



Grace M. Jackson-Brown

Research and Instruction Librarian
Missouri State University
Duane G. Meyer Library
Springfield, MO 65897
2008 - present

Type of Library: Academic Library

Statement of Professional Concerns:

If elected, I am willing to serve on the Executive Board of the ALA Council to help to move the American Library Association forward as it faces challenges organizationally along with tough societal demands as it continues to support libraries and librarians. ALA must be true to its strategic mission for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. It must become more representative of the racial, ethnic, LGBTQ, and other compositions of people within our professional field and within the communities that libraries serve. I believe it is important that ALA continue to lobby for support for federal funding of libraries and to advocate for intellectual freedom, the freedom to read, and all library services that build and support healthy communities. I embrace ALA's strategic mission and professional ethical values.

Previous Positions:

Campus Library Head, Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center Library and Weil Journalism Library,
Indiana University- Bloomington, 1994 – 2007

Reference Librarian, Herman B Wells Library,
Indiana University- Bloomington, 1989 – 1994

Reference Librarian, Monroe County Public Library, Bloomington, Indiana
1986 – 1989

Head, Circulation and Reserve Services, King Library
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
1983 - 1986

Education:

Indiana University, Ph.D. Mass Communication, 2005; Emporia State University, M.L.S., 1983; University of Missouri, B.A., English/Journalism, 1981

Division(s) and Affiliation(s):

American College & Research Libraries

Black Caucus of ALA

ALA and/or ALA-APA activities:

ALA Council, Councilor-at-Large, 2020-2023 and 2017-2020; ALA Council, Publishing Committee, 2009-2013 (Chairperson, Carnegie-Whitney Grant Sub-Committee, 2010-2012); AASL/ACRL Inter-Divisional Committee on Information Literacy, 2013 - 2015; ACRL African American Studies Section, Member-at-Large, 2014 - 2016, Publications and Research Committee, 2013 - 2014; ALA Black Caucus Literary Awards Committee, 2016 - 2018; BCALA International Relations Committee (IFLA Delegate, Durban, South Africa, 2007)

Officers held in state/regional library associations and other associations:

Missouri Library Association, Awards Committee 2019 - 2021

Honors and/or Awards:

IMLS 2020 Grant Award #LG-246429-OLS-20, *A Taxonomy of Black History Month Programming in Public Libraries*; Zora Neale Hurston Award for promotion of African American Literature, ALA/Reference and User Services Association, 2014; Roy Wilkins Education Partnership Award, NAACP Springfield Branch, Springfield, MO, 2014

Major Accomplishments:

I have served as Chairperson, Springfield African American Read-In Committee (AARIC), 2009 - present. The AARIC is a collaborative partnership of the Missouri State University Libraries, Drury University, the Springfield-Greene County Library District, Springfield Public Schools, and the NAACP Springfield Chapter. The mission of the Springfield AARI is to promote African American literature and build a community of readers.

Publications:

Jackson-Brown, Grace. *_Promoting African American Writers: Library Partnerships for Outreach, Programming, and Literacy_*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (Libraries Unlimited), forthcoming.

Jackson-Brown, Grace. "Teaching Library Research and Critical Reflection Skills to Undergraduate Students Using the Techniques of Role Playing and Debate," IN *_Motivating Students on a Time Budget: Pedagogical Frames and Lesson Plans for In-Person and Online Information Literacy Instruction_*. Edited by Sarah Steiner and Miriam Rigby. Chicago, IL: Association of College and Research Libraries, 2019.

Jackson-Brown, Grace. "Public School Librarians and Academic Librarians Join Together to Promote Diversity and Reading," *_Knowledge Quest_* 45.4 (Mach/April 2017), pp. 58 - 61.

Number of Years as an ALA Member:

20+