Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Deputy Director, Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, is a candidate for the position of PLA President. The election will be held March 11 – April 3, 2024. She is currently accepting endorsements for her campaign and has asked for the endorsement of the Ohio Library Council Board of Directors.

**Kim’s History with the Ohio Library Council**
- 2021 OLC Convention & Expo Co-Chair
- 2021 OLC Management & Admin. Division Action Council Member
- 2019 OLC Library Safety & Security Conference Committee Member
- 2018 OLC Leading Libraries: Strategies for All Levels of Management Conference Chair
- OLC Public Librarian Certification through 2028

**Kim’s Biography**
Kim DeNero-Ackroyd has worked for eight public library systems, including six in Ohio, as well as the Austin Public Library, and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library in North Carolina. She’s been in her current role as Deputy Director of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library since 2011.

In her current role, she is responsible for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of public services for the system; supervision of eight public service managers; budget development and allocation; statistical reporting and creation, communication, and reporting of the strategic plan.

Since 2007, she’s been heavily involved in ALA, PLA, the Ohio Library Council, and the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System, with membership and leadership roles in conference planning, virtual and in-person presentations, membership and leadership roles on committees, and five years as an ALA Councilor at Large.

Her specific PLA involvement has included serving on two conference programming subcommittees, four years on the Membership Advisory Group (including two as co-chair), service as a peer reviewer to *Public Libraries* Magazine, and volunteering as a resume reviewer at multiple conferences.

She has a BA from the Ohio State University and an MLIS from the University of Texas. She’s an administrator of the Facebook group “Librarian Leadership,” which is focused on women in leadership and managerial roles. Outside of library work, she’s an avid reader, jigsaw puzzler, gardener, cat mom, and fan of all Cleveland sports, where she’s learned how to persevere, even through hard times.

4.C: Endorsement – Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Candidate, PLA President
Candidate's Website
https://www.kdaforpla.com/

Personal Statement
"I'm honored to stand election for PLA President-Elect because I care deeply about both the present and the future of our profession and the organization that has represented it so well. In combining my skills, experience, values, knowledge and dedication, I can confidently, diligently and thoughtfully lead the organization into the future, so that we are leveraging opportunities and conquering challenges together. If elected, I would also be dedicated to being a listening ear to membership, keeping your wants and needs at the forefront of my work.

"As PLA President-Elect, I would bring my values of accountability, inclusion, integrity, intellectual freedom, responsibility, service and social justice. These values would guide my work in advancing our organization. As part of my commitment to increasing diversity, equity and inclusion, I worked intentionally to help develop concrete initiatives that launched my library’s DEI plan in 2020. Continuing the important work that PLA has already started in this area would be a key focus area for me, so that we can reach and serve all people wherever they are in their lives."

About the Election
In the 2024 PLA election, six nominees will stand for three positions – PLA President and two Directors-at-Large. These are crucial leadership roles that will guide PLA into the next several years, ensuring that PLA delivers on its core purpose to strengthen public libraries and their contribution to the communities they serve.