TLA

EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION

NAME: Libby Holtmann

POSITION: Representative-at-Large
(Public Libraries)



Work Experience

Director of Libraries, Plano Public Library, 2016 to present
Library Manager, Plano Public Library, 2009- 2016
Youth Services Supervisor, Plano Public Library, 2008-2009
Librarian I & II, Youth Services, Plano Public Library, 1998 -2008

Current TLA Commitments and Positions

TALL Texans Selections Committee Member, 2027 – 2030

Previous Board or Volunteer Leadership Experience

Texas Library Association 2026 Conference Planning Committee, Member 2026
Public Library Association Leadership Academy, Mentor 2025 & 2027
Texas Library Association TALL Texans Leadership Institute, Mentor 2025
American Library Association Legislative Committee, Member 2025 – 2027
Texas Library Association Legislative Committee, Member / Chair 2023 – 2026
American Library Association Presidential Committee, Member 2024 – 2025
Texas Municipal League Executive Board, Member / TMLDA affiliate 2022 – 2027
American Library Association Emerging Leaders Program, Facilitator 2020 – 2025
Public Library Association Leadership Committee, Member 2022 – 2024
Texas Municipal League Library Directors, Affiliate / President 2021 – 2022
Public Library Administrators North Texas, President 2022
American Library Association Committee: Human Resource Development and Recruitment, Member / Chair 2019 – 2023
American Library Association Committee: Training, Orientation, Leadership Development, Member / Chair 2015 – 2019
Texas Library Association Awards Committee, Member 2015

Statement of Concern

Sustaining the profession and ourselves during turbulent times. When we connect and share our experiences, frameworks and tools we infuse the profession with energy, resiliency, and momentum. The power of “we” is critical during this time. Through TLA we can convene and learn together. Creating space for everyone to feel welcome and safe to share their questions, perspectives, and needs makes a difference. A lot in the profession is changing rapidly, and the emotional impact of the work is daunting at times. Investing in personal and professional growth opportunities is a way we can sustain ourselves. Feeding our minds, souls and supporting one another, generating new solutions, and demonstrating our professional values is how we can continue to serve our communities with excellence.