

VLA News

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Back Issues

Did you miss previous issues of the *VLA News*? Don't despair! You can read them on the VLA website!

[VLA News back issues](#)

Meet Your Leaders

VLA is here to help you. The people who make up the Executive Board, Section & Committee leaders and Representatives volunteer their time for VLA because they feel that it is important to be involved in an organization that benefits Vermont

From Our President...

by Mary Danko

I am honored and excited to be VLA President for the next year. Vermont librarians have shown again and again that we provide for our communities in a myriad of ways. From the collections we curate, the programs we execute, the technology services we provide, and the spaces we share, Vermont librarians continue to innovate and be responsive.

Sometimes this work involves facing tough challenges, but we always persevere. We know that the foundation of our democracy is rooted in the freedoms of speech and assembly. Librarians are keepers of this democratic cornerstone through our enduring commitment to providing free access to quality services in our libraries.

I'm committed to continue to support our state's librarians and to working towards a better future along with all our wonderful VLA board members, section leaders, working groups, committees, and roundtables. If you're not involved with VLA in some capacity, please consider joining a committee or roundtable today.

The coming year will be busy as our public libraries continue to manage the changes from An Act Relating to Vermont's Public Libraries, Act 150 (S.220), 2024 (<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2024/S.220>) and An Act Relating to Updating Vermont's Open Meeting Law, Act 133 (S.55), 2024 (<https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2024/S.55>) that went into effect this spring. VLA leadership has been actively engaged in work on these changes and to plan how we can be a support.

Last year was momentous in the legislative work that was done. Both Oceana Wilson, now VLA Past President, and I were learning as we went. It has become clear that VLA is in need of a lobbyist to aid us in guiding our legislative work, and we hope to report on progress in that area very soon.

Finally, I'm excited to report the WaterWheel Foundation (<https://www.waterwheelfoundation.org>) has donated \$90,000.00 to VLA to support libraries affected by the July 2023 floods. An ad hoc committee has been formed to disburse these funds. Communications about applying for these funds will be coming soon.

I look forward to an exciting year with everyone.

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LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/groups/Vermont-Library-Association

librarians and their profession as a whole. Below is a list of your VLA leaders. For more contact information, see the [VLA Leadership Directory](#). Let them know if you would like to be involved in VLA, too!

Executive Board

President:
[Mary Danko](#)

Vice President/President-elect:
[Daisy Benson](#)

Past President:
[Oceana Wilson](#)

Secretary:
[Loren Polk](#)

Treasurer:
[Barbara Ball](#)

Section Representatives

College & Special Libraries Section
President:
[Sarah Scully](#)
Organizes workshops and assists college and special librarians.

Membership & Outreach Chair:
[Erica Shott](#)
Maintains membership database and communications.

Public Libraries Section
President:
[Catherine Goldsmith](#)
Organizes workshops and assists public librarians.

Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Roundtable

by Amy Olsen

Bridget Stone and Amy Olsen are stepping down as co-chairs of the VLA Inclusion Roundtable.

This roundtable has great capacity to do good work together.

During the Vermont Library Conference section meeting, we discussed the following:

- Putting together a resource page that would potentially go on the VLA website.
- Increasing awareness on EDI topics like homelessness, mental illness, ADA, non-English language classes ("Survival Spanish for Librarians"), recognizing our "Whiteness" in Vermont, climate and political refugees.
- Giving information about how to have harm reduction packs, safe needle disposal, "Narcan," fentanyl test strips, etc. in libraries.
- Trainings on diversity audits.
- Putting together a poll for VT libraries: What do you need?
- Creating an editable template for libraries for a flyer/poster on where to find certain types of topics within the library building for patron privacy and ease of being able to find them without asking a librarian.

If these ideas sound like something you'd like to work on, or if you have great ideas and have been waiting for an opportunity, or if you want to test the waters in a leadership role with VLA in a less formal roundtable format (or all of the above!)...please reach out!

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It's rewarding work and Vermont librarians and library people are the BEST.

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Join the Team

by Jessamyn West

Hello this is Jessamyn from the Digital Communications Team reaching out to say if you are comfortable using a web-based content management system and would like to help VLA keep its website and many little digital bits and bobs running smoothly, we could always use additional hands. Right now this team manages, oversees, or helps with:

- VLA job postings
- Website updates
- The VLA Board mailing list
- Wild Apricot admin
- The webmaster@ VLA email inbox
- The email forwards for VLA Board members
- The online tools used for the Multiple Copies list, the Sub Pool, Challenge Reporting, and Recommended Presenters
- Resources pages such as the state associations and public libraries in Vermont pages

And all of it is done by typing in a box! If you are good at typing in boxes and would like to help, please drop me a note at jessamyn@gmail.com. Thank you.

