

2017 MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOC. CANDIDATES

Candidate for Vice President/President Elect.

(1 year term, then President)



Since 2009, **Elizabeth Jonkel** has served as the Assistant Director at Missoula Public Library in Missoula, Montana. She received her MLIS from the University of Western Ontario in 2000 and also holds a M.A. in History from Carleton University and B.A. in English from the University of Montana. In addition to working at the Missoula Public Library, Elizabeth has worked for the Canadian, Ontario and British Columbian governments as a consultant, analyst and librarian, specializing in health services. Elizabeth was raised in Missoula, Montana, where she still lives with her husband Brad and kitty cat Toby.

Candidates for Mountain Plains Library Association Representative

(3 year term)



Rachel Rawn has been working at the Havre-Hill County Library since 2011. She started as the children's librarian and was promoted into the director position in 2013. In 2016 Rachel earned her MLIS from Rutgers University. She has been a member of MLA for six years and is a Cates scholar. Rachel's hobbies include collecting animals (she lives with three cats, a dog, and a human male), knitting (just socks though), and taking BuzzFeed quizzes to find out what kind of pizza topping she would be (Hawaiian).



Pam Carlton is the Youth Services Librarian for Missoula Public Library. She received her MLS from the University of North Texas in August 2012. Pam has worked in public, K-12, and academic libraries. As a librarian in the public library setting Pam provides collection development, programming and reader's advisory for children ages 0-13 years. Her interests are in creating family friendly library environments, and promoting early literacy. In these efforts Pam has helped create partnerships with community non-profit organizations such as Spectrum Discovery Area and Children's Museum Missoula. When not at the library she takes walks with Missy, the Wonder Dog, skis with her two daughters, Tian and Lin Xiao, and dabbles in crafting of all kinds.



Kris Johnson is the Head of the Learning and Research Services Department at the Montana State University Library in Bozeman, MT, where she's worked since November 2014. Kris has been a member of MLA for two years and a continuous member of MPLA since 2006. Kris attended the MPLA Leadership Institute in 2012 and served as chair of the MPLA Professional Development Committee from December 2014 to October 2016. She is currently Recording Secretary of MPLA, a position she began in October 2016. More about Kris:

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Candidates for Director-at-Large East

(2 year term)



Gavin J. Woltjer grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After realizing he was never going to be the shortstop for the Boston Red Sox, he shifted his focus to academia. Before becoming the Library Director for the Billings Public Library, he was the Dean of Library Services and University Archivist for Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He has a MLIS degree from the University of Oklahoma; an MA in Communications (Political Theory and Rhetoric) from the University of South Dakota; an MA in Literature from the University of South Dakota; and, is currently working on his doctorate in Public Policy and Leadership from

Harvard University. He currently sits on the Professional Development Committee for the Mountain Plains Library Association. Gavin understands the importance of the Montana Library Association, and would like the opportunity to share his insights and experiences to further the charge of making every Montana community stronger through the power of their library.



Vivian Schultz. As a Montana native and educator in Montana public schools, I have had many years of teaching as well as ranching experience. I have taught in Hobson, Ryegate and Wolf Point public schools as an elementary, Art (9-12) and librarian instructor. These positions have enabled me to expand my knowledge base in many literary and in other technological applications. I have established myself for the last four years on the Wolf Point public school staff where I begin as the Junior High librarian and Art teacher. Presently, I teach high school Art as well as head cross country coaching and driving bus when needed.