



ALA Executive Board  
Nomination as  
Rainbow Roundtable  
Candidate

**Candidate:** **Sherry Anderson  
(Machones)**

**Current Position:** Library System Director, Northern Waters Library Service  
(Ashland, WI)

**Education:** University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, MLIS, 2008  
University of Wisconsin Madison, Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Drama, 2005  
University of Wisconsin Colleges, Associates in Arts and Sciences, 2003

**ALA Activities:** ALA, Member, 2008-present

- ALA Council, Wisconsin Chapter Councilor, 2024-present, 2014-2020'
- ALA Council, Councilor-at-Large, 2021-2024
- Association of Specialized, Government, and Cooperative Library Agencies, Division President, 2019-2020
- Rainbow Roundtable, Executive Board, 2015-2018
- Rainbow Roundtable, Stonewall Book Award Committee, 2015-2016
- Library Leadership & Management Association (LLAMA), Scholarship Committee, 2013
- Rainbow Roundtable, Membership Committee Chair, 2012-2014
- New Member Roundtable, Mentor, 2012-2013
- Emerging Leaders Program, Sponsored by LLAMA, 2011-2012

Member: ALSC, CORE, GAMERT, GNCRT, IFRT, PLA, RRT, United, YALSA

**Other Professional  
Activities:**

Wisconsin Library Association (WLA), Board of Directors, 2014-2022, 2024-present  
WLA, Library Development and Legislation Committee, 2016-present  
WLA, Parliamentarian, 2022-present  
WLA, Leadership Development Institute, Chair, 2021-present  
Civic Health of Wisconsin, Steering Committee, 2021-present  
WLA, President, 2020 & 2021  
WLA, Interim Executive Director, 2021  
System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin, Chair, 2017-2021  
Arrowhead Library System, Board Member, 2014-2015  
WLA, Small Libraries Section, Chair, 2014-2017  
WLA, Small Libraries Section, Director-at-Large, 2011-2014

Other Memberships: Association of Rural and Small Libraries, American Indian Library Association, Freedom to Read Foundation, Rotary International, System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin

**Honors & Awards:** TRIO Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Wisconsin Rock County (2012)  
Alumni Awareness Award, University of Wisconsin Rock County (2008)  
GLBT Student Body President, University of Wisconsin Rock County (2000-2003)

**Statement of Professional Concern:**

In my 16 years as an ALA member, I have established a robust track record of active engagement within the ALA community. My commitment to intellectual freedom, diversity, fiscal management, and association governance has been a driving force in my contributions. Currently beginning my third term on Council as a chapter leader, I recognize the critical juncture at which the Association finds itself. As we navigate challenging decisions for sustained growth, coupled with the upcoming selection and onboarding of a new Executive Director, my profound dedication to ALA and the broader community it represents is unwavering.

Having served in diverse roles with a thoughtful and collaborative approach, I have collaborated with peers from all facets of our profession. My professional career has been multifaceted, with experience in academic, tribal, public libraries, library systems, historical archives, as well as directorship of a state library association. I have led strategic planning initiatives across several types of organizations and have implemented several integrated library systems. My proudest accomplishment to date is being part of the 2021 legislative team that secured a \$6 million increase to library state aid from a Republican-led legislature.

In this pivotal moment of decisions and transitions, I am eager to offer my expertise and commitment to service as a valuable member of the ALA Executive Board. I am honored to be nominated by the Rainbow Roundtable and it would be a privilege to be chosen by my fellow members to contribute to the continued success and development of our esteemed association.