

AMIGOS LIBRARY SERVICES
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NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM

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Candidate Jennifer Crawford Goodson

I accept the nomination to serve as a candidate for: Board of Directors (Librarian)

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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
Certificate of Advanced Study	University of Oklahoma	1994
Master of Library & Information Studies	University of Oklahoma	1991
Bachelor of Arts, Print/News Journalism	University of Arkansas	1989
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Positon	Institution	Dates
Library Director	Fort Smith Public Library	2004-present
Adjunct Instructor	School of Library & Info. Studies, Univ. of Okla.	1998-present
Assistant Director	Fort Smith Public Library	2003- 2004
Head, Access Services and ILL and Associate Professor	Bird Health Sciences Library, OU Health Sciences Ctr.	1999-2003
Head, Reference Services and Associate Professor	Bird Health Sciences Library, OU Health Sciences Ctr.	1993-1999
Reference Librarian/Assistant Professor	Bird Health Sciences Library, OU Health Sciences Ctr.	1991-1993
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
<p>As a public library director, I am a frequent presenter at a variety of local civic groups and professional associations. I have been invited to give presentations to professional library groups in Arkansas and Oklahoma on a range of topics including lobbying for public libraries, working with local media, and careers in libraries. I am frequently interviewed for the local newspaper and on local radio and television. I teach classes to library customers on locating reliable medical information on the Internet. In 2011 I was awarded the Leadership Fort Smith Community Leadership Award in the non-profit category. On behalf of the Fort Smith Public Library, I have received awards from the Social Studies Educators Association for our efforts to preserve Fort Smith's history and educate others about Fort Smith's heritage, been recognized for our efforts in the successful campaign to recruit the national U.S. Marshals Service Museum to Fort Smith, and been recognized by Congressman John Boozman for our efforts to provide library services to Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees. I am a 2006 graduate of Leadership Fort Smith, a yearlong competitive-admittance program for individuals with demonstrated leadership ability in work and/or community activities.</p>		

MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Amigos Library Services – Elected to Board of Directors, member of the Budget and Finance Committee, member of the Bylaws Task Force, member of the Amigos/MLNC merger working group, board secretary, board vice chair
Arkansas Library Development District 1 – Member and past secretary
Arkansas Library Association – Member and occasional conference presenter
National Network of Libraries of Medicine/South Central Region Arkansas Regional Advisor Committee – Member
Arkansas Advocates for Public Libraries – Member
American Library Association – Member and past committee member
Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce Education Committee – Member

In my previous positions in an academic medical library, I was an active member, served on committees, and held offices in a variety of local, state, and national organizations including the Oklahoma Health Sciences Library Association, the Oklahoma Library Association, the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association, the Medical Library Association, and the American Library Association.

PUBLICATIONS

In my current position as library director, my publications have been limited to newsletter columns, news releases, and the occasional guest editorial in local media. In my previous positions in an academic medical library, I was a frequent presenter at professional conferences on the state, regional, and national levels.

STATEMENT OF CONCERN

It would be an honor and a privilege to be re-elected to the Amigos Library Services board, to represent the Amigos membership and particularly public libraries on the Amigos Board of Directors. My service on the Amigos Board of Directors over the past three years has been among the most interesting and rewarding work I have done in my library career. I am more certain than ever of the value Amigos offers its members and of the dedication and efficiency of the Amigos staff.

I have been an active board member during my current term on the Amigos Board, having served as board secretary, board vice chair, and on several key task forces and committees including the Budget and Finance Committee and as a member of the Working Group to negotiate the merger between Amigos and its Missouri-based counterpart, MLNC. My experience on the Amigos Board and particularly my work on the Amigos/MLNC working group have given me a solid foundation from which to continue helping Amigos to move forward as it offers a range of products and services to libraries of all types.

My entire career has been spent in Amigos-member libraries, representing public, academic, and special library types. My service on the Amigos board has only added to my understanding of the range of services and projects Amigos offers its libraries and how libraries can and do utilize those offerings. My experience as a library administrator as well as a practicing librarian equips me well to work with the other members of the Board of Directors to set goals and objectives, establish policies, and perform the other functions of the Board of Directors on behalf of the membership.

As a member of the Board, I will work to help Amigos offer affordable services to libraries and facilitate the sharing of library resources and knowledge. In these challenging economic times, an organization like Amigos plays an essential role in helping libraries of all types and sizes stretch their dollars, do more with less, and demonstrate their essential value to the communities they serve. Through partnerships we each can become stronger and better able to serve our communities and meet their expectations.

Jennifer Crawford Goodson
Signature

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