

**Voting is now underway for the 5 open seats on the IHLS Board of Directors.**

Seats to be filled are:

- 1 Public Library Staff Representative (3-year term)
- 4 Public Library Trustee Representatives (3-year term each)

**Please read these instructions carefully prior to voting:**

All voting is done electronically via this survey.

**EACH MEMBER LIBRARY CAN VOTE ONLY ONCE.**

**Please ensure that only one person at your library responds to this survey.** If your system membership is shared among multiple locations or branches, be sure that only one person votes on behalf of ALL combined locations.

**VOTING DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. Monday, April 15, 2019**

The following information is used to ensure proper voting procedures, that only libraries with a system membership vote, and that only one ballot is cast by each member library:

Name of your library:

Your email address:

Does your library's system membership include multiple locations? (For example: Branches, Schools, etc. If you are not sure, please exit this survey and contact the Illinois Heartland Library System for this information prior to voting.) Each member library is to cast just ONE ballot collectively, on behalf of all of its locations combined.

- Yes, multiple locations, branches, schools or entities share our system membership.
- No.

Public Librarian Representative Slate

**Richard Balsamello v. Devin C. Black v. Loretta Broomfield v. Richard Chartrand v. Kristina Hoerner**

*(Vote for 1)*

**Richard Balsamello**

*Westville Public Library*

Director

I received a Bachelors of Arts Degree from Eastern Illinois University in May 2002 and have an extensive educational background from years of attendance at the University of Illinois and Danville Area Community College. I have been the Library Director of the Westville Public Library for over 15 years. I have been in the past a member of a few civic and beneficial organizations, including the Westville Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus, and Royal Neighbors of America. My interest in becoming a member of the Systems Board stem from my desire to provide the best customer service possible to my patrons and by extension those of IHLS. As the library landscape is constantly changing, in order to serve our public one must stay abreast of issues that affect them and be proactive in dealing with those changes. I will use my varied business and library background to advocate for every patron and represent their wishes to the best of my ability.

**Devin C. Black**

*Tuscola Public Library*

Library Director

I've been at the Tuscola Public Library for 6 years as Director. In that time, I've gained board experience on the Douglas County Museum Association Board, which I've served on as a Trustee and as Vice-President, as well as the Tuscola Rotary board as Secretary and currently as President. I love working in the community here in Tuscola, and I would like the opportunity to work for all the libraries in IHLS. Libraries have given so much to me and all their communities and constituencies, so I am asking for your vote so that I may continue to give back.

**Loretta Broomfield**

*Sallie Logan Public Library*

Library Director

My love for libraries began when I was a young girl at the Marion Carnegie Library. I loved it so much that as a high school student, I got my first job there! Once in college, I was hired at the Shawnee Library System where I had the privilege of interacting with librarians and staff from multitype libraries throughout southern Illinois. I managed the Talking Book Center at Shawnee/IHLS during the library systems merger in 2012. While employed at Shawnee I obtained my MSLIS from U of I. For the last five years, I've been the director at Sallie Logan Public Library where, every day, I apply knowledge that I've gleaned from my 30+ years in libraries. It is crucial that librarians like myself, are willing to fill these roles and share knowledge

and experience to advance libraries and to keep them at the forefront.

**Richard Chartrand**

*East Alton Public Library District*

Director

In addition to my MLS in Library and Informational Science, I also was awarded a Dual Masters' Degree in Business and Management. I believe, this additional expertise would be a valuable addition to the System Board of Directors. Illinois Library Law is a special interest of mine. Both the District Act as well as the Municipal/Village portions. I also believe it is vital to be aware of any possible legislation that may effect any system member or the Illinois Heartland Library System.

**Kristina Hoerner**

*Champaign Public Library*

Access Services Manager

I have had the pleasure of working with public libraries in both Indiana and Illinois. In my 18 years with the Champaign Public Library, I have served as the Adult Services Manager and now the Access Services Manager. Over that time, I have had an opportunity to see many changes in the profession. I am interested in serving on the Illinois Heartland Library System Board to help move our profession forward as the needs of libraries change. Collaborative work at the system level provides the opportunity for all libraries in our area to work together to succeed. I would love to be a part of that work.

- Richard Balsamello
- Devin C. Black
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Public Library Trustee Representative Slate

**Karen Bounds v. Doris Heaton v. Beverly J. Obert v. Glenn E Overby II v. Joshua Short v. William C Wagner Jr**

*(Vote for 4)*

**Karen Bounds**

*Centralia Regional Library District*  
VP of Board of Directors

I am a retired school librarian and am presently serving as Vice President of the Centralia Regional Library District Board of Directors. Previously, I served on the IHLS board as a school library representative and was board president for IHLS's first two years of existence. I feel as strongly now about libraries in all of their forms as I always have. We must have an informed, literate citizenry who use their libraries! A strong library system is key to this process. Thank you for your consideration.

**Doris Heaton**

*Benton Public Library District*  
Board Member

I would be honored to serve on the IHLS Board of Directors and previously served on the Shawnee Library System prior to the subsequent merger of the systems. I have been a member of the Benton Public Library Board for over 30 years and would consider it a privilege to serve on this system board. I retired from Hamilton County Unit 10 schools where I was the Elementary Media Specialist/Librarian for six elementary schools from pre-school through grade 8. I have served as Benton Public Library Acting Librarian several times between the hiring of new librarians and in this capacity I have learned the excellent work done by the staff of IHLS and the assistance given to the member libraries.

**Beverly J. Obert**

*Atwood-Hammond Public Library District*  
President of the Board of Trustees

I have served on the IHLS Board for the last 3 years, now serving as Treasurer. I would like to serve another term on the board as I feel that I can use the experiences of the last 3 years to further the work of the Board and IHLS. I have worked in public libraries, been a staff member of the system and now serve on a public library board. My experiences give me insight into the needs of the member libraries that inform my decisions as an IHLS board member.

**Glenn E Overby II**

*Westville Public Library*  
Vice President, Board of Trustees

Our professional librarian here in Westville noted this vacancy and suggested I apply. I moved to Tilton from the Detroit area in 2002, working in Illinois in the non-profit sector until my April 2017 retirement. In April 2019 I will stand for election to a full six-year library board term after completing two separate vacancy appointments. My qualifications are a will to do the work, an understanding of not-for-profit operations, a couple of decades in this community and region, time granted through retirement, and especially memories of the public library in the life of a working-class boy. Thank you for your consideration.

**Joshua Short**

*Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library*  
Library Trustee

The library was always my refuge growing up and to this day it is still my favorite place in town. Our library system is one of the best parts of living in Illinois, I am constantly touting this fact. I love that nearly any material can be ordered and delivered within several days. I have been a board member since early 2017 and I have been working for the National Archives since 2015. I am looking forward to a lifetime of involvement with the library, including the Illinois Heartland Library System. I feel my experience on the library board, combined with my employment with the Federal Government and my passion for libraries makes me an ideal candidate for this opening.

**William C Wagner Jr**

*Rantoul Public Library*  
Trustee

I would like to serve on the IHLS Board because I feel that representation from smaller libraries is important. Serving on the IHLS Board would also provide me with a better understanding of how the system works and affects my local library. While it is important to me that my local library be successful, in these days of ever more scarce resources, I feel it is important that all libraries work collaboratively for the greater good of the entire system. My personal biography: I'm retired and share a small house with two cats, Mom and Spot. I worked for 35 years as a business information systems programmer/analyst and project manager. I received my initial training in this field during eight years in the US Marine Corps and worked for 27 years at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. My personal interests range from art to cooking and classical and jazz music to sports.

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