Candidates for the CLA Board

Candidate for Vice-President/President Elect
Glen Grube, Director of Avon Free Public Library

My first library job was a page at the Welles-Turner Memorial Library in Glastonbury CT when I was 16. I applied for jobs at the library and the local book store, due to my love of reading, but I had no idea I was starting a decadeslong career in libraries. I continued to work part-time in libraries while I pursued a BA in Creative Writing from Trinity College and then stayed in the same Hartford neighborhood, taking a job at the medical library of the Institute of Living as an abstractor and librarian after graduation.

My career in special libraries was short, and I then returned to Welles-Turner as the circulation supervisor while I took classes toward an MLS at Southern Connecticut State University. I received my degree in January 1997, and soon moved on to Manchester Public Library and then West Hartford Public Libraries in 2000.

I spent almost 13 years in West Hartford, supervising circulation and technical services, as well as coordinating technology across all three branches before moving on to become the director of the newly renovated Avon Free Public Library in December of 2012. For the past three and a half years I have enjoyed directing a creative and energetic group of librarians and library staff in a beautiful facility.

I live in Pine Meadow, CT with my two daughters and two cats. When not working, I enjoy reading, listening to music, hiking and riding my bike.

It’s an exciting time to be a librarian. Never before in our history has information been so plentiful, nor so valued. The information economy is reshaping business, government, education and libraries too. Connecticut libraries are well positioned to take a central role in this new paradigm, but first we must move forward with advocacy, marketing, training and analysis. Libraries cannot reinvent themselves while fighting to justify the existence of their core services. We cannot attract and retain excellent staff when salaries stagnate and professional development budgets are slashed. And our patrons won’t be active in their support of us if we aren’t offering the collections and services they want and need and making sure they know them!

Working with the CLA Board of Directors in my capacity as a Regional Rep from 2010-2012 was very rewarding and enlightening. I was exposed to librarians from different parts of the state, from different types of libraries and found they were encountering challenges and opportunities similar to those of my library. I would consider myself lucky to have the opportunity to participate in CLA’s Board again and help advocate for key library needs such sustainable funding, improved service models, aggressive marketing and increased outcome analysis.

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You are currently director of the South Windsor Public Library. How long have you been in that position? And what led you there?

I've been the Director in South Windsor since 1985, having spent the previous 14 years as a children's librarian in Andover, MA and Meriden and Bloomfield, CT. The first two jobs were just a year each, but the Andover experience taught me about strong community support and collaboration, and Meriden gave me insight into the innumerable details of a building project. It was a little sobering to read about the update of the Meriden circulation desk "that hadn't been changed in its 40-year history" and realize that I was there when it was brand new! My time in Bloomfield allowed professional growth and a chance to develop interest in CT's wider library community. I had recently finished a term as CLA president when the job in South Windsor became available, and I was ready to try my hand at something new.

How have things changed since you began your career? How have they stayed the same?

I laugh when I remember that our only contact with computers in grad school at Simmons was a non-credit "lunchtime elective" where we learned enough BASIC programming to print our names in the shape of Christmas trees. Imagine how often that opportunity has turned up since! It was several years before I even saw another computer in a library. Technology has to top the list of changes!

What has stayed constant is the endless curiosity that enlivens everything we do. Acknowledging that many, many of the questions we answer start with a practical need: an assignment, a personal problem, a legal requirement, I think there will always be the joy of sharing with patrons the insights they've gathered by chance—from a program or a work of fiction or non-fiction, regardless of medium or age of the individual. That's the best part of the job.

What are some of your proudest accomplishments in South Windsor?

When I arrived, the building was only six years old, but the Board had been in "expansion mode" since before it was dedicated. Local issues had prevented the building from being built as planned (its size was reduced by 40%), so the goal was completing the size library the burgeoning population would need. There were still many who resented that it had been built at all. It took us ten years of concerted effort to win community support, and in 1997, we dedicated a library twice the size of the original. Two key components were the dedicated staff and Board, who learned as much as possible from the State Library's "Libratects" programs and as many building workshops and classes as we could find, and who added a tremendous amount of labor and sacrifice once the project was underway. Our Friends of the Library formed a PAC that was "ready to go" once we had a referendum question on the ballot, and the community at large stored half of our collection while we were out of the building for construction. It was a fabulous experience.

