



## OCLC Global and Regional Councils 2021 Election

### AMERICAS REGIONAL COUNCIL 2021 DELEGATE ELECTION

# Candidate Statements

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## CANADIAN LIBRARIES

Vote for 1 (one) candidate

### Joseph Hafner

Associate Dean, Collection Services  
McGill University Library and Archives (Québec, Canada)



#### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

OCLC is an important part of the services we provide to our students, faculty and researchers at McGill, which ensures we can help them connect with the resources they need to do their work. Our Library migrated to WMS in 2019, because it was a logical step after successfully using so many OCLC products over the years. We appreciate they find cost-effective solutions to our needs. In a time of facing issues with for-profit companies charging us more for services, having a cooperative like OCLC as a strong organization is important to help us face the challenges we have when we all are facing budget issues and want to support open access.

**Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

Throughout my career OCLC has been there, and I believe in the mission to support of the work of libraries throughout the world. While it started as a way to automate cataloguing, it has become so much more, including the research office and the advocacy for libraries. With my experience in international library associations and projects, I feel I can help make a difference in the activities of the Global and Regional Councils.

**Biography:**

The Associate Dean, Collection Services, at McGill University, and has been at McGill since 2004. During his career, he has held leadership positions at both McGill University and at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library. He is on the HathiTrust Program Steering Committee and the HathiTrust Community Metadata Strategy Task Force, and active in IFLA, serving now as the Chair of the Linked Data Technical Subcommittee (LIDATEC) and helped launch the IFLA Namespaces website. Previously he was Chair of the IFLA Acquisition and Collection Development Committee, and a founding member of the IFLA LGBTQ Special Interest Group. He was co-chair of the Canadian Linked Data Initiative, which brought together colleagues from CARL libraries to coordinate efforts in Canada on linked data, and as part of this effort, collaborated on a grant-funded seminar in Montreal on linked data. Co-editor of *Space and collections earning their keep: Transformation, technologies and retooling*.

## Renee Reaume

Training and Development Librarian  
University of Calgary (Alberta, Canada)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

The OCLC cooperative is important for many reasons. Every library needs to be a member of organizations that facilitate libraries working together; OCLC is a premier example of such an organization. More specifically, the University of Calgary benefits from and uses a variety of OCLC services including WorldCat, FirstSearch, and cataloguing.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

As a Delegate to an OCLC Regional Council I would seek to contribute to the advancement of OCLC and am excited to have this opportunity. I am interested in ensuring the products and services offered by OCLC are relevant to our collective network. My experience and successes both in public and academic libraries have all relied on collaborative endeavors and regional partnerships. I know that collectively libraries can achieve far more than on our own, and in the past year in particular the global collective power of OCLC has been more relevant than ever.

### **Biography:**

My early professional practice focused on governance and policy related to rural public libraries and, in particular, those dealing with collections, technology, and automation. My professional practice at the University of Calgary has been in a variety of roles. From 2006 until a parental leave in 2011, I was Head of the Health Information Network. When I returned, I became Technology Officer, Taylor Family Digital Library, where the scope of my responsibilities included digitization and repository services. After I returned in 2016 from a research leave, I accepted an appointment as Director, Metadata Services. During this time, we migrated to the Alma system and I was the organizational change management lead for this project. My experience working with staff in applying their skills in

new settings along with my own training in professional coaching has more recently brought me to the newly created position of Training and Development Librarian.

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# CARIBBEAN LIBRARIES

Vote for 1 (one) candidate

## Tricia Lawrence Powell

Director User Services & Conservation  
National Library of Jamaica (Jamaica)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

OCLC has created a platform for Jamaica and the rest of the world an opportunity to delimit our reach through the sharing of our bibliographic data and collaborating our treasures to create a unified space of the world greatest memory bank. OCLC yields brand dynamism, repositioning our legacies for access beyond bits and bytes but towards a path where posterity of history and heritage can be realized.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

The opportunity to sit with the team will advance our agenda and share for mutual benefits. OCLC remains a flagship brand and has the potential to move beyond the space of mere libraries and information practitioners, and my involvement as a process improvement, risk management and information professional will aid in application, implementation, and sustainability. OCLC's reach through salable approaches stands with merit to have strong institution as the National Library of Jamaica apart of the round table. I am committed, a strong advocate and one who works with dexterity, alacrity and participates as congenial addition to the team. The National Library of Jamaica, as legislated by the Government of Jamaica, has custodial responsibility for the entire library and information network of over 100 members institution. We also enjoy regional and international partnership through other legal and regulatory frameworks.

**Biography:**

Tricia Lawrence Powell, over 20 years, boasts a fulfilling career in the library and information management field coupled with project management, compliance, risk, environment, safety, and audit. The diversity has propelled her to assume impactful leadership roles across public and private industries as well as assuming roles within her professional space being Advocacy Chair, Public Relations Chair, and nominee for presidency to the Library and Information Association of Jamaica. She recently assumed responsibility as an advisor of the Archive Committee gazette by parliament in June 2021. Added accomplishments are noticeably conferred as she continues to chart her path beyond the boundaries through her writing and stakeholder engagements. She lives daily on the philosophy of being true to self and work toward excellence while giving a helping hand. She is married, has two daughters, and loves to dance.

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## SOUTH AMERICAN LIBRARIES

Vote for 1 (one) candidate

### Sandra Gisela Martín

Library Director

Universidad Católica de Córdoba (Argentina)



#### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

For me, as a teacher, membership in OCLC is important for the exchange of ideas and experiences, for research and training activities, and for connecting with other information professionals, which undoubtedly results in professional growth and improvement. As director of the Library System, membership allows me to share knowledge for better institutional decision-making. Membership in OCLC is important to my institution to be at the forefront of library technologies, based on needs and user experience. We believe that the services and products offered by OCLC help our institution to achieve its aspirations, given that our Library System, through its vision, aims to be a model in the provision of library and information services based on knowledge management in quality, in innovation, in communications, and in information technologies to contribute to the intellectual, cultural and professional development of the university community.

#### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I am interested in being a delegate to be able to disseminate OCLC's activities and services in Argentina and the region. I have seen that there is little representation of Latin America in the Global and Regional Council. I am interested in collaborating in research and taking on challenges in relation to cooperative services to connect and share with the library cooperation networks with which my institution has links, conferences and webinars. I will build on this experience further, continuing to actively

promote the work of members, the EMEA Regional Council and the Global Council. I will act as a representative for all libraries within both the UK and EMEA, returning in kind the benefits I have had as an OCLC member.

