



Anchalee (Joy) Panigabutra-Roberts

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Title: Associate Professor, Head of Cataloging

Organization: The University of Tennessee Libraries

City, State: Knoxville, TN

Type of Library: Academic

ALA Membership Years: 21 years

Division Memberships:

Core, September 1, 2020-present

Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, 2001-2002, 2005-2020

Library Leadership and Management Association 2014-2020

Association of College and Research Libraries, 2001-2002, 2005- present

Round Tables Memberships:

Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), 2016-present

Map and Geospatial Information Round Table, 2014-present

International Relations Round Table, 2007-present

Video Round Table, 2006-2016

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships: Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA)

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Prior Positions

Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services, Associate Professor, The University of Tennessee Libraries, November 1, 2016 – July 31, 2018

Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services, Instructor, American University in Cairo Libraries, July 2013 -- October 2016

Metadata & Multicultural Services Librarian/Women's and Gender Studies Faculty & Library Liaison, Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries, August 20, 2007 -- June 2013

Degrees and Certifications

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Specialist Degree (ABD), Library and Information Studies, 2004;
University of Wisconsin-Madison, MLIS, 1988; Saint Olaf College, B.A. in English (Literature), 1986;
Chiang Mai University, B.A. in English (Linguistics), 1984.

Selected Certificates:

- Machine Learning for All, an online non-credit course authorized by University of London and offered through Coursera, completed on December 31, 2024
- Supervisory Foundations Certificate Program, University of Tennessee Libraries/UT Human Resources, completed, July 12-30, 2019
- Library Management Skills Institute I: The Manager, Association of Research Libraries, Yale University, Sterling Memorial Library Lecture Hall, New Haven, Connecticut, May 16-18, 2018

ALA and/or ALA APA Activities

- ALA Councilor at Large 2019-2028
- ALA Council Orientation Committee Member 2022-2024
- ALA International Relations Committee Member 2021- 2023
- ALA Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, Leadership Development Committee Member 2017-2021
- ALA Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, International Relations Committee Member 2015-2017
- ALA Library Leadership and Management Association, Leadership Development Committee Member 2015-2017
- ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee Member 2011-2013
- ALA Presidential Task Force on Traditional Cultural Expression, Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association's Representative 2010- 2011
- ALA Diversity Council, Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association's Representative 2009-2011

Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations

OCLC, Councilor, Leaders Council, 2024-2026

OCLC, Global Council:

Delegate-at-large, Executive Committee, 2023-2024

Delegate, Americas Regional Council, 2019-2024

Library of Congress Program for Cooperative Cataloging, Coordinator, Tennessee [Name Authority Cooperative \(NACO\) Funnel](#), June 2017 – present

Freedom to Read Foundation, Member, January 2026-present

Asian Pacific American Librarians Association:

Member at Large, Executive Board, 2018-2020

Member, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, 2013-2015

Co-chair, Task Force on Family Literacy Focus, 2010-2011

Member, Task Force on Family Literacy Focus, 2009-2011

AMICAL Consortium (of American international liberal arts Institutions), Member, OCLC Programs Committee, 2015-2016

Middle East-North Africa Innovative Users Group:

Chair, Annual Conference, 2015
Vice Chair/Secretary, Steering Committee, 2015

Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc., Member, Cataloging Policy Committee, 2011-2015

Asian Community and Cultural Center, Lincoln, NE:
Secretary, Board of Directors, January 2010-November 1, 2010.
Member, Board of Directors, June 2009-November 1, 2010.

Honors and Awards (library and non-library)

University of Tennessee Faculty Senate's honor, *Champion of Discovery: A Leader in Cataloging, Equity, and Volunteer Spirit*, 2025: <https://liveutk.sharepoint.com/sites/faculty-senate/SitePages/UT-Faculty-Senate-presents-ROCKY-TOP-ORIGINALS.aspx>

Scholarly Activity and Research Incentive Funds FY2024, Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), a travel award to present a paper at the International Symposium ETD Conference, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, INDIA, October 26-28, 2023.