One other source of satisfaction is that the library and its staff are respected in local government circles and among clubs and organizations in town. We're involved in many collaborative projects, and although we sometimes have to ask, we're included in many town initiatives that are "non-traditional" library activities.

How did you become involved with CLA? With NELA?

NELA was my first professional organization, with the MA Library Association a close second. My boss in Andover, Harry Sagris, was a firm believer in continuing education and the "invisible college:" learning from others in the field. He sent
Wilton Library was recently presented with a Connecticut State Flag that flew over Hartford’s State of Connecticut Capitol Building on December 10, 2015. This flag was flown in honor of Wilton Library for excellence in service to the community. The recognition was made possible thanks to the efforts of State Representative Gail Lavielle of the 143rd District and the Wilton Delegation. The oversized flag, measuring 5x9 feet, was draped on the façade of Wilton Library for the presentation. To commemorate this recognition, a smaller CT State flag is on permanent display alongside the American flag in the library’s Virginia Adams Reading Room.

Message from the President

In less than one week, the 125th Connecticut Library Association Conference will be held on April 21 and 22nd at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. I hope to see many of you there and if you are coming on Thursday I invite you to attend the MAD HATTER’S TEA PARTY: HAPPY HOUR & PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION at 5:15 in the Exhibitor’s Ballroom. Traditionally the CLA President’s Reception had been held the night prior to the start of the conference, but I really want to use this event to thank all of you who have supported the conference through both attendance and volunteer hours.

My deepest thanks and gratitude go out to Tom Piezzo and Katy Dillman, your conference co-chairs who never ceased to amaze me with their creativity, willingness to take risks, resourcefulness, and teamwork, incoming conference co-chairs, Kristina Edwards and Sara Martone for their hard work and support and exhibits chair, Brandie Doyle, who attracted more vendors than we’ve had in the past. Thank you to all of the CLA section and committee chairs and their members for working diligently to come up with an incredible slate of programs and will be putting in countless volunteer hours to bring them to life at the conference. And I can’t forget the invaluable support behind the scenes from Jennifer Keohane and her staff at CLC and our CLA editor and web guru, Jennifer Datum.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Libraries Through the Looking Glass: Reflecting on the Past while Stepping into the Future.” This concept is not only important for libraries to consider but also for the Connecticut Library Association to embrace as well.

This year did bring some changes to our organization including the hiring of a new lobbying firm, Gallo and Robinson. There have also been active discussions at the CLA Board regarding possible changes to our bylaws that better reflect the way we work today and to help support important initiatives such as the new accreditation for the MLIS program at Southern Connecticut State University. The membership will be asked to vote electronically on some of these changes soon.

As I transition from my role as president to past president, I have made a commitment to work with the membership chair to make participation in CLA a more transparent and welcoming process. If you are interested in joining a committee or becoming a board member, please stop by the CLA table that will be in the main atrium of the conference center or contact me at crowleyb@scrantonlibrary.org. As an organization fully run by volunteers, we are always interested in having new people join our board and welcome their insights and ideas.

Change can be hard but if we, like Alice, are willing to take a leap of faith and let our past experiences inform our future actions then I believe wonderful things can happen.

Hope to see you Hartford!

Beth Crowley
CLA President

(LtoR) Standing in front of the large State Flag that was flown over the Connecticut State Capitol building in honor of Wilton Library are State Representative Gail Lavielle, Wilton Library executive director Elaine Tai-Lauria and Ann Duffy, president of the Wilton Library Board of Trustees.
School and Library Partnership in Branford
By Karen Jensen, Director, Blackstone Memorial Library

Schools and public libraries have always shared a common mission to provide access to information and resources, and to help members of the community to use those resources to become educated and enriched citizens. Recognizing this shared vision, the Branford Schools, James Blackstone Memorial Library and Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library have built a strong collaborative relationship over the past five years, through projects that promote reading and hands on learning opportunities.

One of our first joint ventures was the end of summer reading celebration that took place on the town green in 2010. The celebration included author booths, crafts and robotics demonstrations, and a silent auction to raise funds for the Branford Education Foundation. By volunteering to help with the event, Carly Lemire, Blackstone youth services supervisor, began meeting local families, teachers, and central office staff. She talked about the library and its services—both existing and those that the library aspired to—and seeds were planted that led to a collaboration in which the library and schools began to share each other’s services and strengths to the benefit of Branford children.

