



Julia Warga

Pronouns: she/her

Title: University Librarian – Director of the Library

Organization: John Carroll University

City, State: University Heights, OH

Type of Library: Academic

ALA Membership Years: 24

Division Memberships: ACRL, CORE

Round Tables Memberships: IFRT, IRRT

National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo) Memberships: No

Spectrum Scholar: No

Emerging Leader: No

Prior Positions

Director for Research and Instruction, Kenyon College, 2015–2023

Associate Director for Research and Instruction, Kenyon College, 2014–2015

Social Sciences Librarian, Kenyon College, 2010–2014

Degrees and Certifications

University of Illinois, MSLIS, 2003

Kenyon College, BA, 1996

ALA and/or ALA APA Activities

- ALA International Relations Round Table (IRRT) Councilor 2024-2027
- ALA Core Values Interpretations Working Group: Public Good member 2024–2026
- ALA 150th Commemoration Steering Committee member 2023–2025
- ALA Committee on Professional Ethics Member 2022–2026; Chair 2023–2025
- ALA Committee on Legislation, Member 2021–2023; COL Liaison to ALA Privacy subcommittee 2022–2023
- ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee member 2018–2022; Chair 2018–2020
- ALA Award Committees:
 - Lemony Snicket’s Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity Jury member 2021, 2022
 - Lippincott Award Jury member 2020
 - Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award Jury member 2019
 - (Former) Melville Dewey Award Jury member 2017, 2018
 - ALA Scholastic Library Publishing Award Jury Chair 2016
- ACRL Liaison to International Relations Committee (IRC) 2024-2025
- ACRL College Libraries Section (CLS Member-at-Large 2018–2020
- ACRL 2009 Conference Coordinating Committee, Cyber Zed Shed Subcommittee member 2007–2009
- CORE (formerly Library Leader & Management Association)

- LLAMA, Public Relations and Marketing Section, Education & Training Committee, 2015–2019
- ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, LLAMA Liaison, 2013–2015
- ALA Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT) Director-at-Large 2015–2017
- ALA IFRT Merritt Fund Promotions Committee Chair 2014–2015
- ALA IFRT Nominating Committee Chair 2013–2014
- ALA IFRT Chair 2012–2013
- ALA IFRT Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect 2011–2012
- ALA IFRT Program Committee Chair 2010–2011
- ALA IFRT Bylaws and Organization Committee Chair 2009–2010
- ALA IFRT Nominating Committee member 2007–2008
- ALA IFRT Treasurer 2005–2007
- ALA IFRT Program Committee member 2004–2006
- ALA IFRT John Philip Immroth Memorial Award Committee member 2004–2005
- ALA IFRT Proquest-SIRS State and Regional Intellectual Freedom Achievement Award Committee member 2004–2005
- ALA International Relations Round Table (IRRT) Executive Board member 2024-2027
- ALA IRRT Nominating Committee, 2014–2016, Chair, 2015–2016
- ALA IRRT International Connections Committee, 2006–2011
- ALA Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) Liaisons Committee Chair 2014–2015
- ALA LIRT Liaison to Freedom to Read Foundation 2010–2015

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

- LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund, Senior Trustee, 2021–2022; Trustee, 2018–2021
- Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF,) Ex-Officio Trustee, 2018–2020
- FTRF, Trustee, 2015–2017
- FTRF Gordon M. Conable Scholarship Committee, Chair, 2015–2016

Honors and Awards (library and non-library)

- ACRL College Library Director Mentor Program, 2023-2024
- MOR Leaders Program for Liberal Arts Colleges, 2022
- ACRL 2015 Mid-Career Librarian Scholarship
- ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, 2013
- Thinking Outside the Borders National Library Leadership Institute, Mortenson Center for International Library Programs and Illinois State Library, 2006

Major Accomplishments

- Board of Trustees (appointed), Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County (Ohio), 2022–2023
- Municipal Planning Commission (appointed), Mount Vernon, OH, 2022–2023
- City Council, Councilor-at-Large (elected), Mount Vernon, OH, 2020–2021

Candidate Statement

I believe the most effective ALA Executive Board members are experienced leaders and effective communicators who deeply understand ALA as both a membership organization and as an administrative entity.

My extensive leadership experience within and outside the library world has prepared me to work closely with ALA leadership to guide the future of the association. I have served in leadership positions in my libraries for more than a decade; currently I am the Library Director and University Librarian of John Carroll University. Within ALA, I am the current IRRT Councilor and COPE Chair, and I have formerly held roles as IFC Chair, Merritt Fund Trustee, FTRF Trustee, IFRT Chair. I have also been appointed to numerous ALA committees and working groups. I won election to my city council and was appointed to my public library's Board of Trustees. In each role, I positively shaped my communities through leadership, service, and engagement.

I have successfully collaborated with colleagues and built consensus with constituents to benefit the common good. And I have led high-profile projects and initiatives in which I have clearly communicated updates and progress. Whether launching a strategic plan, leading a renovation project, or proposing legislation, I am transparent, organized, and diplomatic.

I began my career in librarianship at the ALA headquarters, and my tenure as an employee continues to inform my membership and participation. I am committed to advancing the ALA Core Values of access, equity, intellectual freedom & privacy, public good, and sustainability. As a 24-year member of ALA, I am honored to be nominated for the ALA Executive Board. If elected, I am ready to work closely with the other Executive Board members to represent all ALA members with enthusiasm & integrity.

Thank you for your consideration.

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