ALA Announces New Executive Director, Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS)

Please join me in welcoming Keri Cascio as the new Executive Director designate of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of the American Library Association. Ms. Cascio is currently the Director of Innovative Technologies and Library Resource Management at the Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering and Technology in Kansas City (MO), where she has been since December 2011.

Prior to joining the Linda Hall Library, Keri was a Branch Manager at the St. Charles City-County Library District in St. Peters (MO) and a Librarian/Trainer at the Missouri Library Network Corporation in St. Louis. Earlier positions included stints with the St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis County Library, Data Research Associates (DRA) and Sirsi Corporation.

In addition to her varied work experience, Keri brings a strong record of volunteer activity with ALA/ALCTS and the Missouri Library Association (MLA). Keri was a 2007 ALA Emerging Leader. She is currently a Director-at-Large on the ALCTS Board of Directors and has served on numerous ALCTS committees, most notably the Continuing Education Committee. In addition to her ALA/ALCTS work, Keri Cascio served on the Executive Board of the Missouri Library Association from 2011-2013, serving as Secretary in 2013. She has served on several MLA committees. She has also been a frequent presenter on topics ranging from leadership to preservation of digital images.

Keri Cascio received a Master of Arts in Information Science and Technology, with an emphasis in Library Science, from the University of Missouri (Columbia, MO). She also received a Master of Arts in Germanic Languages and Literatures from Washington University (St. Louis, MO) and a Bachelor of Arts with High Honors in German Language and Literature from Wesleyan University (Middletown, CT).

Keri Cascio will become ALCTS Executive Director with the retirement of Charles Wilt, who has been ALCTS Executive Director since April 30, 2001. Charles came to ALA in 1999 as the deputy executive director of both ALCTS and LAMA (now LLAMA) from a position of budget and planning manager at the University of Texas, Arlington. He will retire in February 2015. Keri Cascio will join ALA/ALCTS on January 12, 2015, and will work with Charles Wilt to ensure a smooth transition.

Thanks for a productive search go to the search committee, chaired by Brian Schottlaender, Audrey Geisel University Librarian at the University of California, San Diego. Members of the search committee included Mary Case (University Librarian, University of Illinois – Chicago), Mary Page (Associate Director for Collections and Technical Services, University of Central Florida Libraries), Erica Findley (Cataloging/Metadata Librarian, Multnomah County Public Library), Martin Kurth (Director, Knowledge Access & Resource Management Services, New York University), Genevieve Owens (Director, Williamsburg Regional Library), Michelle Harrell Washington (Director, Office for Diversity/Office for Literacy & Outreach Services, ALA) and Dan Hoppe (Director, Human Resources, ALA). Early assistance on the search was also received from Barb Macikas (Executive Director, Public Library Association). Thanks also go to the ALCTS staff, for their ongoing support and participation in the search process, and to other ALA staff who supported this process. Thanks to all for an effective and collegial search.

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