Events started small, with library tours, special story times and library card drives. These successes led to an annual English Language Learners (ELL) open house at the Blackstone Library. The library hosts this event each year with the school district’s ELL department along with the East Shore Region Adult & Continuing Education program for those learning English as a second language. The open house is filled with literacy-based activities provided by school and library staff, plus a building tour and library card registration. Refreshments are provided, and the evening time slot makes it possible for the entire family to attend. The ELL open house collaboration has provided a safe and comfortable welcome to this segment of our community, which may have been intimidated visiting on their own.

Another annual event is the district-wide art show installed throughout the Blackstone Library during the month of March. Representative work from all of the art classes is chosen and displayed; parents and students are treated to an opening reception, and the school board holds their regular meeting at the library that month. It is a huge source of pride for the entire town to see the students’ exemplary work showcased for all the community to enjoy.

When the Friends of Blackstone Library presented funds for a Mobile MakerLab, middle school students and staff helped the library to get it up and running. The MakerLab embraces the growing DIY and maker movements, which promote learning through doing in a social environment. There is a strong focus on using and learning practical skills and applying them creatively through 21st century technologies. Examples include: 3D printing and design, coding, circuitry, video editing and even sewing. Having access to all of these tools allows kids to create and get hands-on experience with equipment and software that may influence or direct their passions in the future.

The most recent partnership between the libraries and schools happened this summer with our summer reading program. Librarians from both Branford libraries were able to demonstrate the Evanced Summer Reader software to the school’s reading specialists, who were immediately on board. All Branford students were enrolled in the program before school ended. Parents also received instructions on how to log in and record their books on the last day of school, creating a smooth transition from school to the public libraries. Librarians from

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Candidate for Treasurer
Scott Brill

It has been my honor to serve the public working in libraries for over ten years and I am excited to enter my name for your consideration as Treasurer on the CLA Board. I am currently the Circulation Supervisor for the Huntington Branch Library in Shelton and in my previous position as Library Assistant in the Children’s Department of the Milford Public Library, I was fortunate to work alongside the current CLA Treasurer, Nicole Greco. I am ready to use my energy and skills to serve on the CLA Board and look forward to being trained in the duties of Treasurer.

I have a BA in Political Science from Gettysburg College and a Masters in Theatre from Emerson College in Boston. I have served on the Executive Boards of the Wilton Playshop and the Westport Community Theatre (non-profit 501c Corporations), attending (and for a year as President of Westport Community Theatre chairing) monthly meetings of these vibrant and thriving community theatre groups. For the past three years, I have served as an Adjudicator for the Connecticut High School Musical Theatre Awards and was recently a contestant on Jeopardy! And when not helping patrons find that perfect book or film, I enjoy directing and acting in community theatre, reading, travelling, playing tennis and solving crossword puzzles.

In this time of further proposed budget cuts and other funding issues facing libraries, I look forward to contributing my enthusiasm and experience to the excellent work being done by the CLA Board of Directors.

Candidate for Region 2 Rep
Susan Ray

My name is Susan and I am a library addict. Yes, the secret is out, I love libraries. Who knew? Why do libraries, other than my own, hold such fascination? The creativity of the individuals who work there never ceases to amaze me. In a time of shrinking budgets and smaller staffs, libraries, from the smallest to the largest, are serving their communities in new and innovative ways. It’s exciting to discover new programs or ideas and be able to take them back to share with my community.

When I told my friends that it was my ambition to become a librarian they all laughed. Why would someone who spent their time being shushed or asked to leave libraries want to spend their life working in one? And that is exactly why I wanted to be one, to change the perception of what people think libraries and librarians should be. Upon graduation from Syracuse University with an MLS I began my career in public libraries at the East Hartford Public Library as a Reference Librarian.