**Biography:**

Master in Digital Documentation, Bachelor of Computer Science and Bachelor of Librarianship and Documentation. Director of the Library System of the Catholic University of Córdoba, Argentina. Associate Professor of the subjects: Information Sources and Services II and Computer Systems of the Degree in Library Science at the National University of Córdoba. She teaches various careers for doctorates, masters and specializations. Teacher of courses related to technologies, information search and retrieval, scientific production. Member of the Thesis Committee of the Bachelor's Degree in Librarianship at the Universidad Nacional del Litoral. Evaluator and director of final works for undergraduate and master's degrees. External consultant of the National Commission for University Evaluation and Accreditation (CONEAU) for the Libraries area. She was Executive Coordinator of the Agreement of University Libraries of the Province of Córdoba (ABUC) in two periods. She is the author of several scientific articles and the book *Metadata for the description of online electronic resources: Analysis and comparison*.



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# USA ACADEMIC LIBRARIES GROUP 1

Vote for 4 (four) candidates

## Seangill Peter Bae

Assistant University Librarian for Scholarly Collections Services  
Princeton University Library (New Jersey, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

From my first position at the University at Albany, I have noticed the power of the library community which enables resource sharing activities through the OCLC network. And slowly I have realized what OCLC is doing and can do for the library community. As no library can be self-sufficient and can own all the materials their patrons need, no one library alone can overcome the current and future obstacles and challenges coming to our profession. Only the community of libraries gathered together with the same goal can make plans and prepare for the challenges. I firmly believe OCLC as a community of libraries can make successes that cannot be accomplished by one library alone.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I wish to be a delegate to bring the voices of the resource-sharing librarian community who are dependent on the OCLC network. In recent years, there are other resource-sharing networks being formed by for-profit companies and they are replacing some of the sectors in which OCLC was the main player. I wish to see OCLC's role more firmly established in the library community. As a resource-sharing librarian from my first position, I have been active in working with and creating a network of resource-sharing librarians both nationally and internationally. I believe the experiences and my works I have done with the resource-

sharing community can bring a benefit to the Global and Regional Councils.

**Biography:**

I am currently working at the Princeton University Library as Assistant University Librarian for Scholarly Collections Services. In my current role, I am managing the Access service and Acquisitions department. Before Princeton, I worked at the Columbia University Library as Head of Delivery services, responsible for the resource sharing and reserve services. Prior to Columbia, I have worked at the University at Albany (Albany, NY) as Interlibrary Loan Researcher and History Subject Specialist.

**Trevor A. Dawes**

Vice Provost for Libraries and Museums and May Morris University Librarian  
University of Delaware (Delaware, USA)



**Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

It is important because of the nature of the relationship between OCLC and libraries. There is a symbiotic relationship that, though difficult at times, is one that is worth nurturing and improving.

**Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I believe the best way to see the change you want is to be a part of that change. To the Council, I will bring my experience on other library boards, my knowledge of OCLC, my experience as a leader to advance conversations—and action—to help move the OCLC mission forward.

**Biography:**

Trevor A. Dawes has worked in the academic library sector for over 20 years developing and providing a range of service-enhancing training and professional development opportunities that positively impact library-wide projects and programs. Dawes also facilitates workshops on leadership

development and diversity, improving the knowledge, skills, competencies, and abilities of librarians and library workers. A published author and presenter, Dawes has written or edited books, book chapters, and articles, and has presented on a variety of topics at local, national, and international conferences. Dawes earned his Master of Library Science from Rutgers University and has two additional Master's degrees in Educational Leadership and Educational Administration from Teachers College, Columbia University.

## David Goldsmith

Associate Director for Collections & Research Services  
North Carolina State University Libraries (North Carolina, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

OCLC services are vital to maintaining our efficient workflows for describing and providing discovery to our 3+ million volume collection. OCLC services are integrated with our document delivery workflows, which have been lauded by our community for years. The benefits of having a global knowledgebase of holdings across the world and tools to leverage that information are critical as libraries need to make local choices about maintaining collections and services which cannot be done responsibly in a vacuum. Like any organization, OCLC is not perfect, but if service development is focused on membership needs it warrants continued support.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

NC State University Libraries spends between 1.5–2% of its annual collection budget on OCLC services. I want to make sure that my institution and other institutions of OCLC are making wise choices with their investments and are creating/delivering services for the good of all of its members. I believe that the research and development of tools and contributing to standards is where OCLC can continue to have its greatest impact by working at a global

scale. I would like the opportunity to learn more and promote these areas and the positive impact OCLC makes at micro and macro levels.

**Biography:**

David Goldsmith is Associate Director for Collections & Research Services at the North Carolina State University Libraries. In this position, he has administrative oversight of a 70 FTE division responsible for the functions of research engagement, collections strategy, special collections, program planning & outreach, finance & business, technical services, and preservation. As the libraries' chief operating officer he manages a \$30M budget and has successfully created a cohesive program that ensures quality services and effective processes to procure, organize, and enable discovery for collections that enhances scholarship for students, faculty, and other library users. David's previous appointments at NC State University include AD for Materials Management, Head of Acquisitions, and Collection Manager for Distance Learning Services. Before joining NCSU, he was head of the Resource Development Department at Florida International University. He holds an M.L.S. from Florida State University and a B.S. in Zoology from the University of Florida.

**Linda Kopecky**

Associate Dean, University Libraries and Teaching & Learning Technologies  
University of Nevada, Reno (Nevada, USA)



**Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

OCLC affiliation has been key to success at every library I've worked at, allowing us to contribute locally to a global enterprise that in turn provides resources far beyond what we could achieve without being part of the cooperative. Access to quality shared records at an affordable cost, participation in thoughtful ground-breaking research, the advantages of shared technology services, professional development and networking, and global options for resource sharing are just a few of the benefits of OCLC membership. In a previous position, I was an active contributor to OCLC virtual reference service and benefited

from the global knowledge banks. All libraries benefit from OCLC's quality user studies and related respected data science.

**Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I would be honored to represent academic libraries through the Global and Regional Councils. I bring more than 30 years of higher education experience plus an extensive professional network of colleagues in K–12, public and special libraries due to years of mentoring and employing I-School graduate students. I have a strong record of service and professional leadership through 50+ library association committees. I actively follow and act on relevant research, forecasts, and trends. I have completed research on the value of libraries, and keep abreast of changes in facilities, services, and tools. I have worked at both regional and Research 1 universities, in both rural and urban settings, in America's Midwest and West. I would bring an extensive knowledge and skill set to the Councils to help direct OCLC as it continues to move forward on behalf of global libraries.

