a mentor for young library professionals for both ILF and LLAMA.

On the USI campus, Ms. Hostetler serves as a member of Provost's Council, the Academic Planning Council and the Center for Communal Studies Board. She is an Ex Officio member of USI's Council of Graduate Program Directors and Chairs, and Faculty Senate's standing Assessment and Faculty and Academic Affairs committees.

**Statement:** As someone who spent many years as a librarian outside of Indiana, joining ILF and serving as a board member has been a great learning opportunity. I have seen many changes in my 20+ years as a librarian and this is an exciting time to be in the profession. I am still learning about ILF and Indiana libraries, and I look forward to continuing to contribute in any way I can.