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Trustees & Friends

President:

[Howard Burrows](#)

Organizes workshops and assists library trustees.

Committees

Government

Relations Chair:

[Margaret](#)

[Woodruff](#)

Assists libraries with connections to legislators.

Intellectual

Freedom Chair:

[Randal](#)

[Smathers](#)

Assists librarians with challenges to library materials and issues related to patron privacy.

Scholarship & Awards Chair:

[Pamela Cartier](#)

Oversees VLA awards and scholarships.

Vermont Library Conference Co-Chairs:

[Dena Marger](#)

Maria Avery

Roundtables

Inclusion Co-Chairs:

[Bridget Stone](#)

[Amy Olsen](#)

Supports libraries in providing better service to diverse populations.

Personnel Chair:

VACANT

Assists librarians with questions related to personnel issues.

Technical

Services Chair:

VACANT

Organizes

ALA

by Catharine Hays

I am honored to have been tapped to serve a three-year term as your new Vermont Chapter Councilor to the American Library Association. Many thanks to Jessamyn West for your many years of service in this capacity and for your generous coaching and encouragement.

By way of introduction, I returned home to Vermont to join the Bixby Memorial Free Library (<https://bixbylibrary.org>) in Vergennes as director in May 2020, just as the pandemic unfolded. By turn of fate, it might have been the best time to fully experience and appreciate the essential role that libraries can and do play in their communities, the power of forging long-lasting community partnerships, and how to be creatively effective on a public library budget. Not to mention the incredible sister/brotherhood that is this Vermont library community.

My first official act as the VLA Councilor was to represent Vermont at this year's ALA Annual Conference (<https://2024.alaannual.org>) in San Diego at the end of June. In addition to participating and voting in the daily governance meetings from 9 - noon, highlights included Trevor Noah (<https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/trade-shows-events/article/95404-ala-2024-opens-with-applause-determination-and-trevor-noah.html>) discussing his new book and sharing how much his early library experience meant to him, attending an author talk with Vermont's own Ethan Tapper (<https://ethantapper.com>), and making personal connections with vendors throughout The Library Marketplace (<https://2024.alaannual.org/library-marketplace-exhibits-stages-resources>) to put Vermont libraries top of mind. Here's a link to the 2024 conference wrap-up (<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2024/07/24/2024-annual-wrap-up>).

The one time I went to the mike during the ALA Council Meetings was to proudly share on record our mutual accomplishment in the passage of Act 150 (S.220) (<https://libraries.vermont.gov/2024-changes-library-state-laws>) as a result of the Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont (<https://libraries.vermont.gov/services/initiatives-and-projects/working-group-status-libraries-vermont>) and to offer us as resources to libraries in those states that still face daunting challenges.

Most of all I want to share what an incredibly warm response I received every time I introduced myself as the Vermont representative. From "I love Vermont libraries!" to "I've heard about what great things you are doing in Vermont" to "How can we work together?" - it was so great to get a national affirmation of what each of us is achieving in our communities and what we are accomplishing together at the state level.

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Vermont Libraries in the News

compiled by Susan Larson

"Vermont Libraries Receive American Library Association Disaster Relief Funds"
<https://vermontlibraries.org/vermont-libraries-receive-american-library-association-disaster-relief-funds>

Drag story hour swept Bristol
<https://www.addisonindependent.com/2024/07/25/drag-story-hour-swept-bristol>

"Storyteller event and book giveaway at Fletcher Memorial Library"
<https://vermontjournal.com/news/storyteller-event-and-book-giveaway-at-fletcher-memorial-library>

"Trick roper captivates audience at Grand Island Public Library"
<https://www.wcax.com/video/2024/07/23/trick-roper-captivates-audience-grand-island-public-library>

"Lawsuit imminent as Pawlet Library prepares to hire new Director"

workshops & assists technical services librarians.

Youth Services

Chair:

[Erin Davison](#)

Organizes workshops and assists youth librarians.

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Editor:

[Janet Clapp](#)

Digital Communications

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[Tessa Johnson](#)

[Susan Larson](#)

[Sarah Scully](#)

[Jessamyn West](#)

Representatives

ALA Councilor:

[Catharine Hays](#)

Represents Vermont in the national organization.

