

PNLA Leads 2010 MENTORS

Alaska
Mary Jo Joiner
Kenai Community Library



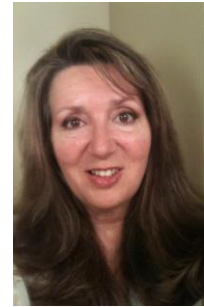
Mary Jo has over 20 years of management experience in public and academic libraries. Currently, she is the Director of the Kenai Community Library in Alaska. She recently served two terms as the President of the Alaska Library Association. Mary Jo has been in Alaska for four years and was previously the Director of the West Tisbury Free Public Library on Martha's Vineyard. She served three terms as the President of the Martha's Vineyard Library Association. Prior to that, she managed the Biomedical Information Resources Center in the medical library at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Mary Jo has attended many leadership institutes and completed the 3M Leadership training at PLA in 2008. Originally from Chicago, Mary Jo received a B.A. degree in Russian Language and Literature from the University of Chicago and her M.S. in Library Science from Simmons College in Boston. Mary Jo is building a house on a lake in Alaska with her long time companion Phil and wishes she could see more of her three sons, Bryan, Steven and Grant who live in Brooklyn, London and Phoenix respectively. When she is not working, she loves to travel and stereotypically loves to read.

Alberta
Pilar Martinez
Edmonton Public Library



Pilar has over 18 years experience in public and regional libraries. As the Executive Director, Public Services, at Edmonton Public Library (EPL), Pilar leads the planning and implementation of strategies for services, staffing and collections at EPL. Pilar has participated in and led many system-wide initiatives at EPL, including the Business Plan and the Customer Service Teams. She chaired an integrated service team represented by city departments, police, community organizations and the library for the Strathcona neighbourhood. Pilar has been the President of the Library Association of Alberta, chaired the Alberta Library Conference, and held executive positions with other library associations, as well as community groups. Pilar is a "graduate" of Leadership Edmonton, Snowbird Leadership Institute and Northern Exposure to Leadership, experiential leadership programs for individuals with leadership potential. In addition to running, soccer, and yoga, Pilar enjoys spending time, often in hockey arenas, with her husband, Tim, and their two sons, Ethan & Jeremy.

British Columbia
Leonora Crema
University of British Columbia Library



Leonora Crema is Associate University Librarian, Planning & Community Relations, at the University of British Columbia Library. A former President of the BC Library Association, she has been active in promoting library networking and leadership through her 20+ year career. Leonora's past roles have included serving as Director, External Relations, for the Irving K Barber Learning Centre at UBC with its mandate for lifelong learning and community engagement. Leonora is a regular speaker at conferences and has a record of innovative practice. She has organized several national and international conferences including in the 2nd International M-Libraries Conference on mobile technologies. Leonora believes strongly that leadership is best distributed throughout the organization and looks forward to sharing our collective experience on this important issue at PNLA Leads.

Idaho
Vicki Kreimeyer
Boise Public Library



Vicki was born in Enterprise Oregon and lived in towns of less than 1500 people until her family was transferred to Portland during eighth grade. She attended a big urban high school, twice the size of her whole town in Eastern Oregon. She graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland with a BA in English Literature and mentored by college library director who encouraged her to go for the professional degree. She attended University of Michigan for the MLS and greatly enjoyed being in a huge Midwestern University (except for the football game where UM Wolverines wiped out the Oregon Ducks). Her first years of librarianship were at a college library, then to administrative positions in State libraries in Idaho and Washington. She returned to Idaho in the early 90's to marry and started over again professionally. She worked as a library consultant and senior consultant in a marketing research firm, keeping an eye on Boise library opportunities. After four years as a consultant/business employee, she obtained her current position as Adult Services Manager. While working in OR, WA, and ID she has been active in Oregon Library Association, Pacific Northwest Library Association, and the Idaho Library Association, as well as ACRL at the national level. Learning opportunities gained from these associations have led her to support professional involvement of library staff. She greatly enjoys the challenges of management in an urban library, growing in resources, facilities, and public demand for service, and constantly seeks to integrate technology with excellent customer service - always given with respect and integrity.

Montana
Jane Howell
Montana State University-Billings

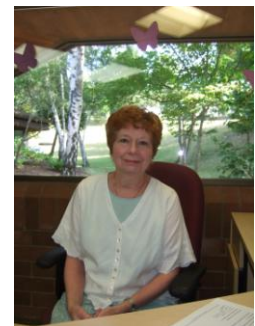


Jane served as Library Director at Montana State University Billings, previously Eastern Montana College, for 20 years, from 1990 to 2010. Before becoming director of the Montana State University Billings Library, Jane held a variety of library and information positions. These include Engineering Librarian at the University of Texas at Austin, special librarian positions in Denver, some public library experience and working with a research team as an information chemist in London.

Educational qualifications include a BS in Chemistry, from Leeds University in England, and an MA in Library Science from Denver University. Jane has been a member of Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities evaluation teams, an ALA Councilor for Montana, and has held offices in the Montana Library Association, PNLA and MPLA.

Outside the library world, Jane has been active on the boards of the ACLU of Montana, KEMC/ Yellowstone Public Radio, and the MSU Billings Foundation. She enjoys gardening indoors and out, and lives in Billings, Montana with her math professor husband Joe, two cats and a dog. Her grown children both live in Portland, Oregon.

Washington
Carol Schuyler
Kitsap Regional Library



Carol Schuyler is Director of Support Services for Kitsap Regional Library. Her oversight responsibilities include: Collection Management, Technical Services, Outreach and Bookmobile Services, Youth Services, Reference Services and Adult Programming. She is a member of the system's Operating Council, the senior management team. She is also on the board of the Kitsap Regional Library Foundation.

Carol was President of the Washington Library Association and is the immediate past Chair of WLFETA, Washington Library Friends, Foundation, Trustees, and Advocates Interest Group. She continues to serve on its steering committee. She serves on the University of Washington's I-School MLIS Advisory Board.

PNLA Board
Michael Burris
Public Library InterLINK



A graduate of the University of Alberta School of Library and Information Studies, Michael Burris has benefited from the mentorship of many in the library profession over his 20 year career. He began his career as the Public Services Librarian in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. In 1996, he became the Chief Librarian in Kitimat, BC. After moving to Vancouver, BC, in 1997, Michael held the position of Executive Director of the British Columbia Library Association until 2008 when he was hired as Executive Director of Public Library InterLINK, a federation of 18 libraries serving 2.6 million residents in and around Vancouver.

Michael is a graduate of Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute and has been active in many library associations. He has served on the boards of the Northwest Territories Library Association and the Canadian Library Association and is President of PNLA for 2010-2011. A father of four (ranging from grade one to fourth year university), Michael thinks he has a second career as a chauffeur, but it only feels that way.

At Large - Idaho
Larry Almeida
Kootenai-Shoshone Area Libraries



Larry Almeida's adult life has been divided between two careers, one in music and the other in libraries. He holds a Master of Arts degree in music performance from San Francisco State University and a Master of Arts degree from the School of Information Resources and Library Science at the University of Arizona. He has been a faculty member at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and the North Carolina School of the Arts. While at the School of the Arts he also served as Acting Assistant Dean. His work in libraries includes the following positions: Director of the Pierce Public Library in Pierce, Idaho; Reference Librarian at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Reference/Technology Librarian and Branch Manager at Kootenai Shoshone Area Libraries in Hayden Idaho and currently Assistant Director of the Kootenai-Shoshone Area Libraries. He has served on numerous professional committees and boards and was president of the Idaho Library Association in 2001.