



Thompson Elected President of Statewide Library Association

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Carroll County, MD –Joseph Thompson, Director of Public Services at Carroll County Public Library, will serve as President of Maryland Library Association through June of 2019. Thompson has worked in library leadership positions for more than 25 years. Prior to his position at Carroll County, he served as the Senior Administrator for Public Services at Harford County Public Library; Associate Director for the Western Maryland Regional Library; Project Coordinator for Maryland AskUsNow!; and as a circulation supervisor, library associate, and librarian at Baltimore County Public Library.

Thompson is also active in the American Library Association (ALA) and the library profession, serving as President of ALA's Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) from 2014 – 2015, chair of RUSA's Reference Services Section from 2010 – 2011, and as a member of many committees and task forces. He serves on the board of Citizens for Maryland Libraries and previously served as chair of the Maryland's Library Associate Training Institute Oversight Committee. Thompson received his Master of Library Science (MLS) degree from the University of Maryland in 2001.

The Maryland Library Association was founded in 1923 and provides professional development and other leadership opportunities for its members, in addition to advocating for principles and issues related to librarianship and library service. Members include library staff, library school students, library trustees, and friends of libraries representing a full spectrum of the library profession across Maryland. For membership and other organization information go to www.mdlib.org.

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