NELA

Representative:

[Lucinda H.](#)

[Walker](#)

Represents Vermont in the New England Library Assoc.

VT Dept. of Libraries

Representative

to the Board:

[Catherine](#)

[Delneo](#)

Jobs & Subs

For library jobs:

[VLA Job](#)

[Postings](#)

For library subs:

[Vermont Library](#)

[Substitute Pool](#)

https://www.manchesterjournal.com/local-news/lawsuit-imminent-as-pawlet-library-prepares-to-hire-new-director/article_fd7df34c-396f-11ef-92ac-9b374dae2ace.html

"Upper Valley communities say Supreme Court ruling won't change approach to homelessness" Bradford Public Library

<https://www.vnews.com/Upper-Valley-towns-confront-homelessness-in-wake-of-Supreme-Court-DEcision-55932981>

"Restoration Work 'Critical' to Kimball Public Library"

<https://www.ourherald.com/articles/restoration-work-critical-to-library>

"Soundbites: The Busy Morning Band Tours Vermont Libraries"

Fletcher Free Library

<https://www.sevendaysvt.com/music/soundbites-the-busy-morning-band-tours-vermont-libraries-41288224>

"Tech Time with Matt at Fletcher Memorial Library"

<https://vermontjournal.com/news/tech-time-with-matt-at-fletcher-memorial-library>

"Experience the thrill of medieval combat at the Rockingham Public Library"

<https://vermontjournal.com/arts-entertainment/experience-the-thrill-of-medieval-combat-at-the-rockingham-public-library>

"Pawlet Library Board votes to fill Director position"

https://www.manchesterjournal.com/local-news/pawlet-library-board-votes-to-fill-director-position/article_d608dc88-4427-11ef-89b1-63293805080c.html

"Drag Story Hour draws crowds, protests"

Craftsbury Library

https://www.vtcng.com/news_and_citizen/news/local_news/drag-story-hour-draws-crowds-protests/article_fe2b0ea0-3fa1-11ef-a6d8-cf467369dbdc.html

"Why would you show up at a library bearing arms?"

Craftsbury Library

https://www.vtcng.com/news_and_citizen/opinion/letters_to_the_editor/why-would-you-show-up-at-a-library-bearing-arms/article_2a6d33d0-4556-11ef-bb84-1f934f899833.html

"Drag Queen Story Hour at Dorset Village Library"

https://www.manchesterjournal.com/local-news/drag-queen-story-hour-at-dorset-village-library/article_181973bc-2cbd-11ef-bd34-9715349ecbc4.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR0T7TpINHXBaG_OD10ITKRYYYcZbBp_-lk6l1mDIP_8h3mTwLWM_o369o8_aem_ddkaMb7pOSpGujsyNDtrtQ

"Fairfax Community Library continues operations in temporary location"

https://www.samesessenger.com/news/fairfax-community-library-continues-operations-in-temporary-location/article_d9b7f890-4446-11ef-b7ee-d708bf31132b.html

"South Burlington Library Foundation provides \$25K for programming, other items"

https://www.vtcng.com/otherpapersbvt/news/local_news/south-burlington-library-foundation-provides-25k-for-programming-other-items/article_cf5d945a-4530-11ef-99b5-8fefe67421c0.html

"Smathers: Doing nothing for the library is not an option"

https://www.rutlandherald.com/opinion/commentary/smathers-doing-nothing-for-the-library-is-not-an-option/article_a5868688-4507-11ef-a1c4-2f51284d2e5b.html

"[Rutland] Library eyes Bloomer building move, City Hall Interested"

https://www.rutlandherald.com/news/local/library-eyes-bloomer-building-move-city-hall-interested/article_86bfeda4-43a2-11ef-88e7-cf35198aceb8.html

"Tensions flare over Pawlet library firing as new applicants are interviewed"

https://www.manchesterjournal.com/local-news/tensions-flare-over-pawlet-library-firing-as-new-applicants-are-interviewed/article_2cb2d5ba-3bc3-11ef-aafd-638aaacfb675.html

"Pawlet Library Board member resigns"

https://www.manchesterjournal.com/local-news/pawlet-library-board-member-resigns/article_902d0c30-

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"Franklin County youth seek free spaces for fun, socialization"
St. Albans Free Library and Bent Northrop Memorial Library
https://www.samesessenger.com/news/franklin-county-youth-seek-free-spaces-for-fun-socialization/article_880664ce-3df6-11ef-888e-6b9be9ecbee0.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2vEHnUPIqke9huWKSsw1QkbEGtitWV3p_y-8x7o020SwriFMbsZpbn1dw_aem_uxRcJ8_2VOqeTdUTfpEitA

