

2020 Executive Board Candidate Bio

Latrice Booker
Dean of Library Services
Indiana University Northwest
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Type of Library: Academic

Statement of Professional Concerns:

Inequitable access to information helps to perpetuate economic divides within our society. Communities that have limited access to the internet and information sources are often impoverished and communities of color. Inequitable access to information limits people's ability to gain the information they need for lifelong learning and employment which negatively impacts the quality of life. As libraries continue to be underfunded within these communities, the problem of information disparity continues to exist. Paywall content such as newspapers and academic journals, limit access to only the privileged, leaving disadvantaged populations starved for information. This is a concern for our profession, as we promote learning and free information access for all people.

Previous Positions:

- Interim Director of Library Services, Indiana University Northwest, 2017 - 2019
- Coordinator of Library Instruction, Indiana University Northwest, 2009 - 2017
- Adjunct Professor, Indiana University Northwest, 2011-2018
- Library Instruction/Reference Librarian, Indiana University Northwest, 2008 - 2009
- Head of Cataloging, Murray State University, 2007-2008
- Interim Head of Cataloging/Serials Cataloger/Government Documents Librarian, Murray State University, 2006-2007

Education:

- Ed.D, Anticipated 2021, Instructional Systems Technology, Indiana University
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- Rainbow Round Table (RRT)
- Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT)
- REFORMA
- Joint Conference of Librarians of Color Publicity Committee, 2011-2012
- Black Caucus of the American Library Association
 - Executive Board Member, 2019-Present
 - 50th Anniversary Committee, Co-Chair, 2019-Present
 - Technology Advisory Committee, 2018-2019
 - International Relations Committee, 2012-2015

ALA and/or ALA-APA activities

- ALA Council, Councilor-at-Large, 2014-present
- ALA Committee on Organization, Member, 2019-present
- ALA Nominating Committee, Member, 2019-present
- ALA Council Orientation Committee, Member, 2019-present
- ALA Committee on Committees, Member, 2018-2019
- ALA Committee on Diversity Taskforce, Member, 2010-2011
- ALA Committee on Diversity, Intern, 2009-2011
- ACRL Diversity Committee, Member, 2011-2018
- ACRL Appointments Committee, Member, 2016-2017
- ACRL Scholarships Committee, Co-Chair, 2013-2015
- ACRL Scholarships Committee, Member, 2011-2013
- ACRL Posters Session Committee, Member, 2011-2013
- Emerging Leader, 2009

Offices held in state/regional library associations and other associations:

- Indiana Library Federation, Vice President/President Elect, 2020
- Indiana Library Federation, Board Director-at-Large, Board of Directors, 2017-present
- Indiana Library Federation, Co-Chair, Strategic Vision Steering Committee, 2017
- Indiana Library Federation, Chair, District 1 Conference Planning Committee, 2014-2015
- Indiana Library Federation, Vice-Chair, District 1 Conference Planning Committee, 2013-2014
- Indiana Library Federation, Secretary, District 1 Conference Planning Committee, 2012-2013
- Indiana University Librarians' Association, Immediate Past President, 2011-2012

Major Accomplishments:

Serving as co-chair of the Indiana Library Federation (ILF) Strategic Vision Steering Committee is an accomplishment that I am very proud of. The committee and myself worked hard to talk to members of ILF to survey their 10-year vision for the organization and libraries. We held several sessions and ILF staff spoke to members across the state to inquire about their needs and visions for the future. From the responses, the committee identified themes and priorities and submitted a report to the ILF Board of Directors. As a result of this work, the organization has identified priorities, objectives, a plan and a timeline. The organization has implemented some of the priorities and the organization is making positive changes for the future.

Publications:

Anantachai, Tarida, Latrice Booker, Althea Lazzaro, Martha Parker. (2015). "Establishing a Communal Network for Professional Advancement Among Librarians of Color." *Where Are All the Librarians of Color? The Experiences of People of Color in Academia.*(pp. 31-53).