



**Kathy Carroll**

Westwood High School Library Director

Blythewood, SC

**Type of Library:** Public School

**Statement of Professional Concerns:**

ALA membership provides indispensable resources, advocacy, and community to colleagues throughout our profession. As a Spectrum Scholar and former Spectrum Advisory Committee member, I understand how diverse perspectives strengthen our association. My time on Council and other ALA committees has given me experience with ALA governance and a nuanced understanding of the infrastructure and goals of the association. As ASSL President, during a pandemic, I witnessed the role of governance within divisions and its ability to provide both long-term and immediate support and leadership to the entire library community. This knowledge has allowed me to contribute to the Transforming ALA Governance Task Force (TAG) as we work to evolve to better meet the needs of our members.

The diversity we desire within the profession must be mirrored in our governance representation. School librarians are an essential component of the library ecosystem, and our perspective and leadership will strengthen the work of the association.

I hope to be a part of this critical moment in time to ensure that ALA not only maintains its influence but serves as an impactful and visionary cornerstone for our profession. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

**Previous Positions:**

- Westwood High School Library Director, Blythewood, SC, 2012- Present
- Ridge View High School Librarian, Columbia, SC, 2007-2012
- Ridge View High School English Teacher, Columbia, SC, 1995-2007

**Education:**

- University of South Carolina, School of Information Sciences, Master of Library and Information Science, 2009
- University of South Carolina, Master of Art in Teaching, 1989
- University of South Carolina, Bachelor of Arts Degree/English, 1987

## **Continuing Education**

- National Endowment of the Humanities Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop, *Living and Writing Deliberately: The Concord Landscapes and Legacy of Henry Thoreau*, 2019
- National Endowment of the Humanities Summer Institute, *Churchill and the Anglo-American Relationship*, Cambridge University; Cambridge, England, 2008
- Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English Summer Graduate Program, Oxford University, Oxford, England, 2003
- Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English Summer Graduate Program, Ripton, Vermont, 2002

## **ALA Affiliation(s):**

AASL (American Association of School librarians), ALA Black Caucus, ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom, Spectrum Scholars Community, EMIERT (Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table, Sustainability Round Table, Diversity Councilors Caucus

## **ALA activities:**

ALA Transforming ALA Governance (TAG) Task Force, 2021-present

AASL Board of Directors, 2019-present

ALA Working Group to Condemn White Supremacy and Fascism as Antithetical to Library Work, 2021-present

AASL Committee Chairs Chairperson, 2021-2022

AASL Leadership Development Committee Chair, 2021-2022

AASL Leadership Collaborative Committee, 2020-present

ALA Councilors-at-Large, 2016-present

AASL President, 2020-2021

ALA Nominating Committee, 2020-2021

ALA I Love My Librarian Committee, 2021

ALA Black Caucus Best of the Best Booklist Committee, 2021

AASL Executive Committee, 2020-2021

AASL Affiliate Assembly Coordinating Team, 2020-2021

ALA Spectrum Advisory Committee, 2018-2020

ALA Committee on Appointments, 2019-2020

AASL Bylaws & Organization Committee Board Liaison, 2019-2020

ALA Spectrum Jury, 2015, 2017, 2018

AASL Presidential Initiative Task Force, 2017-2018

AASL Leadership Development Committee, 2014-2015

AASL/RUSA American University Presses Book Board Liaison, 2014-2015

AASL Region IV Director-2013-2015

AASL Board of Directors, 2013-2015

AASL American University Presses Book Selection Board Liaison, 2013-2015

AASL Planned Giving Initiative Task Force, 2013-2014

AASL Committee Chairs, 2013-2014

AASL Regional Directors Elect, 2011-2013

AASL Affiliate Assembly Executive Committee, 2011-2013

ALA Spectrum Scholar Interest Group, 2009-2011

**State and National Library Activities:**

South Carolina Freedom to Read Task Force (co-founder), 2021-present

Equity Advisory Panel NES (National Evaluation Series) Test Framework Review Committee, 2021

University of South Carolina, College of Information and Communications Alumni Council- 2018-Present

South Carolina Association of School Librarians (SCASL) Conference Committee, 2019

South Carolina Young Adult Book Award Committee, 2011-2013, 2018-2019

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Library Media Items Review Committee, 2014

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Teacher Leadership Framework Committee, 2013

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Content Revision Reviewer, 2013

South Carolina Association of School Librarians (SCASL) Executive Board, 2011-2012

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Library Media Standards Committee, 2009-2010

### **Honors and/or Awards:**

- Toyota International Teacher Program in South Africa, 2011
- American Association of School Librarians Emerging Leaders Scholarship, 2008
- ALA Spectrum Scholarship, 2007
- Fulbright Teacher-Scholar, Tokyo, Japan, 2001

### **Major Accomplishments:**

- Transforming ALA Governance Task Force (TAG), 2021-present
- American Association of School Librarians President, 2020-2021
- Educational Testing Service (ETS), ETS Praxis Library Media Specialist National Advisory Committee (NAC), 2020
- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Site Visitor, 2013-2015
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Library Media Specialist Standards Committee, 2010

### **Publications:**

*AASL Knowledge Quest* President Columns

President's Column: *Lessons from the COVID Chronicles* (Volume 49, No.5, pgs 4- 5)  
May/June, 2021

President's Column: *Our Ongoing Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion* (Volume 49, No.4, pgs 6 –7)  
March/April, 2021

President's Column: *New Year Offers New Opportunities to Advocate for School Libraries and Learners* (Volume 49, No.3, pgs 4- 5)  
Jan/Feb, 2021

President's Column: *Leveraging Collaboration in an Evolving Learning Environment* (Volume 49, No.2, pgs 4- 5)  
Nov/Dec 2020

President's Column: *School Librarians Shine during Uncertain Times* (Volume 49, No.1, pgs 4- 5)  
Sep/Oct, 2020

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*AASL Knowledge Quest* Contributing Blogger 2020-present

*Literature and Landscapes Lead to a Collaborative Professional Development. SCASL Messenger*, Winter 2019-2020, pp.18-19.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards- *What Teachers Should Know and Be Able to Do*- Policy Statement Revision Contributor, 2016

**Number of Years as an ALA Member: 13**