

Kimberly Johnson

CANDIDATE FOR PLA PRESIDENT

“I will lead efforts to continue to **innovate library services** to meet the challenges ahead and uphold the foundational principles of librarianship to **ensure access to all**, and where ideas and information are not suppressed.

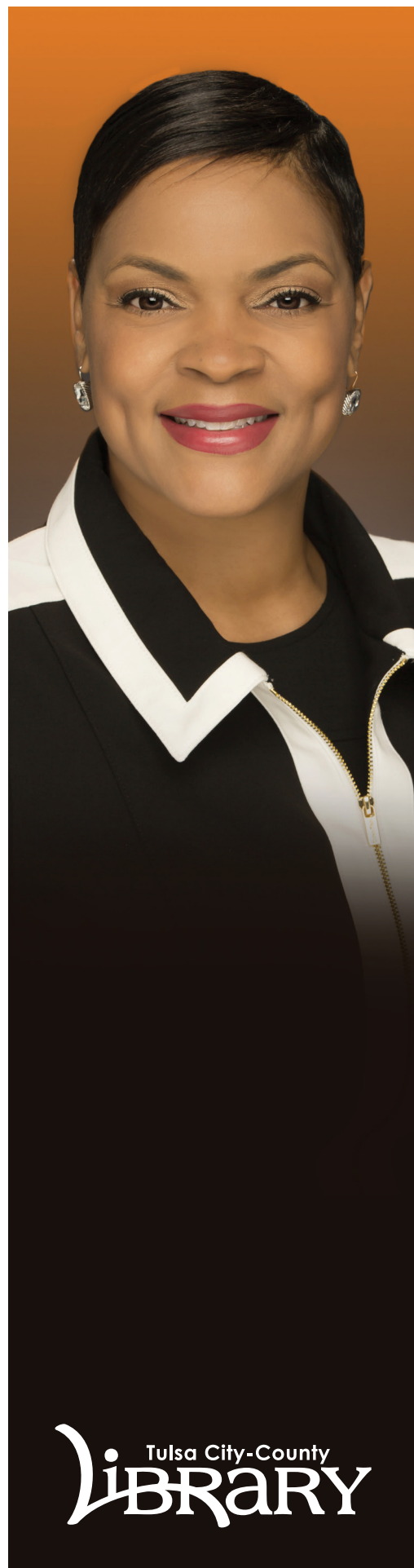
As an advocate for people of color, LGBTQIA+, and underrepresented communities, I will work with PLA leadership and members to **build on EDI work** in progress.”

- Kimberly Johnson

Chief Executive Officer, Tulsa City-County Library

Kimberly Johnson is originally from the Bronx, New York. She served two three-year terms on the ALA Council. She has held seven positions in her 23 years at Tulsa City-County Library (TCCL), including chief innovation officer and chief operating officer. Johnson was instrumental in customizing library buildings and services to meet demands of 21st century users. She led TCCL through a new customer-centered service model focused on providing convenience and removing barriers to service. This change led to the successful curbside service model launched in 2018 and applauded by PLA 2020 Conference attendees. She opened a Starbucks café inside the newly renovated Central Library – making it the first public library in the country to garner such a partnership. She leads 24 branch locations in 10 cities throughout Tulsa County, and is the strategic force ensuring TCCL evolves to meet customers’ ever-changing needs. She initiated TCCL’s equity, diversity and inclusion strategic plan and formed TCCL’s first EDI department. Both initiatives are anchored in TCCL’s strong staff culture for which Johnson sets the example.

2022 PLA election polls open March 14-April 6, 2022.
I would appreciate your vote!



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