"Burnham Library's Poetry Walk sparks admiration and expression at Niquette Bay State Park"
https://www.colchestersun.com/news/burnham-library-s-poetry-walk-sparks-admiration-and-expression-at-niquette-bay-state-park/article_8b17ce2c-4072-11ef-b706-eb36b737e92e.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3NaJM0xcsXots7cwGsenepOwTRi2zifiMiirEm_aVF4-Twfeb4uxaX5Rkk_aem_0n10KwGibZyjX69LqQZR9Q

"Rockingham Library hosts Foraging Safely class"
<https://vermontjournal.com/outdoor-news/rockingham-library-hosts-foraging-safely-class>

"Socially Responsible Investment professionals to speak at Brooks Memorial Library"
https://www.reformer.com/community-news/socially-responsible-investment-professionals-to-speak-at-brooks-memorial-library/article_f414071e-3f9c-11ef-b349-dfadbc3dc44.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3cRSbosG3itYHptCy-cM6s3bHaVsi3gQk_PoU7XNgZS4xd3dbGV0KQkE_aem_7293up4ezD9DY9ZcdjQW4g

Springfield Town Library and VINE Sanctuary present "Break the Bias"
<https://vermontjournal.com/health/break-the-bias-at-springfield-library>

"Bixby Library over the moon after fundraiser"
https://www.addisonindependent.com/2024/06/06/bixby-library-over-the-moon-after-fundraiser/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3wq7x1zNsnD1mLfyqDq43JRky8w3ipqN4QGZN9YbE9A0mMcc7F7rE4aM_aem_rHAAOeXM8BBj3rfDc4ZLxw

"Book banning just got harder in Vermont. Here's what to know about the new law."
https://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/story/news/local/vermont/2024/07/03/vermont-law-protects-libraries-book-banning-censorship-gay-lgbtq-race/73732414007/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3Zydp7YooRxH9xshGRgY2U9SyDSx22pKuVJiRZYotf4FCgEV9aIGEu9DE_aem_8E6QhVlnLimuVXuvzYOsaAA

"Editorial: Check it out"
Summer reading at Vermont Libraries
https://www.rutlandherald.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-check-it-out/article_f0935397-d2f6-5a55-8a64-daa50ae3a873.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2ppTqxSIfkIamVXCnbsKh9kuABZy_1Vi1-vfEG96UUA5FWpomGI_ikas_aem_B26OZ9KxLClcQZjBGNKJaQ

"Burlington Council Unanimously Passes a \$107.8 Million Budget"... "\$150,000 will pay for additional security services and a social worker at Fletcher Free Library, where staff have struggled to manage more aggressive patrons and frequent drug use."
<https://www.sevendaysvt.com/news/burlington-council-unanimously-passes-a-1078-million-budget-41224745#:~:text=Burlington%20city%20councilors%20unanimously%20approved,also%20investing%20in%20public%20safety>

"Local libraries share their favorite summer reading picks"
Joslin Memorial Library, Warren Public Library, and Moretown Memorial Library
https://www.valleyreporter.com/index.php/news/artsent/19080-local-libraries-share-their-favorite-summer-reading-picks?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR0bHDZfQsa6LUVUMXE-XOeMqM2DQqWCzDBOup9TuasCyfqX0mdvYUZARNA_aem_iHI00Q8x6RFnQxvW09r8uA

"New library confidentiality law goes into effect across Vermont next week: are our librarians ready?"
Brownell Library
<https://www.mynbc5.com/article/new-library-confidentiality-law-goes-into-effect-across-vermont-next-week-are-our-librarians-ready/61446365#:~:text=ESSEX%20JUNCTION%2C%20Vt.%20%E2%80%94&text=be%20most%20impacted,-.When%20we're%20checking%20out%20books%20at%20the%20library%2C%20our.keep%20their%2>

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"Vermont Public Libraries Launch Summer Reading Programs and Bolster Family Literacy Support"
Vermont Department of Libraries

https://www.northstarmonthly.com/community_news/vermont-public-libraries-launch-summer-reading-programs-and-bolster-family-literacy-support/article_96778f74-322f-11ef-b090-5bba8ce39030.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2EtV_nEMRaRn_p4x5lxcVWUUpGR_a10YcRPIB2mg_CRKj1bqbpej2Zh00k_aem_adJcWRh_i20ARdrvqT5HQ5HQ