When the new Simsbury Public Library was built I went there to take on the position of teen librarian. Later, I moved over to the reference department. Little did I know then that I would not be “just” a reference librarian but a social worker, a computer geek and an emerging technology leader at the library. How am I a social worker? Who would have thought that giving a woman a plate of cookies, someone who complained about me for months, would turn into someone who now considers me a friend? How am I a computer geek? Since I had a knack for computers, I was challenged with developing a website for the library, and in addition, one for the town. In an instant I was transformed into someone who needed to know what html was, a gif from a jpg, and FTP (nope, not flowers) for this new thing called the internet. I asked other librarians questions, I listened and I learned. How am I an emerging technology leader? When promoted to my current position as Head of Adult Services I was challenged with developing a makerspace. What in the world were makeys, raspberry pi’s, snap circuits and how in the world do you do 3D printing? I asked other librarians questions, I listened and I learned. What in the world works and what doesn’t. So, why am I running for the position of CLA region 2 representative? I admit, I have not been very active in CLA Committees, because I have been very active in raising my family. Don’t get me wrong, I have been active in plenty of roundtables and user groups in my career and plenty of community groups and committees outside of the library. I am your typical full-time librarian and full-time mom. But now is the time to give back. Time to give back to the organization that has supported and advocated for what I believe in every day. It is a new challenge that I am willing to undertake. And if I don’t win? I’ll still keep visiting libraries. Thank you.

Candidate for Region 3 Rep
Drusilla Carter

I am the director of the Willimantic Public Library, a member of the Bibliomation board of directors and the CLA Membership Committee, and the Wind-
ham County representative to the CLA Public Libraries Section. I also serve on the American Library Association's joint committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums. I have worked in public, special, school, and academic libraries and archives in six states, and was recognized in 2009 as one of Library Journal's "Movers and Shakers" and in 2010 as an American Library Association "Emerging Leader." My goals are to visit every public library in Connecticut (I've made it to 122 so far), to challenge the stereotypes of librarians whenever possible, and to help libraries serve their communities by encouraging communication among library professionals. As the representative for our region to the Connecticut Library Association I would be sure that the concerns of the “Quiet Corner” were heard by the Association, and that our region’s members were part of the discussion of news and ideas concerning libraries in Connecticut.

Candidate for Region 3 Rep
Elizabeth Thornton
Born and raised in Southington, CT.
Graduated from Southington High School, BS from CCSU, MLS from SCSU
Variety of work experience including Southington Public Library, Office of Legislative Research, Hartford Graduate Center, United Church of Christ Conference Center Librarian for the Ruth Dudley Resource Center and for the past 27 years Director of the Bentley Memorial Library in Bolton, CT.
I have served on many committees during my tenure including past CLA Representative, Eastern Connecticut Library Association Executive Board, Willimantic Library Service Center Advisory Board, ReQuest Committee Member, LSTA Task Force, C-Car Committee, Universal Library Card Committee, Connecticut State Library Transition Team for the Connecticut Library Network, Statewide Library Card Committee, Bolton Technology Committee, CT. State Library Public Library Awards Committee, Member of the Bibliomation, Inc. Board of Directors, ASFCME Bolton Local 818 of Connecticut Council 4 President of Supervisor’s Union and union negotiator, Bolton Board of Education Technology Planning Committee, Chair of the Bolton Employee Health and Safety Committee, to name a few.
CLA is one of several vital organizations that assist and support libraries and their staff. CLA continues to support librarians professionally through a variety of ways such as continuing education, salary recommendations, and meeting the values unique to librarianship. CLA also assists libraries in obtaining the highest standard possible in materials, technology, customer service, funding and professional philosophies. CLA needs to continue to play a more visible role in the profession especially during these difficult economic times by supporting volunteers, support staff, professionals and library boards. CLA also must help libraries meet and surpass the CLA core values and standards and to help educate town leadership and state legislators in the importance of these values. CLA must continue to provide this guidance and assistance as creatively, effectively, and vocally as possible so that libraries can confidently meet the challenges of the future. Serving the libraries as region 3 representative for CLA is a privilege and I would be honored to serve in this capacity again.

Mark Your Calendars!
1st Annual Bike to Your Library Day
May 6, 2017

We'll have a real meeting with muffins to talk all this over at the Southington Library http://southingtonlibrary.org/ on Friday, June 3 at 2:15pm. Are you invited? Yes, you are invited.

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This year's conference features great keynotes - **Ben Bizzle**, library marketing innovator; **Roz Chast**, award-winning cartoonist; **Jamie LaRue**, Director of the ALA OIF and former award-winning library director; and **Brian Mayer**, 2015 LJ Mover & Shaker, librarian and designer of an award-winning board game - **PLUS** a great line-up of all kinds of programs, covering advocacy, technology, programming ideas and so much more.