**Biography:**

Linda Kopecky has more than 30 years of academic libraries experience, including administration, collections management, research services, vendor partnerships, access services, building operations, accessibility issues, EDI advocacy, and more. She has a national reputation in organizational leadership and a strong professional network. Kopecky is currently Associate Dean of University Libraries and Teaching & Learning Technologies, University of Nevada, Reno. Previous positions include Head of Research Services, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, Associate Professor of Library Instructional Services, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Assistant Professor & Assistant Documents Librarian, University of Illinois at Chicago. Kopecky is a two-term (2015–2021) Councilor at Large of the American Library Association, a former Director-at-Large of the Association of College & Research Libraries and Past President of the Illinois Association of College & Research Libraries.

## Joe Mocnik

Dean of Libraries

Kansas State University (Kansas, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

Academic libraries serve students, faculty and staff but also bring unique strengths and collective muscle strength to help inform change both locally and globally. Through OCLC's Regional Council, my goal is to bring our local and regional concerns and voices that will help us get united behind common ideas and make an impact on teaching, learning and research as well as on the community at large. Unlike for-profit or privately owned companies, OCLC operates only for the benefit of libraries and is guided by the membership. Through my work at my home institution here at Kansas State University, I would like to continue to utilize and promote these many benefits related to the OCLC services to which we subscribe and continue to explore other valuable nascent opportunities.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I would be honored to serve as a delegate to support OCLC as the leading global library collaborative organization. One of the keys of OCLC's success is its strong connections and close ties to its members who sometimes exclusively rely on the wide array of OCLC offerings. Member input plays a key role in guiding the services, research, and future direction of the cooperative. The Council is one of the important ways that OCLC interacts with its members and delegates have the opportunity to work closely with OCLC staff and through this interaction can reflect the needs and concerns of member libraries.

### **Biography:**

Joe Mocnik, PhD, is a newly appointed Dean of Libraries at Kansas State University, the nation's first operational land-grant university. An experienced university librarian and administrator, he is originally from Croatia and has a master's degree from University of London and doctoral degree from Bowling Green State University. In addition to



his administrative duties, he is actively promoting all aspects of library innovation, especially in the areas of digital scholarship, data services, and effective data practices. He is passionate about social justice, community outreach, internationalization, and lifelong learning. He is active in a variety of professional organizations including ALA and ACRL. He serves on the Prairie Public Broadcasting board, EBSCO advisory board, and actively participates in other community activities that help enrich lives. He previously served as a Fulbright Scholar and is a recipient of a Distinguished Dissertation Award.

## **Anne Cooper Moore**

Dean, J. Murrey Atkins Library  
UNC Charlotte (North Carolina, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

My goal throughout my career has been to improve customer service and to make locating and obtaining relevant library resources as easy and quick as possible. Since I first began my library career in 1979 as a Library Clerk at Duke University's Perkins Library, OCLC has been the cornerstone of making that happen. One of my first responsibilities was to teach other library employees to edit records in OCLC and produce library cards. Later I managed the subject card catalog including updating all subject headings to AACR2. Having worked in more libraries than I can count over my 40-year career, I have always promoted the OCLC collaboration as the key to the success of libraries in our society. At UNC Charlotte's Atkins Library, we continue to enhance records with metadata, so that they are as accurate as possible for other libraries to use.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

OCLC is key to the future success of all types of libraries as we create shared collections and integrate more services

into the library platforms. I am in a position now late in my career that I understand the past and can see options for the future. I care deeply about the role of libraries in people's lives and want to give input to OCLC as it develops its future roles. I would collaborate with others on the councils to give OCLC the best possible advice.

**Biography:**

Anne Cooper Moore has served as Dean of the J. Murrey Atkins Library at UNC Charlotte since June 2015. Previously, she served as Dean of Library Affairs at Southern Illinois University (SIU) Carbondale from 2012–2015 and as Dean of Libraries at the University of South Dakota (USD) in Vermillion from 2008–2012. She also worked in libraries at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, George Mason University, New Mexico State University, and the University of Arizona. She serves on the UNC System University Library Advisory Council and served on the board of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries for several years. In ALA she serves on the CORE Board and in the Leadership Section, was a past president of LLAMA, and has been a long-time member of RUSA, ACRL, and NMRT. She holds a PhD in Educational Management and Development from New Mexico State University, an MSLIS from the UNC–Chapel Hill, and a BA from Duke University.

**Xuemao Wang**

Vice Provost for Digital Scholarship, Dean and University Librarian  
University of Cincinnati (Ohio, USA)



**Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

OCLC is an organization guided by representatives from member institutions. All membership works together to create a truly global libraries community with a database of 30 million entries representing materials held in more than 10,000 libraries. OCLC also directly engages individual professionals through its training, educational and research programs. To be part of such a noble mission, University of Cincinnati Libraries (UCL) has always been an active member. We participated not only directly in OCLC



programs, we also participated in OCLC related services through our regional library consortium OhioLINK. As a matter of fact, Ohio was the birthplace for OCLC. In the 1960s, Ohio state funds supported the development of OCLC, then called the Ohio College Library Center. UCL also participates in OCLC emerging programs, such as the member-driven research libraries community known as Research Library Program (RLP). As OCLC members, we know from experience that working together as a global library community will make us not only “go far” but go “faster” as well.

**Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

The Global and Regional Councils are part of OCLC membership governance structure; they make meaningful participation in OCLC operations and its strategic future. First, with my long-time involvement in International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and more specifically, with two terms as chairperson of the Knowledge Management Section standing committee and founding convener of the Digital Humanities/Digital Scholarship SIG, I can bring rich IFLA perspectives to the Councils and promote IFLA’s and OCLC’s shared vision of promoting United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Second, with my broad service experience with professional organizations from the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), I can contribute to the Councils with perspectives such as changing and emerging strategic directions from academic and research libraries communities. Lastly, with my dual responsibilities of leading university libraries and the university-wide digital scholarship integration at my home institution, I can share with the Councils lessons learned in pursuing the journey of digital transformation and partnership in interdisciplinary research.

