

## MSC Exec Board Bios

### Nominees for Small Public Library Representative

#### **Mary Kay Bullard – Director, Bicentennial Library of Colstrip**

Mary Kay Bullard was born and raised in Lead South Dakota. She graduated from Lead High School and decided to follow her mother's foot steps into the convent. But the convent kicked her out and she went to a technical college in Rapid City South Dakota focusing on getting started on a law degree. At the ripe old age of twenty she married Andrew Bullard, a nice, tall boy from El Paso Texas and approximately nine month later had their only child together. Her son's arrival put a temporary delay on her education so she did not graduate with a pre law degree until he was three. Mary Kay began seeking employment as a paralegal after her graduation and received many lovely rejection letters. Her only yes came from the current director of the Deadwood Library in South Dakota.

With her career as a children's librarian/event planner/ personal assistant, Mary Kay worked many happy years at the Deadwood Library while raising her son, who is truly a child raised in libraries. Andrew became a union pipefitter and traveled a lot, but tried to come home on weekends, when he was working nearby.

Andrew's closest nearby location was Colstrip. When the job of Director of the public library in Colstrip came up, Andrew asked Mary Kay to apply for it. She did, she got it, and the small family moved to Colstrip. Mary Kay also has a beautiful, sassy stepdaughter who will graduate from Colstrip this upcoming January. Mary Kay has been the director since December of 2007 and has enjoyed being a part of the Colstrip Community. Mary Kay has enjoyed her appointment to the NAC (Network Advisory Council) and most recently chairing the Strategic Planning Committee, a subcommittee appointed by the Montana Shared Catalog Executive Committee.

Mary Kay now lives in Colstrip with her husband of seventeen year, two teenagers and one, two year old dog.

**Wendy Campbell – Director, Darby Community Public Library**

I am interested in serving on the Executive Committee for the Montana Shared Catalog as the Representative for Small Libraries.

The basic and standardized service provided to us through membership in the MSC consortium allows our small rural library to meet user expectations for consistency making user experience at our library comparable with other libraries across the state. I would like to serve as the representative for small libraries because the shared catalog is so important to the work we do, helping all of us collectively better serve our communities. I would like to serve on this board so that I might give back to the greater library community, serve the needs of small isolated rural libraries such as ours, and work more closely with librarians across our state.

I am enjoying my fifth year as the director of the Darby Community Public Library. I entered this profession with a degree in Communications; work experience with children, parents, and adult learners in the public schools; a background working in research and administration for a university; a commitment to work in and for my community; and little experience working in a library. I have learned much through on-the-job training and by trial and error. I have greatly benefited from my fellow librarians sharing their knowledge and time with me.

Thank you for your consideration. It would be an honor to serve as your representative.

## **Nominees for Large Public Library Representative**

### **Kim Crowley – Director, imagineIF Libraries**

Kim Crowley is the director of the ImagineIF Libraries (formerly Flathead County Library System), with facilities in Kalispell, Columbia Falls, Bigfork and Marion. She has a Master's degree in Information and Library Studies from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Montana. The ImagineIF Libraries has been transitioning for the last several years from a passive caretaker of books and materials to an experienced-based library. A place where customers can engage and create, and where the quest for ideas, dreams, and self-fulfillment is supported every single day. ImagineIF was one of the original MSC libraries and helped to form the Partner's resource sharing system.

## **Kathy Robbins – Information Systems Coordinator, Billings Public Library**

I am the Information Systems Coordinator at Billings Public Library, one of 4 members of the library's management team. I began my career at the Billings Public Library in 2007 after 22 years as an information systems strategic consultant, database designer and trainer. My education includes a B.S. in Information Systems from MSU-Billings and a MLIS from the University of Washington as a PEEL Scholar. Professionally, one of my most notable accomplishments was as a leader in the planning and implementation of technology systems at the new Billings Public Library. Statewide, I served on the Executive Committee of the Montana Memory Project, helped plan the Offline 2015 Conference, participated in the Montana State Library Summer Institute in 2012 and was a panelist/trainer in eReader early adoption workshops at Offline and the Montana State Library Fall Workshops. I am a member of MLA. One of my favorite involvements is in the national YouMedia Community of Practice, a network of 25 digital learning labs across the nation which communicate to share best practices in all areas of digital media lab operations.

As the manager of information resources at the Billings Public Library, I have been the liaison to the Montana Shared Catalog from the time of our migration in 2009. From that experience, I have learned about MSC strategic planning and budgeting, as well as day-to-day operations for our local staff. In order to learn more about the Symphony software and WorkFlows, I attended the COSUGI conferences in 2010 and 2011. Since 2009, I have actively worked with the MSC staff to create solutions for a variety of operation matters including:

- Establishment of holding codes and acquisitions procedures within the WorkFlows client
- Analysis of our hardware and network for optimal performance of the software
- Establishment of secure communications for self-checkout transactions
- Patron authentication for database and computer use
- Creation of reports that serve as tools for overdue call messages, claims returned procedures, lost item procedures, daily cash reconciliation
- Database cleanup for Item Types, Item Categories
- Migration of all records and reports (and troubleshooting) for a 2014 library name change

I have participated in every MSC membership meeting since the Billings Public Library's migration in 2009. In 2011-2012, I sat on the Montana Shared Catalog RFI and RFP committees which investigated new software possibilities. I feel it is important to learn about ideas for our statewide resources, engage in thoughtful discussion and vote. It is in my nature to actively participate in the communities with which I am involved.