TLA

EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE INFO

NAME: Elizabeth Gilbert
POSITION: ALA Councilor



Work Experience

School Librarian/Catalyst Library Leadership Team, Eisenhower 9 College Prep, Aldine ISD 2016-Present
School Librarian, Jewell Houston Academy, Aldine ISD 2012-2016
School Librarian, Carter Academy Aldine ISD 2010-2012
Teacher, Aldine ISD 1999-2010

Previous Board or Volunteer Leadership Experience

Reading List Coordination Committee, Member, 2025-2026
Texas Association of School Librarians, Nominations Committee, Chair 2026
Texas Association of School Librarians, Chair Elect/Chair/Past Chair, 2023-2026
Young Adult Round Table, Councilor, 2020-2023
Texas Library Association, Conference Program Committee, 2019- 2022
Texas Library Association, Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List, Member, 2018-2020
Texas Library Association, Local Arrangements Committee, 2012-2013, 2015-2016, 2019-2020

Statement of Concern

As your candidate for ALA Councilor, I am deeply committed to championing Texas library workers through a rapidly evolving professional landscape. I will advocate for meaningful, accessible professional development tailored to all types of librarians, school, public, academic, and special, so every worker has the support needed to thrive. I am dedicated to fostering a collaborative, inclusive library community where every member feels welcomed, heard, and valued. In an era of complex legislation, I will strive to ensure that TLA offers clear guidance and robust resources to help library staff navigate new state laws and requirements with confidence. I will tirelessly advocate to defend access to diverse materials that reflect and meet the needs of all Texans.