



Nick Buron (he/him)
ALA Councilor-at-Large

Chief Librarian
Queens Public Library (NY)
89-11 Merrick Blvd, Jamaica, NY 11432

Type of Library: Public

Statement of Professional Commitment:

Every day, I see and hear our colleagues rise to the challenges in their unique communities and fulfill the truth that libraries are the center of community.

I have been fortunate to support, and be supported, by these colleagues and communities, including our own national professional association. I am honored to be nominated for the august role as a member of the ALA Executive Board after serving many years from committee member to ALA Councilor. ALA is always at a critical juncture. Over the years, we have overcome many challenges, yet I am always confident we have the talent among our ranks to take on the known, and unknown, demands which lay before us.

With your support, I will serve as a member of the Executive Board and help govern, assist with future planning and oversee accountability. Thank you for your consideration.

Previous Positions, at Queens Public Library (NY):

Vice President, Public Library Services	2013-2016
Director, Community Library Services	2012-2013
Associate Director, Central Library	2009-2012
Assistant Director, Community Library Services	2007-2012
Coordinator of Young Adult Services	1999-2007
Branch Manager	1997-1999
Assistant Branch Manager	1995-1997
Young Adult Librarian	1993-1995

EDUCATION:

State University of New York at Buffalo, Masters in Library Science, 1993.

State University of New York at Albany, Bachelor of Arts, American History, 1988.

Affiliations:

BCALA (Black Caucus ALA), CORE (Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures), IFRT (Intellectual Freedom Round Table, PLA (Public Library Association), SRRT (Social Responsibilities Round Table), ULU (Urban Librarians Unite), YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association)

ALA and ALA-APA activities:

Councilor, 2005-2008, 2009-2015, 2017-2020, 2023-present

Counsel Orientation Committee, Member 2018-2020

Constitution and Bylaws Committee, 2012-2018; chair 2013-2014

Planning and Budget Assembly, 2013-2018
Nominating Committee, 2012-2013
Committee on Legislation, Federal Legislative Advocacy Group, 2015-2017
Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship, Jury Member, 2015-2016
Publishing Committee, 2003-2007
Graphics Advisory Committee, 2002-2005
Major League Baseball@your Library Committee, 2002

Young Adult Library Services Association

2014 Governance Nominating Committee, 2012-2013
Executive Board of Directors, 2009-2012
 Councilor to ALA Council, 2009-2012
Organization and By-laws committee, 2008-2009
Board of Directors, 2005-2008
Teen Read Week Committee, 2003-2005
President's Program, 2003 Annual Conference
Best Books for Young Adults 2001-2002
Serving Young Adults in Large Urban Populations, 1999 – 2007

Library Administration and Management Association, Library Organization and Management Section

Organizational Theory and Practice Committee, 2008-2010
Special Conferences and Programs, 1998 – 2002
System and Services Section
 Nominating Committee 2001
 Programming Committee 1998 – 2000; co-chair 1999-2000
 Management Practices Committee, 1994 – 1998; chair 1996-1997

Additional Library Associations:

International Federation of Library Associations, Metropolitan Libraries Section
 Standing Committee Member, Information Coordinator 2021-present
Public Library Association
 ALA Membership Promotion Task Force, Liaison, 2008-2010
METRO – Metropolitan New York Library Council
 Board Member, 2016-present, Vice President 2018-present
New York Library Association, member, 1993-present
Queens College Graduate School of Library and Information Science Advisory Board,
 Co-Chair, 2011
San Jose State University Library School Youth Committee, 2006-2008
New York City School Library Council, 2001-2006, Vice-Chair 2002-2004, Chair 2004-2006;

PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS:

Contributor. "YA Q&A: Expert Advice on Tough Teen Services Questions," *Young Adult Library Services (YALS)*, winter 2009, page 14.
Alessio, Amy and Nicolas Buron. "Measuring the Impact of Dedicated Teen Service in the Public Library," *Young Adult Library Services (YALS)*, spring 2006, page 47-51.
Buron, Nicolas. "Mentoring New York City's Future Librarians," *Voice of Youth Advocates*, December 2001, page 342-344.

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 31