Come on Thursday and stay for **happy hour**, featuring an Alice-in-Wonderland themed murder mystery game. Also, this year's **President's Reception** takes place Thursday, during happy hour - everyone is invited to meet & mingle. After the happy hour, join the Pints 'n' Pages dinner for a lively book discussion offsite.

On Friday, you'll have the chance to sit with keynote speakers Jamie LaRue and Brian Mayer for roundtable sessions.

Both conference days feature Resume Reviews, free caricatures, and plenty of chances to visit with colleagues and vendors (many of whom are new to the conference this year!) and to make new friends and contacts.

See a vendor map on the following page.
the Blackstone Library and the Willoughby Wallace libraries promoted the program in all three elementary schools with a superhero-themed skit starring Book Lady and her arch nemesis Dr. TV.

Both characters required costumes and were played by school employees, which the students thoroughly enjoyed. As a matter of fact, the librarians were asked to return in the fall to congratulate everyone on their efforts and bring Book Lady and Dr. TV back for a final summer reading act to celebrate students’ reading achievements.

Incentives are an important component of all summer reading programs. In Branford, children were able to set personal goals as to the number of books they would read, and they were able to post reviews and comment on reviews posted by others. Children also checked in with their local library on a weekly basis to receive small prizes and marbles for our marble machine. Built by Joe Kobylanski, a school employee, the incredible magic marble machine is a replica of the original 1896 iron library stacks that are still present in the Blackstone library reference department. The stacks are enclosed in Plexiglas with chutes entering on all sides, which funnel the marbles into large tubes. The tubes are marked with numbers that reflect the amount of books read by Branford students over the summer. Despite 24/7 access to technology, the children were ecstatic to see the marbles roll down the chutes to the tubes.

When children completed the goal they had set for the summer, they were invited to stop into the library and print a prize on our new 3-D printer. This was a real treat for all of our participants, especially elementary school children, since most of our 3D printing classes are for middle school students and up.

One of the advantages of the online reading program using Evanced Summer Reader software was the ability to produce individualized reports for each school, in order to track the number of books read by each grade. Based on sheer numbers, the program was a huge success—a total of 1,942 readers who completed 12,927 books! In comparison, we saw 259 children read 5,000 books the previous summer. Having the teachers embrace the program and support our effort by empowering students to register for the program before school let out for the summer made all of the difference. Letting the software do the work of tracking freed up our library staff to interact in meaningful ways with the students, giving them more time to make recommendations and talk about what they had read. The incentives of the marbles and small prizes were another way to encourage visits to the library; staff remarked that they met many families who were new to the Blackstone.

Through these shared experiences the James Blackstone Memorial Library, Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library and the Branford Public School District are able to highlight our offerings, pool our resources and expand awareness to benefit the community. We are excited to continue to expand our partnership through new services and projects.

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People in the News

The Connecticut Storytelling Center will present two Connecticut librarians with awards at their upcoming festival and conference.

- The annual Barbara L. Reed Award goes to Gail Zeiba, children’s librarian of Willimantic Public Library for “distinguished and outstanding service to the storytelling community.” Ms. Zeiba has served on our Storytelling Festival Artist Selection Committee, as Festival Facilities Manager, Campus Slammer judge, and in the Connecticut Storytelling Center’s Schools Storytelling Program.

- The first annual Kate McClelland Librarian’s Award will be presented to Pat Grundman, children’s librarian of Ellington’s Hall Memorial Library for “nurturing professional storytelling and storytellers in Connecticut libraries.” Pat Grundman has been the children’s librarian of Ellington’s Hall Memorial Library since 1985. Pat hosts Tellabration!, a November international celebration of storytelling, and has cultivated large family audiences who appreciate storytelling as a regular part of her programming.

Tristan Mioduszewski is the new assistant children’s librarian at Killingly Public Library. Tristan has been working at KPL for 19 years at circulation, and is excited to get started in a creative field.

Bridget Quinn-Carey is the new director of the Hartford Public Library.

Marie Jerry has been hired by the Hartford Public Library to be the youth and family services director. She was the manager of Young Minds Department in the New Haven Free Public Library, where she worked for four years. She is a former second grade school teacher and has a master’s in library science from Southern Connecticut State University.