IDEA Institute on Artificial Intelligence at UTK, a fellowship from Institute of Museum and Library Services, July 10-16, 2021.

Research Development Academy, a fellowship from UTK Office of the Provost, Division of Diversity & Engagement, and the Office of Research & Engagement, 2020-2021.

Major Accomplishments

- Appointed Associate Professor, University of Tennessee, 2016
- Tenured, University of Tennessee, 2023
- Coordinated the project to contribute catalog records for digitized Arabic books from the American University in Cairo Libraries to *Arabic Collections Online*, 2014-2016:
<https://dlib.nyu.edu/aco/about/>
- Coordinated cataloging projects and setting up library services for *Kawasaki Reading Room for Japanese Studies* and *Confucius Institute* library collections at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2010-2013
- Collaborated with the Asian Community and Cultural Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Asian World Alliance, Sigma Psi Zeta and Sheldon Museum of Art to bring the artist, Binh Danh, to Lincoln, NE, as an artist-in-residence with the final project, *Viet Nam, Nebraska*:
<https://binhdanh.com/project-8/>
- American Library Association. Alire Presidential Literacy Initiative. Awarded to Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) and American Indian Library Association (AILA). As one of the three APALA pilot libraries, collaborated with Lincoln City Libraries and Asian Community and Cultural Center to pilot a program on: *Talk Story: Sharing Culture, Sharing History. Asian and Pacific Islander and American Indian Cultural Heritage Literacy Program*. Awarded amount: \$4,000.00 for APALA's three pilot libraries. Grant period: January 4, 2010 - June 30, 2010.

Publications

Year	Citation
2025	Panigabutra-Roberts, Anchalee. "Representing Researchers in the Library Linked Data Environment: A Case Study of ORCID Users at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville," <i>Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication</i> 13, issue 1 (2025). doi: https://doi.org/10.31274/jlsc.18195
2021	Williamson, Jeanine and Anchalee Panigabutra-Roberts. "An Analysis of STEAM Disciplinary Interrelationships Described in Higher Education Articles," <i>Impact: The Journal of the Center for Interdisciplinary Teaching & Learning</i> 10, no. 1 (Winter 2021): 24-36. https://sites.bu.edu/impact/previous-issues/impact-winter-2021/
2019	Panigabutra-Roberts, Anchalee. "The Tale of Three Service Types for Researcher Identifiers and the Ethical Implication on Access to Information and Representation of Authors." In <i>Ethical Questions in Name Authority Control</i> , edited by Jane Sandberg, 261-303. Sacramento, CA: Library Juice Press, 2019.

Candidate Statement

It would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the ALA Executive Board to give back to ALA. I have experience serving ALA on Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Leadership Development Committee, Presidential Task Force on Traditional Cultural Expression, Diversity Council, and as a current councilor-at-large for over six years. I have leadership experience with library organizations in and outside of the U.S.; as a councilor on OCLC Leaders Council, a former member of OCLC Programs Committee for AMICAL Consortium of international liberal arts institutions, a former vice chair of Middle East and North Africa Innovative User Group and its 2015 conference chair. I also served on Asian Pacific American Librarians Association's (APALA) Constitution and Bylaws Committee and as a member-at-large on APALA's Executive Board. In Lincoln, Nebraska, I served on the Asian Community and Cultural Center's Executive Board as a member and as the board's secretary. I have also collaborated with other units on university campuses, public libraries and community organizations.

If elected, my goals are to:

- Listen, learn and advocate for ALA members, affiliates, partners and supporters in and outside of the U.S. to provide library services to users of all types of libraries and to ensure that all voices are heard and valued.
- Ensure transparency and accountability in ALA's governance, budget and programmatic goals with achievable outcomes.
- Support ALA to receive feedback from our membership and to tell stories of ALA's impact on libraries and communities to strengthen our members' confidence in ALA.
- Support the next generations of library workers via New Members Roundtable and student chapters to learn about their needs and how ALA can support them.
- Forecast ALA's future as we celebrate ALA's 150th anniversary.

Thank you very much in advance for your trust in me to serve on the ALA Executive Board.

Links

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