**Biography:**

Xuemao Wang is the Vice Provost for Digital Scholarship, Dean and University Librarian of the University of Cincinnati (UC). In his roles, Xuemao oversees and facilitates the formation and execution of visions, strategies and plan implementation for university-wide Digital Scholarship and

the University Libraries. Xuemao has over 30+ years of diverse library and information technologies, services, management and leadership experiences, with a career that spans the public, academic, large library consortium and international library worlds. He has held global leadership positions in the IFLA, ALA, CRL, ARL, SPARC, and OhioLINK. He has been frequently invited to international conferences to give speeches on topics of digital scholarship, digital humanities, and library strategic planning. Prior to working at UC, he served as the Associate Vice Provost of University Libraries at Emory University. He has also held positions at Johns Hopkins University's Sheridan Libraries, the Metropolitan New York Library Council, Queens Borough Public Library and worked as an academic librarian in China in his early career.

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## USA ACADEMIC LIBRARIES GROUP 2

Vote for 3 (three) candidates

### David Alexander

Head of Resource Management and Assistant to the Dean  
University of South Dakota Libraries (South Dakota, USA)



#### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

OCLC is both essential to maintaining accessible collections in our library and to connecting us with the rest of the world. In an era of restrained financial resources and continuing explosion in publishing our participation in OCLC makes the efficient and accurate cataloging of our resources possible. Similarly, we are increasingly forced to reduce ongoing subscriptions to journals in favor of on demand access via interlibrary loan. OCLC is also important as we build our digital collections both in terms of providing infrastructure and connecting us to the wider community.

#### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

The twenty-plus years I have worked in libraries have been a period of contestation between libraries and for-profit internet search providers. The for-profit model directly challenges long-held library value of service in the public interest. Google has been so successful that it is now used as a verb. The battle is not over. Google ingests information on search behavior and continues to evolve. I believe our only hope to compete with their ever-increasing sophisticated search capabilities is through the cooperative effort of libraries everywhere. OCLC is one of the few organizations that has the capacity to bring libraries together and lead the evolution of library services, ensuring that the public will continue to have a means of locating and using information based on the values espoused in the

Library Bill of Rights. It is my hope that through serving on the Americas Regional Council to contribute to those efforts.

**Biography:**

David Alexander is the Head of Resource Management and Assistant to the Dean of Libraries for the University of South Dakota Libraries. He oversees the interlibrary loan operations and electronic resource subscriptions while also providing leadership for broader collection management activities. Throughout his twenty-plus year library career he has provided reference and instruction services and served as liaison librarian (subject specialist) to various academic departments including current responsibilities to Native Studies and two departments in the School of Education.

**Vicky Hart**

Director of Library Services  
Northeast Lakeview College (Texas, USA)



**Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

It is important to Northeast Lakeview College because we use WorldShare Management Services (WMS) as our catalog and WorldCat Discovery as our discovery layer. In addition, we use OCLC for our ILL service. By having these services in a one-shop web application, we are better able to serve our students, faculty, and staff with exemplary service. For many of our students, this is their first time in a full-service academic library. By having a consistent interface for them to use, staff are able to provide a wider range of services such as initial research topic exploration, database integration, and advance research opportunities for our faculty as they continue their professional development. With an interlinked web application, staff can quickly accomplish operational tasks to serve our visitors. This has allowed us to expand our services for all, while working with a smaller team.

**Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to**

**the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I have been an OCLC user from the beginning of my library career. OCLC is the foundation of library catalogs and ILL departments everywhere. I feel it is important to protect and support this resource. As a council delegate, I would promote global cooperation and OCLC membership to the library organizations of which I am a member. OCLC is a powerhouse in the library world, but it has remained true to its original vision. There are many other library management systems in the world, but they all interface with OCLC's various components and services. Having a working knowledge of OCLC services has made it an easy transition between the public and academic library environments. OCLC is not just about a single application for library management, it is about a commitment to excellence in library stewardship. That commitment is one way to support the drive for advancement in the library world.

**Biography:**

Vicky Hart has had a career promoting information literacy while emphasizing innovation and lifelong learning. She holds an M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a B.A. in Biopsychology from Vassar College. Her experience includes director of an academic library, director of public libraries, reference librarian at urban universities and community colleges, and branch manager for a military installation library. Throughout her career, she has been an active member of state library associations, and has been a member of the American Library Association, the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), the Public Library Association, the Library Leadership and Management Association, and the Government Publications Round Table. She was recently elected as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Community and Junior College Libraries Section of ACRL and currently serves on the Executive Board of the Council of Research and Academic Libraries of San Antonio as the Vice President/President-Elect.

## Laura Johnson

Director of Library Services  
Livingstone College (North Carolina, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

Being able to work with OCLC since 2012 when our server crashed was a saving grace for us at the Andrew Carnegie Library at Livingstone College. It was necessary for us to have all the needed integrated services readily accessible and easy to use through one source which could provide us with additional training and immediate feedback to restore availability to our collection for our users. OCLC fulfilled this requirement as we have had to handle more than 65,000 volumes with more than 20,000 remaining.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I have learned a great deal about OCLC since 2012 and am willing to share my special journey with others. There is still more to learn that I can use to assist my staff, our users, and others in the academic community. Andrew Carnegie Library at Livingstone College is a small library which continuously searches for techniques to work smarter. Other small schools can benefit from the services offered by OCLC and input from a person involved can be helpful in determining the needs of institutions in similar situations. I believe my knowledge of budgets, collection development needs, and circulation needs in a small setting can be valuable to the council.

### **Biography:**

Laura Adair Johnson, B.A., M.L.S., C.A.S. Laura is a native of Charlotte North Carolina. She completed a BA in French and an M.L.S. at UNC–Greensboro. She earned an advanced degree in Educational Media and completed Educational Administration certification at UNC–Charlotte. Laura is also a graduate of the BRIDGES Academic Leadership for Women Program at UNC–Chapel Hill. She is currently working on her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership. Throughout her career, she has been a public

librarian, a media specialist, a coordinator of special programs, and a classroom teacher. Laura retired from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools as Vice Principal at West Charlotte High School. Since 2012, she has served as the Director of Library Services at Livingstone Collect where she started her academic career as the Reference Librarian.