"Bellows Falls Library grandfather clock rededicated"

https://vermontjournal.com/history/bellows-falls-library-grandfather-clock-rededicated/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR0Qn51xebR418HvVD1FTjWVvy4LEsf7irl-4doZv1tGmwdzPaQcD3ZDv_u4_aem_IDURDrKuMoJ0R6_zIZDh8A

Letter to the editor praising Kellogg-Hubbard Library

https://montpelierbridge.org/2024/06/letter-to-the-editor-june-12-2024/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3C3MKpUf_f2G7ROC64UYdkjU0Xveq1_cejzp-DaSSzQJZDAjRwa56Z8_aem_Vlz-fe7R6W_z-vxN6zkYMQ

"Vermont author M.T. Anderson garners Newbery Honor for middle grade novel about magical dog"

https://www.vermontpublic.org/local-news/2024-01-29/vermont-author-m-t-anderson-garners-newbery-honor-for-middle-grade-novel-about-magical-dog?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR04JWrdZpvOauGgYfDIIN8FIEqyB_di_7mI0bBvIN0Hi0_kMbF5r2ILVNY_aem_4usH0FIZcNLa6

"Bus shelter in front of Fletcher Free Library to be removed over concerns about drug use"

https://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/story/news/local/vermont/2024/06/15/safety-concerns-lead-to-removal-of-bus-shelter-on-college-street-burlington-vermont/74099565007/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2YYkkkcQ4tTXnF_TUQltp5IB1533EiTgNJytIqQOkEwJE0apPFwq7jewU_aem_dZYwRpycwVFzo_G1LBb4jA

Davies Memorial Library received Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) grant

https://www.caledonianrecord.com/features/entertainment/waterford-library-receives-clif-grant/article_a3e3d36d-89f9-5770-bac9-3c8dd31741b9.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR35vnQ8vQKac68HrcNGCT0eNFJWfBL5USBdkSwh_eIXpoSs_DRLj2Ke53c_aem_4-TEmw9Fiv9B7BnyrhHRew

"Putney Public Library celebrates poetry chapbook with special readings"

https://www.reformer.com/community-news/putney-public-library-celebrates-poetry-chapbook-with-special-readings/article_484e28c8-21b1-11ef-b54c-c702ab31577b.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3Rzy7BrPw8RQjwk7GkCn3hzLNy9naewe-bnbx1y_w_4-tj896fTqNYRPy_aem_S_2vnWuzLhhUqxUb81uJgg#tncms-source=article-nav-next

"Brooks Memorial Library to close for internet upgrades"

https://www.reformer.com/community-news/brooks-memorial-library-to-close-for-internet-upgrades/article_0e40db1a-2cb2-11ef-a886-c71ec7708e02.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3Y5MmMjXn4AwveGeAU6Qbthoi0K1gio4iIMjHp1qaRPhVgOXnFkRujSy8_aem_z55wfia0civysTz7TGpnPw

"Brooks Memorial Library hosts work by incarcerated artists"

https://www.reformer.com/community-news/brooks-memorial-library-hosts-work-by-incarcerated-artists/article_3d4e9a56-240f-11ef-ad56-6b2691d23cd6.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2lpFQt8M6rDkoEbneGVnJ1RHXJoprS8ewl4rNg6ENE23NqLi_WASWpAK4_aem_bs7PfonUhYK4XYpMqm5eKA

"Juneteenth events celebrate the occasion in Vermont from Burlington to Brownington"

South Burlington Public Library, Winooski Library, Moretown Library, Joslin Library, Warren Library

https://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/story/life/arts/2024/06/10/vermont-juneteenth-burlington-brownington-winooski-montpelier-rokeby-museum-alexander-twilight/74016041007/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2vGxKXPt-nTCzF-yWYAnCWKR-byOf0lr3oGMGCL9DMCqWJr8GytIjVkl4_aem_w-286xuqyzkOSdmfmrTxkq

"Fairfax Community Library temporarily moving during BFA renovations"

https://www.samesessenger.com/news/fairfax-community-library-continues-operations-in-temporary-location/article_d9b7f890-4446-11ef-b7ee-d708bf31132b.html

Manchester Community Library exhibits almost 70 works from "For the Love of Vermont: The Lyman Orton Collection"

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Libraries in Vermont Working Group

The Working Group on the Status of Libraries in Vermont worked diligently for three years. The resulting report was submitted November 1, 2023. Check it out!

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