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NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM

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Candidate: Ashley Parker-Graves

I accept the nomination to serve as a candidate for: Board Member-Public Libraries

NAME, TITLE & INSTITUTION	MAILING ADDRESS	
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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
Master of Library Science Program	Texas Woman's University	August 2005-December 2007
Honors College Bachelor of Arts: English/History	Henderson State University	August 2001-May 2005
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Position	Institution	Dates
Regional/Library Headquarters Director	Mid-Arkansas Regional Library, Malvern, AR Malvern-Hot Spring County Library	October 2007-Present
Intern	Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR	August 2007-December 2007
Library Clerk	Garland County Library, Hot Springs, AR	March 2007-September 2007
Volunteer	Lakeside Junior High Library, Hot Springs, AR	February 2007-May 2007
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
Hot Spring County Best Librarian Award - 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 GIVE Volunteer Award - 2010 Arkansas Democrat Gazette 20 to Watch - 2010 ALA Emerging Leader - 2011 Paul Harris Fellow - 2012		

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Network of Libraries of Medicine: 2011-2013 Public Libraries Steering Committee
Malvern/Hot Spring County Chamber of Commerce: 2011-2012, Board Member
Hot Spring County Literacy Council Board: 2010-2013, Member
Malvern Area Kiwanis Club: 2010-Present, Member, 2014-Present, Historian
Arkansas Young Adult Book Award: 2009-Present, Selection Committee
Healthy Hot Spring County Coalition: 2009-Present, Member; 2010-2012 Secretary; 2011-Present, Membership Coordinator
Young Library Professionals (Arkansas): 2008 Group Founder; 2008 - Present, Information Coordinator
Malvern Rotary Club: 2008-2012 Member; 2010-2012 RYLA Coordinator
Arkansas Library Association: 2007-Present, member; 2008, 2012 Public Relations Committee; 2009, 2010 Public Libraries Conference Sub-Committee; 2009 Public Libraries Division, Vice Chair; 2010-2011 Public Libraries Division, Chair; 2011-Present, Emerging Leaders Committee, Chair
American Library Association: 2006-Present, member; 2011 Emerging Leader
Public Library Association: 2007-Present, member
American Association of University Women: 2005-2006 member at large; 2006-2010 member Hot Springs, AR branch; 2007-2009 New Membership Committee, Hot Springs, AR branch

PUBLICATIONS

Arkansas Libraries 2010-2013 Administration and Management Column
Letters About Literature 2009 and 2010 State Level Judge, Arkansas
Malvern Daily Record December 2007 - Present Guest Columnist
HMS Libris - www.hmslibris.com September 2007-November 2007 Book Reviewer
Footnotes - Journal of the American Library Association New Member Round Table November 2007
Article: The Classroom Meets the Real World

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

As a Library Director and an active member of the library community in Arkansas, I am especially well versed in the needs of our libraries and communities and will use that knowledge and understanding to direct my actions if selected as an Amigos Board Member. While my experience as a rural library director will be beneficial to the knowledge base of the Amigos Board, serving on the Board will allow me to continue to expand my knowledge of services provided by Amigos which I will, in turn, be able to disseminate to our Arkansas libraries. Furthermore, my 8 years of experience as a Library Director will provide a solid background for participating as an Amigos Board Member, as I am very familiar with how Boards function and the related administrative and interpersonal skills (i.e. writing procedures, setting goals, working with a group, etc).

In a time of severe funding cuts to libraries, it is vital that services to library staff continue to be provided with utmost care for value and content. Libraries and their staff rely on the resources provided through consortia and various shared agreements to continue their service models and scope of access. In looking for value, education, buying power, etc., libraries of all types will continue to look to organizations like Amigos Library Services to fulfill those needs. It is imperative that Amigo's and its governing body continue to support the mission of libraries and develop strategies to remain relevant to member institutions.



Signature

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