



Report from the SCRLC Nominating Committee

The SCRLC Board of Trustees Nominating Committee presents the following nominations for Board of Trustees for terms beginning in 2027

Leah Dodd, for a first term, 2027-2031.

Leah Dodd is the Director of Olin & Uris Libraries at Cornell University Library. Her interests are library administration, reference services, and patron-focused design. Prior to joining Cornell University in 2020, Leah was the director of Willard Public Library in Battle Creek, Michigan, after also serving as the assistant director and as a media librarian. During those twelve years, she worked to balance the print collection with digital services, rebranded the library, and celebrated the community through shared reading events and author visits.

Leah is interested in local history, and while serving on the Danby Rural Cemetery Association Board of Trustees, she dusted off her genealogy skills to fill in gaps in cemetery records, some dating back to the Revolutionary War.

Leah holds a B.A. in Honors English and Classical Civilizations from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in Literature from Penn State, and an M.S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois. As an off-the-beaten-path adventurer, she hiked her way across Tompkins County last year on the Finger Lakes Trail in segments, with plans to explore new counties along the trail. Leah is also attempting to observe 100 species of birds in all 62 NYS counties and all 50 states.

Heide Eckerson, for a first term, 2027-2031.

Heidi Eckerson is the Member Services Librarian at the Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS) in Ithaca where she supports directors, staff, and trustees at 33 member libraries in Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tioga, and Tompkins counties. Some areas of her work include youth services (Summer Reading), managing the system's OverDrive collection, and working with library leadership on policies and strategic planning.

Last year she was part of SCRLC's Plan of Service team. Recently, Heidi is involved with the NYS eBook Working Group, exploring the econtent landscape and finding solutions for libraries' digital collections that align with our profession's core values of access, equity, intellectual freedom and privacy, and sustainability. This fall, she is collaborating with the Sciencenter in Ithaca to host a professional learning community workshop for library staff as part of an IMLS grant, *Museum-Library Collaboration on STEM Learning in the Finger Lakes*.

Jesse Koennecke, for a first term, 2027-2031

Jesse Koennecke is the Senior Assistant Dean for Collections and Technology Services at

Binghamton University Libraries. With more than 25 years of experience in academic libraries, he has held leadership roles spanning collections, acquisitions, electronic resources, library technology, and strategic planning. In his current role, he provides leadership for collection development and stewardship, library systems and technologies, and services that support the teaching, learning, and research mission of the university.

An active member of the library profession, Jesse has led or served on conference planning committees for Ivy Plus Access Services, the Voyager Mid-Atlantic User Group, E-Resources & Libraries, and the World Open Library Foundation Conference (WOLFcon). He regularly writes and presents on topics including collections strategy, acquisitions and licensing, resource assessment and analytics, streaming media, library systems, discovery services, and technology-enabled innovation in libraries.

Beyond his professional work, Jesse serves on the Board of Directors of the Finger Lakes Runners Club, contributing to the organization's governance and support of running and fitness initiatives throughout the region.

Jennifer Kronenbitter, for a first term, 2027-2031.

Jennifer Kronenbitter has been the Library Director at Memorial Library, SUNY Cortland since 2018. Prior to that she held several positions at the college including electronic resources librarian, technical services librarian and Associate Director. During her time at Cortland, she has been responsible for reestablishing the archives along with a digital repository, establishing a makerspace, leading DEI efforts, restructuring technical services and participated in many building improvements. Further, she is the copyright compliance officer. Jennifer is a member of the SUNY OLIS advisory board representing comprehensive colleges and serves on various college committees including the Paws for Stress Relief committee, Technology Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Information Resources Advisory Committee. She received her MS in Geoenvironmental Science from Shippensburg University and an MLS from Southern Connecticut State University. She attended the Harvard Library Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians. Jennifer previously worked at Ithaca College. Her research interests include library management, library facilities and student engagement.

Kelly McGuire, for a first term, 2027-2031.

With nearly three decades of experience as a librarian serving pre-K through community college students, my career has been defined by a deep commitment to advocating for and implementing equitable solutions for youth facing generational educational and economic poverty. Whether by ensuring book fairs offer positive, representative literature at affordable prices or encouraging partnerships between school and public libraries, I have consistently worked to bridge learning gaps, expand access to vital community resources, and nurture support systems that empower every student to thrive.

Karin Wkoff, for a second term, 2027-2031.

Born and raised in Detroit, Karin left Michigan to attend college here, and has stayed ever since. Karin

has a BA in German (Wells College 1986), an MA in German Studies (Cornell 1995) and her MLS (Syracuse 2002). She also has a Conservation Preservation Technician certificate from Cornell.

Karin's library career began at Wells College as a student assistant and then a library assistant in cataloging. She did a little of everything there, from Archives to in-house bindery, to reference, tech support, and more. She handled retrospective conversion and later did all the electronic resources and back-up to the systems librarian before moving to Ithaca College.

At IC, Karin started as the Electronic Resources Librarian in 2004. In 2006, she moved up to department head (Electronic and Technical Services Librarian), overseeing acquisitions, bindery, cataloging, e-resources, serials, the materials budget, and personnel for the department. Karin taught 2 semesters at the iSchool at Syracuse University, and published a now-outdated textbook on managing electronic resources in an academic library. She served as Interim College Librarian at Ithaca College from 2021-22. She took early retirement in September 2025.

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