After 15 years of fantastic Service, RoseMarie Zaha-rek will retire from New Canaan Library where she has been the manager of children’s services, leading her team to deliver exceptional services and collections to the families of New Canaan. The entire team will miss RoseMarie and we wish her all the very best as she starts on this new chapter of her life.

Alex Roy, reference librarian at New Canaan Library, is relocating to the Bay Area of California. We are sad for ourselves and thrilled for Alexa in equal measure. We look forward to watching her brilliant career unfold from afar.

New Milford Public Library is happy to announce the promotion of Valerie Fisher from young adult librarian to public services librarian, as of April 1st. In addition, we will be welcoming Megan Morin, of Wolcott Library, as our new young adult librarian, as of April 25th.

Michelle DeSarbo has joined the staff of the Case Memorial Library as the new head of children’s services. She is taking over for Helena Esteves, our long-time children’s librarian, who retired on April 1 after providing 15 years of excellent service to the children of Orange.

Jennifer Rummel is the new children’s & young adult librarian at the Cragin Memorial Library. Jennifer previously worked at the Otis Library in Norwich as the young adult librarian.

Chris Nolan, library director at Ridgefield Library Association since December 2000, will be retiring at the end of 2016. The search firm of Bradbury Associates will be engaged to help guide the library board in their search for a new library director. Chris is looking forward to travel, more time for theater, and more time with friends and family.

Katie Werth has just been named the new assistant director at the Enfield Public Library. Katie has worked at the Enfield Public Library for nearly ten years in a variety of roles. She started as a library assistant in 2007 at the Pearl St. Branch and has been the head of reference for the last four years. We are all very excited for her!

At the Cheshire Public Library, Anna Korkus is our new adult services librarian. Also, the Cheshire Public Library will be awarded a CLA Publicity Award for Electronic Media, for our Instagram page, at this year’s CLA conference. Our Instagram page is administered by our wonderful and creative social media coordinator, Louise LeClaire.

Kathleen Molski is the recipient of the CLA LTA Scholarship for 2016. She has just started taking classes at Three Rivers Community College, and is very pleased to have been chosen.

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Ann Smith from the Russell Library children’s department was awarded first place for Thematic Project for CLA’s 2016 Publicity Awards. To complement a program on Indian culture, Ann created a two-dimensional family of elephants and a set of stately buildings all evocative of India. She used remnants of donated upholstery fabric to cover the basic elephant shapes, draped each of them with fabric reminiscent of richly woven jeweled tapestries, and then used similar materials and techniques to create four corrugated cardboard buildings, each appearing to contain intricate mosaics and detailed statuary. Displayed throughout the lobby, her pieces helped to generate significant conversation with patrons and public interest in the India series as a whole. Ann’s work with salvaged materials while simultaneously being a good steward of the earth’s resources is a bonus to Russell Library.

Barbara Clark-Greene, a librarian at the Groton Public Library, is retiring in June after nearly 37 years of service. She started her work in 1969 as a library page while in high school. She resigned her job as page in 1972 when she was in college, and then returned to work in 1977 after having earned her MLS at the University of Rhode Island. In 1988 she was hired as a children’s librarian and worked in that capacity until 1994 when she transferred to the adult services department. In addition to her many duties, Barbara organized the library’s popular book club. She also became the library’s readers’ advisory extraordinaire, helping her colleagues with all the “what shall I read next” questions. Her new endeavors will include travelling and of course, leading a new book club at the Savoy Bookshop in Westerly, RI.

CLC welcomes their newest staff member, Ellen Paul. Ellen is a Connecticut native whom some of you may know from her days at the Public Library of New London in 2011-2013. Since then she has been on the move, holding management positions at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and, most recently, the Santa Clara (CA) City Library. She is thrilled to be returning to her home state, and we’re equally happy to be bringing her talents to CLC as our Member Advisor.

The Stratford Library’s Sheri Szymanski has recently been appointed its new director. Szymanski has replaced former director Barbara Blosveren who retired last month after nine years in the position. Szymanski had been the assistant director in Stratford since 2007 responsible for a variety of administrative duties including human resource management, library budget planning, facilities management, marketing, branding, development and community outreach.

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