## **Michael Levine-Clark**

Dean of Libraries

University of Denver (Colorado, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

The University of Denver Libraries has an excellent and creative staff, but like most libraries, we are understaffed. Our membership in OCLC and in a variety of key library consortia (particularly the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries (Colorado Alliance) and the Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA)) has allowed us to leverage collective expertise and the work of the community to make maximum use of our limited staff. One of the things that has always impressed me about libraries is the degree to which we collaborate and cooperate. Our institutions are competitors (for students, for funding, for reputation) but we work together because we know that it makes us all better. I have spent my career working with other libraries and with vendor and publisher partners, and I am certain that my own librarianship and my library have benefited from it. OCLC epitomizes that sort of collaboration.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I care deeply about collaborative relationships with library partners and have devoted a good deal of my career to working closely with and attempting to influence the work of these partners. My commitment to deep collaboration has led to my participation on many publisher advisory boards and in leadership roles in consortia and various other



library-related organizations. I serve in these roles because it is crucial for librarians to engage with every aspect of the ecosystem in which we work. I believe that I have been effective in these roles, and that it has made me a better librarian while also providing value to these organizations and to my library. Just as I have devoted my time and expertise to advising publishers, vendors, and consortia because I want them to be maximally effective, my aim is to help make OCLC as effective as possible at serving the library community.

**Biography:**

Michael Levine-Clark is the Dean of the University of Denver Libraries, where he has worked in various positions since 1999. Deeply committed to library collaboration he co-founded the open access journal *Collaborative Librarianship* and continues to serve on its editorial board. He has held leadership roles in multiple professional organizations focused on collection development and acquisitions. For his work on e-books and demand-driven acquisition models, he received the 2015 Harrassowitz Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award. He has been active in shared print initiatives and serves on the executive committees of the Western Regional Storage Trust and Rosemont Alliance. He serves on a variety of publisher and vendor library advisory boards and a range of committees within library professional organizations and consortia. He is widely published and has been invited to speak on six continents about trends in academic libraries and scholarly communication.



## Andrew White

Director, Library Information Services  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (New York, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

Libraries excel when they interact as partners and collaborators beyond traditional organizational and institutional structures. And the information needs during the recent global pandemic exemplified how libraries contribute to the greater global advances in science and technology, while simultaneously preserving and recording the important primary sources of history, culture, and society in order to provide a wholistic understanding of our world. This multi-disciplinary perspective and collaborative approach sits at the center of my Institute's academic and research missions.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I am interested in the intersection of information management and technology, with a desire to help enable access to a variety of information formats and primary sources. As a delegate, I hope to contribute to the development of solutions and innovations that enable such access while recognizing the global variations in standards, cultures, economics, and technical infrastructures.

### **Biography:**

With 30+ years of experience in academic libraries, I am currently the Director of Library Information Services at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Previously, I was the Associate Chief Information Officer and Senior Director for Research Computing at Stony Brook University, as well as Interim Dean of Libraries. I hold an MLIS from Queens College and a PhD in historical musicology from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. My articles have appeared in the *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science*, *Computers in Libraries*, *LCATS*, and *The Electronic Library*. I also co-authored *E-metrics for Library and Information Professionals*, published in both the USA and UK, and translated into Russian. A member of

Beta Phi Mu, I was a UCLA Senior Fellow and have been a member of advisory boards for the American Chemical Society, EBSCO, and Elsevier.

## Reina Williams

Associate Dean of University Libraries and Research  
University of Dallas (Texas, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

The OCLC cooperative is important to me and my institution because it allows us to maintain authority control and improves the accuracy of our public catalog. The resources available from OCLC enable my staff to keep the catalog up-to-date with relevant information for our users. The tools for processing and cataloging physical materials, and ebooks have been essential to their daily work. OCLC's interlibrary loan services were a lifeline for many of our students and faculty when we shifted to remote work and online learning. Students and faculty could no longer visit lending institutions or TexShare libraries due to COVID-19. We kept interlibrary loan services going through the entire pandemic. If we were closed we could still provide contactless pickup of interlibrary loan, or request articles from institutions all over the world for our students and faculty members' research projects. We were still able to meet all of their needs during our closure.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I would like to be a delegate, because it gives me the opportunity to support and contribute to the many members we have a cooperative relationship with through OCLC membership. Especially OCLC members outside of the U.S. that we have never met or spoken to that continue to provide great service to us via interlibrary loan. OCLC membership gives libraries an opportunity to improve the integrity of their cataloging processes, provides vital training for library staff, professional development on a

variety of topics, and a variety of services essential to the daily operations of libraries.

**Biography:**

Reina Williams earned her M.L.I.S. from Dominican University in River Forest, IL, and has a B.F.A. in Art History, Art Criticism, and Theory from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She was the Manager of Research Services at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, IL, and became a Senior Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP). She was a tenured library faculty member and served as the Library Department Chair at Wilbur Wright College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago, in Chicago, IL. She has served on several professional library committees and boards including as a Director-at-Large on the Illinois Library Association board. Currently, she is the Associate Dean of University Libraries and Research at the University of Dallas. In addition to her duties as the Associate Dean, she serves as the library's systems administrator.

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## USA LIBRARY CONSORTIA/GROUPS

Vote for 1 (one) candidate

### Deirdre Brennan

Executive Director  
RAILS (Illinois, USA)



#### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

As I stated in my bio, resource sharing is the main goal of my organization. The Illinois System Act established systems in the 1960s to promote resource sharing and enhance libraries services for all types and sizes of libraries. OCLC services are a foundational piece of resource sharing in Illinois, of course. I would like to bring my years of experience to OCLC to assist in identifying and implementing necessary changes to keep OCLC service relevant to libraries around the world.

#### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I want to be part of the transformation that OCLC will need to make to maintain its leadership role in the library ecosystem. I have served on the ICOLC/OCLC task force that developed the recent report on OCLC services, governance and operations. I watched Skip's video with great interest and excitement; I, too, want to work on positive change and collaborative transformation for OCLC and member libraries.

#### **Biography:**

I have worked in special, academic and public libraries throughout my 35-year career. As Executive Director of RAILS, I oversee a multitype regional system with 1263 libraries in northern Illinois. We provide resource sharing support and continuing education services to members, and develop and implement innovative projects that

enhance library services. We also advocate for libraries through our MyLibraryIs program. I have also been a public library director, most recently in Oak Park, Illinois. I was also the Chief of Public Services at the Boston Public Library and worked in special and academic libraries in Massachusetts. Resource sharing is the main goal of our library system. I was given the Hugh Atkinson Award in 2016 by the Illinois Library System in recognition of my work. I have been active in state and national associations including serving as President of the Massachusetts Library Association.

