**TO:** PLA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Mary Hirsh (mhirsh@ala.org)

**RE:** PLA Leadership Activities

**DATE:** January 4, 2019

**ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:** Report

**ACTION REQUESTED BY: N/A**

**DRAFT OF MOTION:**  N/A

**OVERVIEW**

Leadership capacity development is a PLA key strategic goal. The PLA Leadership Academy is the key activity supporting that goal. Since 2015, 4 Academies have trained 114 public library leaders. A fifth Academy is scheduled for March 25-29 in Chicago.

**KEY CURRENT ACTIVITIES/METRICS**

After a competitive application process, 28 librarians were selected to participate in the 2019 PLA Leadership Academy. They will be joined by 7 nationally-known practitioners for a week of intensive learning facilitated by Dr. Adam Goodman, director of Northwestern University’s Center for Leadership. The group will hear from guest panelists, receive one-on-one mentoring and develop the outline of a project to implement on their return. The full roster of participants and coaches is listed on the following page.

The Academy content has been revised to reflect the new PLA leadership model. To develop engagement skills, Academy participants will spend one day in the field in a modified immersion activity. This exercise is designed to for participants to practice both listening and storytelling skills.

**BUDGET**

Leadership is also a Legacy Grant lever. Costs of the Academy are covered by Legacy.

**ASSESSMENT**

PLA will again complete a full evaluation of the Academy and compare it against previous Academy results.

**PLA STRATEGIC GOAL LINK (check all that apply)**

[ ]  TRANSFORMATION [x]  LEADERSHIP [ ]  ADV. & AWARENESS [ ]  E.D.I.S.J. [ ]  ORG. EXCELLENCE

2019 Participants

* Dawn Borgardt; Library Supervisor; Hillsboro (Ore.) Public Library
* Anne Bramblett; Assistant Director of Public Services; Austin (Texas) Public Library
* Veronica Britto; Administrative Librarian; Free Library of Philadelphia (Penn.)
* Connie Chow; Branch Manager; Huntsville-Madison County (Ala.) Public Library
* Midori Clark; Director of Community Relations, Development & Strategic Initiatives; Pueblo (Colo.) City-County Library District
* Cathy De Leon; Manager of Branch Library Services; Long Beach (Calif.) Public Library
* Hadiya Evans; Librarian; Denver (Colo.) Public Library
* Bernie Farrell; Youth Services Coordinator; Hennepin County (Minn.) Library
* Christina Fuller-Gregory; Makerspace Librarian; Spartanburg County (S.C.) Public Libraries
* Jill Hutchison; Youth Services Coordinator; St. Mary's County (Md.) Library
* Lena Kilburn; Assistant Director; Framingham (Mass.) Public Library
* Portia Latalladi; Branch Manager; Chicago (Ill.) Public Library
* Amita Lonial; Assistant Director; Tacoma (Wash.) Public Library.
* Anthony Lucarelli; Head of Adult Services; Indian Prairie Public Library District (Darien, Ill.)
* Marcos Martinez; Managing Librarian; Austin (Texas) Public Library
* Rosanna McGinnis; Director; Lewis Cooper Jr. Memorial Library (Opelika, Ala.)
* Jean Mead; Assistant Director; Athens (Ga.) Regional Library System
* Amy Mikel; Coordinator of School Outreach; Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library
* Quintina Mraz; Early Literacy Services Coordinator; Fairfax County (Va.) Public Library
* Megan Mulvey; Outreach & Program Services Manager; Suffolk (Va.) Public Library
* Felicia Oliver; Branch Manager; Calcasieu Parish Public Library (Lake Charles, La.)
* Nataliya Papushina; Branch Supervisor; Indian Trails Public Library District (Wheeling, Ill.)
* Lindsey Patrick; Library Manager 3; Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library
* Nanette Peterson; Branch Manager; Somerset County Library System of New Jersey
* David Quick; Adult Services Coordinator; (Washington) D.C. Public Library
* Abby Simpson; Southeast Regional Manager; Pikes Peak Library District (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
* Casey Titschinger; Branch Manager; Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County (Ohio)
* Joshua Wolf; Community Engagement & Learning Services Manager; Monroe County (Ind.) Public Library

2019 Coaches

* Sonia Alcantara-Antoine, Director, Virginia Beach Public Library
* Carolyn Anthony, Retired, Skokie Public Library
* Luis Herrera, Retired, San Francisco Public Library
* Michelle Jeske, City Librarian, Denver Public Library
* Liz Miller, Retired, City of Tucson
* David Singleton, Director, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library
* Julie Walker, State Librarian, State Library of Georgia