

## 2026 American Library Association Executive Board Candidate Biography



### **Lesliediana Jones**

**Director – Arthur Neef Law Library, Wayne State University Library Systems**

**Asst. Professor – Wayne State University Law School**

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### Professional Library Positions

- Associate Library Director, Harvard Law School Library, Harvard Law School
- Interim Assistant Dean, Harvard Law School Library, Harvard Law School
- Head of Document Services, Jacob Burns Law Library, The George Washington University Law School
- Librarian, Arthur Rubloff Law Library, Northwestern University Law School

### Education

- Master of Library and Information Science, Wayne State University
- Juris Doctorate, Wayne State University
- A.B. English Literature, University of Michigan

### American Library Association

- Councilor at Large, ALA Council: 2025 - 2028
- Committee on Legislation: 2024-2026, 2018-2020, 2012-2014, 2010-2012
  - Subcommittee on Copyright: 2010 - 2020
- Intellectual Freedom Committee:
  - Chair: 2022-2023, 2023-2024
  - Member: 2020-2022

### Freedom to Read Foundation

- President: 2025-2026
- Vice-President: 2024-2025
- Ex-officio Trustee: 2022-2024

### Other Professional Associations

- Michigan Library Association
- American Association of Law Libraries

### Personal Statement

I chose to run for ALA Council because I felt there was a need for a new perspective in the governing body. My candidacy theme was – New Face, New Voice, New Spirit. That is what I bring to Council, and it is what I will bring to the Executive Board. ALA is at a point in its history where that will be important.

It is not an understatement that ALA is facing significant challenges. Professionally and educationally, I have experience in the legal and library worlds. That combination provides me with a different perspective and approach that I believe will ensure that ALA can surmount those challenges. ALA has many varied goals and objectives but what is paramount is meeting the needs of our members.

If I am elected to the Executive Board, I will work to ensure ALA continues its upward path of remaining as the paramount, empowering, and valuable association in the library community.