## **Elijah Scott**

Executive Director  
FALSC (Florida, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

Throughout my professional library career, I have used OCLC resources and services in a variety of ways, whether it be as a cataloger who relied upon the OCLC Cataloging and Metadata service as an essential bibliographic utility, or as a reference and instruction librarian who regularly used FirstSearch as a critical research resource for students, or as a library director who looked to CONTENTdm as a cost-effective option to build a digital archive. OCLC is an organization recognized by libraries around the world for providing resources and services that are essential to libraries. In my current role as the executive director of a library consortium, my organization works directly with OCLC to support the technical services infrastructure that we provide to our member libraries. We also coordinate an OCLC Group Services Agreement on behalf of our member libraries. Our consortial membership in OCLC, combined with the individual memberships of our consortia member libraries, are essential to the success of our consortia and our libraries.

**Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

As the executive director of a library consortium, I have regular conversations with our member libraries, both individually and as a group, regarding both the value that they receive from OCLC as well as their desire to see change and improvement at OCLC. I believe that the opportunity to serve as a delegate would allow me to have a voice in strengthening the relationships between libraries and OCLC, as well as to speak on behalf of my member libraries to express their ideas for enhancement and improvement of OCLC resources and services. Throughout my career in libraries, I have held a core belief in providing exceptional customer service to all library users. I believe this perspective would make me a valuable contributor to the OCLC Americas Regional Council.

**Biography:**

I currently serve as the Executive Director of the Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative (FALSC) at the Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC), which serves the 40 public state colleges and universities of Florida. My professional library career spans more than 23 years, including roles in technical services, reference and instruction, and library administration and leadership. As Executive Director of FALSC, I am responsible for oversight of more than 40 employees and of a budget of over \$12 million. In this role, I work collaboratively and cooperatively with the library deans and directors of all 40 institutions served by FALSC to ensure that our services and resources meet the curricular and academic needs of students, faculty, and staff.

**Aaron Skog**  
Executive Director  
SWAN (Illinois, USA)



**Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

Integrating libraries within the regional, national, and global presence is critical for libraries as their presence is increasingly an online presence. OCLC's WorldCat bibliographic holdings and central index of online resources provides libraries the heavyweight fighter needed in the world of big tech. Our SWAN library consortium relies on OCLC services and shared bibliographic resources throughout all processes of library automation, including cataloging, extended worldwide discovery, and resource sharing. Effective configuration, training, and support for our member libraries in these services have enabled our libraries to respond to any patron request knowing that the extended network is accessible and willing to share resources and expertise.

**Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

OCLC has the technology and the tools for libraries to thrive and be successful. I believe the OCLC messaging to public libraries is somewhat lost within the battle for library staff and leadership attention. In libraries of all sizes, staff are stretched thin, making it difficult to keep up with new tools and enhancement of services. I believe library systems, consortia, and networking groups can help share this knowledge and support within their membership circles. Our consortia implemented a new tier of support in our 100-member library consortium to integrate OCLC configuration, support, training, and value-added services for members. This effort has been well worth the benefits of extended services to our patrons and expansion of tools, resources, and expertise demonstrated daily by library staff throughout our consortium. I would champion the collaborative work of libraries in developing tools through the developer network and encourage more active work in this area.



**Biography:**

I have 22 years' library experience with 12 years' experience as Executive Director of the SWAN Libraries resource sharing consortium. Leading a library consortium has allowed me to become experienced in all facets of library services. I have always welcomed the challenge of providing solutions for the immediate needs of libraries, all the while retaining a wider view of how libraries can strive to meet the next challenge.



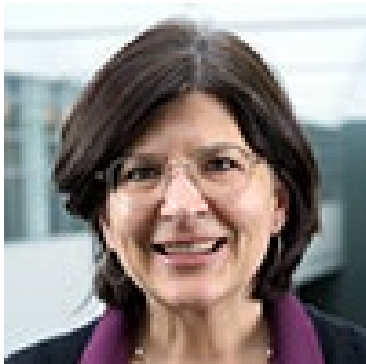
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## USA GOVERNMENT (FEDERAL/NATIONAL) LIBRARIES

Vote for 1 (one) candidate

### **Christine Korytnyk Dulaney**

Chief, Germanic and Slavic Division  
Library of Congress (Washington, DC, USA)



#### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

OCLC has been central to my work since my first professional library position. Because the institutions where I have worked have been OCLC members, I have firsthand knowledge of the value of cooperative sharing of knowledge and skills. This value extends from sharing bibliographic records to services such as interlibrary loan and discovery of special collections. In my current position at the Library of Congress, I am pleased to be able to continue to collaborate and share with libraries all over the globe. I am particularly proud to be able to share the work of the catalogers who provide bibliographic descriptions which enable access to resources in all languages using the tools and platform provided by OCLC. As a result, libraries can embrace this collaborative spirit to best serve the needs of their users.

#### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

After serving one term as a delegate to the Global Council, I am just beginning to understand the opportunities that this role provides for contributing to a wider global community. I would like to strengthen my work with collections from the Germanic and Slavic region of the world to a wider audience both in the United States and other parts of the globe. I believe that participation on the OCLC Regional and Global Council would provide a network of colleagues and partners where I can contribute to furthering international librarianship and the values of sustainability,

collaboration and access to collections and research regardless of geographic location.

**Biography:**

I currently serve as Chief of the Germanic and Slavic Division at the Library of Congress. This position is responsible for overseeing the acquisition and cataloging of print and electronic monographs and serials from Germany, Russia, Scandinavia, Baltics as well as Eastern, Central and Southern Europe. My career has spanned technical services in several university and law libraries in Washington, DC, as well as the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress. Professionally, I have always been interested in growing and developing library collections. More recently, I have been concerned with cataloging, and particularly the challenges of ensuring equity and diversity in our bibliographic descriptions. Working at the Library of Congress provides a unique opportunity to update the tools and rules which guide the profession in this work.

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## USA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Vote for 3 (three) candidates

### Dianne Connery

Director

Pottsboro Area Public Library (Texas, USA)



#### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

Progress in libraries thrives by building on the work of others, yet it is common for the innovative work small libraries perform to go undiscovered. Accessing relationship-building and professional development opportunities outside of their limited networks empowers libraries to transform. Larger organizations can be informed and inspired by the work being done by adaptable small libraries. Thankfully, OCLC provides an opportunity for rural libraries to capitalize on resources that their budgets could not otherwise afford, as well as share their achievements. At the ARC 19 Libraries Future Conference, I was honored to present a session focusing on our small-town library's esports program. Speaking among so many high-profile conference attendees and presenters left me feeling a bit out of place—until an academic librarian shared with me that she was considering pursuing a public library position in response to my presentation.

#### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

Amplifying the collective voice of rural libraries to a diverse, far-reaching organization like OCLC will guarantee much needed two-way communication between small and large systems. On a daily basis, small libraries meet critical community needs in ways likely to surprise their suburban and urban counterparts. These programs and essential services —broadband infrastructure, for example— wield

the potential to elevate the public's (and library funders') understandings of libraries' ever-expanding roles. A window of opportunity exists right now for libraries to transform their roles, funding, and community image. If this opportunity is missed, it is unlikely to happen again in our lifetimes. With appropriate vision and leadership, libraries could serve as catalysts in meaningful ways. Connecting those small libraries with the ideas and information they need requires an organization with enormous reach, like OCLC. I would like to be part of that effort to advocate for rural and small libraries.

**Biography:**

Dianne Connery has been committed to rural public libraries since 2010. She earned a Master of Library Science from Texas Woman's University and a Master of Gerontology from the University of North Texas. Ms. Connery is actively invested in efforts to improve broadband access and digital inclusion in rural communities. Ms. Connery changed careers after twenty years as an entrepreneur in geriatric case management and corporate trainer to librarianship. She advanced from a trustee to the library director while leading numerous successful community projects. She is passionate about inspiring others and advocating for the work of rural libraries, with emphasis on addressing the technology needs of the community. Under her leadership, the library has grown from facing shutdown eleven years ago to operating as the community hub. The Pottsboro Library as named one of the "Top Three Best Small Libraries in America" in 2017. Ms. Connery was honored as an Innovator in *Library Journal's* "Movers & Shakers" class of 2021.

## Lisa Rosenblum

Executive Director

King County Library System (Washington, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

As one of the largest library systems in the country, KCLS is proud to be on the cutting edge of digital and print equity. We believe in collections for all and have based our selection philosophy as user driven. We still provide traditional ILL services and are proud to participate as a contributing member to OCLC with our professional staff and high standards for cataloguing just as much as we value sharing with our library partners. In addition as we continue to collect in multiple languages we value the collective synergy of sharing our diverse collections with other libraries.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I believe my experience directing medium, large and very large library systems with diverse populations across the USA leaves me with a unique perspective on the needs of public libraries in addition to a broad network of contacts throughout the library industry. I have contributed as a leader in digital equity for all, organizing a successful nationwide to ebooks and if it had succeeded, would have profoundly changed the role of the public library system boycott of Macmillan Publishers who attempted to deny public libraries access in its role of providing access for all. I will bring that energy and knowledge to represent the needs of all libraries. In addition I have advocated nationally on behalf of ALA with members of Congress in support of library legislation.

### **Biography:**

Lisa Rosenblum was hired as King County Library System Executive Director in January 2018. Prior to KCLS, she served as Director and Chief Librarian at Brooklyn Public Library (NY), and before that as Director of Library and Community Services for Sunnyvale (CA) and Hayward

(CA). She earned a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, and a Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. Lisa currently serves on the University of Washington Information School MLIS Advisory Board and has taught management courses at the MLIS program for San Jose State University (CA) and Pratt Institute (NY). She was honored to be chosen a 2009 Alumni of Distinction for San Jose State University, a 2009 *Library Journal* Mover & Shaker, and was chosen to participate in the Stanford University Institute on the Future of Libraries and the Urban Libraries Council Executive Leadership Institute. She is also a published author, with her latest contribution a chapter on strategic planning for the revised edition of *Information Services Today*.

## Lynette Schurdevin

Library Director  
Rio Rancho Public Libraries (New Mexico, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

We have a very limited library materials budget and to use the inter-library service has been very beneficial. We also appreciate the MARC records that allows us to have good clean material records. I also share the monthly newsletter and current webinars and courses that WebJunction offers to all my library staff. It is a great way for them to continue their professional development.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I am a current member of the sustainability committee and have served on several panels at the OCLC ARC annual membership conferences. It is a great way to interact with other librarians and share ideas that helps to enhance the offerings that my library will offer to the community. As Skip Prichard is known to say, "Because what is known must be shared."

**Biography:**

I began my library career as a public library supervisor of circulation and inter-library loan services at the Lake Agassiz Regional Library, Moorhead, MN. While working there I received my MLS from Texas Woman's University online program in 2004. I relocated to Las Cruces, NM, as the circulation supervisor at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, and was promoted to the Library Administrator in 2011. In 2014, I moved to Rio Rancho to become the public library director and continue my work there. I am very supportive of my library staff and the many ways we reach out to our community over these past months and how we are envisioning our future. We see the importance of adding, improving, and instructing digital services to our community members and finding ways we can meet them outside the library, by offering hotspots and delivery services.

**Eric Suess**

Director

Marshall Public Library (Idaho, USA)

**Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

OCLC provides connectivity and expertise, and all that flows from that. Our institution in particular primarily benefits from catalog records and interlibrary loan services. We also use WorldCat for bibliographic verification. Beyond that, OCLC's thematic efforts, such as the exploration of the UN Sustainable Development Goals this past year, provide a structure for discussion locally.

**Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I would like to continue the work I began during my first term. The colleagues I have had a chance to work with, as well as the opportunity to contribute to the excellent content of OCLC's programs and conferences, are both strong



draws. Mostly, I wish to continue representing a demographic which is traditionally under-represented on Global Council—the small to mid-size public library not located near a major city. This sort of library is likely a majority of public libraries in the US and elsewhere and should have effective representation.

**Biography:**

BA in Government and English – University of Notre Dame, 1983; MILS – University of Michigan, 1987. I have worked in academic libraries (1987–1991), for a vendor (1993–1996) and as a public library director since 1996. I currently run a mid-sized public library in Idaho and have been Director there since 2011. I have been extremely active professionally.

**Kelvin Watson**

Executive Director  
Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (Nevada, USA)



**Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

Libraries are equalizers in an ever-changing evolving world. Libraries are critical to our economically depressed and BIPOC communities.

Digital skills and access are critical to one’s educational and career success. Therefore, it’s our mission to make libraries integral in addressing the digital divide and providing equity in communities. There is enormous opportunity for libraries in bringing transformative growth to those we serve through ambitious and groundbreaking technology initiatives, such as streamlining access to resources, introducing hands-on tech experiences, and developing new collaborative relationships that will help build career skills for youth and adults.

My membership in OCLC assists me in bringing new efficiencies and breakthroughs to not only my growing library system, but to the library profession, providing a



forum through which I can share models of success that have worked for me with my fellow council members.

**Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

The OCLC Global and Regional Councils plays a pivotal role in keeping libraries globally connected and evolving, which is my mission. "Inviting the Uninvited" is what I bring as candidate for the OCLC Global and Regional Councils, confident in my contribution in building a diverse membership for the organization. With my business and library experience, I've a deep understanding of the solutions, best practices, and challenges confronting libraries.

The term "uninvited" is a euphemism for those who don't frequent libraries because they perceive themselves as outsiders; don't feel they belong, see libraries as irrelevant to them, libraries are for "other people" who look differently, or enjoy a higher standard of living. They feel intimidated by libraries. In certain populations, they exclude themselves. This includes foreign-born people, BIPOC, and others with uncertainty about inclusion. Additionally, disenfranchised veterans, children and teens, incarcerated, low-income or -educated, homeless, and the disabled need libraries.

**Biography:**

Military, corporate, national and public library positions have prepared me as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Leader, bringing diverse leadership in library, information, community, engagement, business, and technology. Serving as new executive director of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, I'm setting in motion the innovative change all library systems are capable of.

At Broward County Libraries, I created pop-up libraries in unexpected spaces as public transit, parks, hospitals, prison, and airport. I am deeply committed to "inviting the uninvited," and use my experience in technology to forward this goal. I expanded library access to Broward County students by turning student ID numbers into Digital Direct Library Cards.

As COO at Queens Borough Library, I guided our technology, information and development efforts, developing several innovative programs, using strategies that addressed the digital divide; and at the USDA National Agricultural Library, I led many initiatives on Discovery, Delivery & Access of Information.

## Lance Werner

Executive Director  
Kent District Library (Michigan, USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

OCLC supports our dedication to excellence and enables us to provide a higher level of service through the provision of its offerings. I believe OCLC brings the library community together and its offerings strengthen our field. OCLC is integral to what we do as a public library, which is to connect people with excellent solutions. It does this directly through products and services, and through a sense of community with other members where we can lift each other up.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I am interested in helping OCLC be all that it can be. I have a lot of unique experiences and would gladly share my perspective. I feel librarianship is a selfless endeavor and I am proud to be a public servant. I also am a servant leader. I have a knack for identifying opportunities and recruiting partners to accomplish shared goals. I am a team builder. Libraries can only realize their true potential by understanding that cooperation is the way forward. In my opinion, OCLC embodies the spirit of cooperation among the library community and all the other organizations in our periphery.

### **Biography:**

I am an attorney and librarian. I have worked in academic, public, and government libraries in a variety of capacities and leadership roles. I have been the Executive Director at

the Kent District Library (KDL) in Kent County, Michigan, for 10 years. I am a former president of the Michigan Library Association (MLA), Chair of the MLA Legislative Committee, Advisory Board member of the Wayne State School of Information Science, and Chair of the Lakeland Library Board. I was the Michigan Librarian of the Year and *Library Journal* Librarian of the Year. I was also recognized as a Mover & Shaker by the *Library Journal* and was recognized as WSU's Distinguished Alumni. I am a former registered lobbyist. I am also a member of the Everylibrary Institute Board.

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## USA SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Vote for 1 (one) candidate

### Theresa Embrey

Director of Library Services  
Pritzker Military Museum & Library (Illinois, USA)



#### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

OCLC levels the playing field for cultural institutions. Its services and research efforts make libraries of all types and sizes more effective in providing materials and support to the communities that those libraries serve. By harnessing the benefits of scale and collaboration, libraries are able to accomplish their missions for less resources that they could independently.

#### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

I hope to bring the experiences of smaller cultural institutions to the Global and Regional Councils and advocate for the expansion of OCLC membership internationally.

#### **Biography:**

Theresa (Teri) A. R. Embrey is the PMML's lead for library acquisitions, cataloging of library materials, reference and reader services, and conservation and preservation of the Library's rare books. Teri is the recipient of the 2006 Illinois Library Association TBS, Inc. Technical Service Award and the 2006 Library Leadership Award from the Metropolitan Library System. She graduated from Dominican University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and History and a Master's in Library and Information Sciences. She later earned a Master of Arts in Public History at Loyola University Chicago. Her professional associations currently

include the American Library Association, the Illinois Library Association, and the Society for Military History. She has published and presented numerous articles on innovations in technology applicable to libraries and on topics in American History.

## Thomas Phillips

Executive Director  
Digital Theological Library (USA)



### **Why is membership in the OCLC cooperative important to you and your institution?**

The Digital Theological Library (DTL) operates four co-owned, completely digital libraries. All four libraries use OCLC WMS for collection management and discovery. One of our libraries is fully open access. The mission of the OADTL is to make all OA content in religious studies discoverable through a single search experience in a non-commercial environment without charge or registration. We are working hard to make religious studies the first discipline where OA becomes the expected norm in scholarly communications. In order to professionally curate this OA content, the DTL operates a vigorous internship program in partnership with OCLC to create and manage OA collections in the OCLC knowledge base. Through our internship program, the DTL has created several hundred carefully curated OA collections in the OCLC knowledge base (look for the prefix “DTL OA” in the OCLC Collection Manager). Our OCLC membership and partnerships are central to our commitment to promote OA.

### **Please explain why you want to be a delegate and describe the contributions you would like to make to the Global and Regional Councils to promote global cooperation and OCLC membership.**

The DTL has co-owning members for its various libraries literally around the globe. We manage two comprehensive, research libraries for schools in developed nations, an affordably priced library for schools in developing nations, and a fully open access library for the general public. The DTL serves as the primary (or the exclusive) library for over

150 small and very small institutions. It is very important for the Councils to include members which bring the perspectives and needs of such diverse libraries into consideration.

**Biography:**

Dr. Phillips is the executive director of the Digital Theological Library (DTL). Dr. Phillips holds a Ph.D. (Southern Methodist University), MA (Olivet Nazarene University), M. Div. (Nazarene Theological Seminary), and an MLS (Drexel). After teaching Christian Origins for 15 years and achieving the rank of full professor, Dr. Phillips earned his MLS and became a librarian. His library experience is diverse. He has served as the library director at Arapahoe Community College (Colorado's largest community college) and as dean of the library at Claremont School of Theology (a Ph.D.-granting graduate school) before founding the Digital Theological Library, an innovative library approach in which scores of institutions work together to co-own and to co-manage one shared digital library. His current interests include the promotion of Open Access and Controlled Digital Lending.

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