

South Central Kansas Library System
Executive Committee Nominees
October 18 - 22, 2021
Candidate Statements

Gateway Public Member Libraries

Four-year Term Beginning January 2022 and Ending December 2025

Kerri Steffen, Director, Cunningham Public Library

Candidate's Statement:

"Thank you for considering my nomination for a 2nd term on SCKLS Executive Committee. My librarianship began at Cunningham Public Library in 2008. Throughout this time SCKLS has been my compass. I've come to know firsthand just how vital SCKLS services, grants, and training opportunities are to our small, rural library. What I've come to understand since serving on the executive committee, is that this same extraordinary support is what all member libraries can rely upon. SCKLS is equitable, transparent, and always planning for the future. I'm honored to be a part of SCKLS and to help support its mission."

Service Center I Public Member Libraries

Four-year Term Beginning January 2022 and Ending December 2023

Cina Shirley, Director, Douglass Public Library

Candidate's Statement:

"I have been Director at Douglass Public Library for seven years. SCKLS has been an incredibly valuable resource for our staff, library patrons, and myself by providing grants, continuing education, technical support and answering questions on library matters. It is essential for small libraries to be able to reach out for assistance since we don't have the resources to handle all aspects of library operations.

I would be honored to serve on the Executive Committee for SCKLS because I know the importance of this organization to small communities like Douglass. The last seven years has been a valuable learning experience for me personally. I cannot overstate how much SCKLS has helped me and our library. I would be thrilled to learn what goes on 'behind the scenes' at SCKLS. Thank you for your consideration."

**Service Center II Public Member Libraries
Four-year Term Beginning January 2022 and Ending December 2023**

Christina Zenner, Assistant Librarian, Rose Hill Public Library

Candidate's Statement:

"I have worked for the Rose Hill Public Library for 14 years and formerly as an Administrative Assistant for the City of Rose Hill. I am a past-president of the Rose Hill Chamber of Commerce and have served 10 years on the Rose Hill Fall Festival Committee while coordinating the Annual BBQ Cook-Off. I am so grateful for the support we receive from the South Central Kansas Library System and I would be honored to serve on the Executive Committee."

**At-large Position I
Four-year Term Beginning January 2022 and Ending December 2025**

Jeff Roberson, Hutchinson

Candidate's Statement:

"I recently finished both of my terms on the Hutchinson Public Library board along with an unexpired term. During my time on the Hutchinson Public Library board, I served as Chair for two terms. I was nominated to serve on the SCKLS Executive Board, which my term representing Hutchinson Public Library ends in December of 2021. I have a strong appreciation for the regional library systems and would like to continue to serve SCKLS on the Executive Board. Continuity of leadership is important as members finish their terms and new members come on. To that end, I would be honored to continue to serve on the SCKLS Executive Board."

**At-large Position II
Four-year Term Beginning January 2022 and Ending December 2025**

Eldon Younce, Anthony

Candidate's Statement:

"I have been a part of the South Central Kansas Library System for seven years as Director of the Anthony Public Library. Even with forty-one years of experience as a public school librarian, I quickly learned to rely on SCKLS for expert guidance in many areas of library service to our community. My knowledge and understanding of the inner-workings of SCKLS have grown considerably while serving on the Executive Committee the past four years. It will be a pleasure to be a part of helping the SCKLS staff to continue to provide the best possible service to the libraries in our twelve-county system."

Public School District Libraries

Four-year Term Beginning January 2022 and Ending December 2025

**Gail Becker, Supervisor of Library Media and Textbook Services, USD 259
Wichita**

Candidate's Statement:

"The South Central Kansas Library System has provided many resources to me personally and professionally for many years. Growing up on a farm in Kingman County, I relied on SCKLS for reading material through my teen years. I did not know at that time that someday I would share their passion and pursue a career in Library Media. As a School Librarian, I have written and received Continuing Education grants from SCKLS which have been valuable in my professional development. Our district has benefitted from the professional expertise of SCKLS staff members as they have provided in-district training to our library staff.

I would be honored to serve again on the SCKLS Executive Committee and work with others to ensure that the mission of SCKLS continues to support area libraries as they provide vital services to their communities. Since its inception in 1967, member libraries throughout the south central Kansas region have benefited from South Central Kansas Library System's services. Although libraries have been gravely impacted by continued reductions in state funding, SCKLS has continued to provide grants, continuing education, and other services that are vital for libraries to remain a solid base within their respective communities."