

**AMIGOS LIBRARY SERVICES**  
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**NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM**

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**Candidate** **Britt Anne Murphy**

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

NAME, TITLE & INSTITUTION	MAILING ADDRESS	
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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
MLIS	University of Texas at Austin	1996-1998
BA in Ancient Greek & Latin	Kenyon College, Ohio	1990-1994
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Position	Institution	Dates
Director of Bailey Library	Hendrix College, Arkansas	2012-present
Librarian	Hendrix College, Arkansas	1998-present
Senior Library Assistant	Austin Community College, Texas	1996-1998
Library Aide	Johnson County Community College, Kansas	1995-1996
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
Distinguished Service Award from the Arkansas Library Association in 2018 Suzanne Spurrier Academic Librarian of the Year from the Arkansas Library Association in 2012 Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (inducted in 1997) Beta Phi Mu (inducted in 1998) Valedictorian of Kenyon College (1994) Phi Beta Kappa (inducted in 1993) George L. Brain Prize for outstanding work in Classics (1994) Karl Diehl Award for outstanding work in Greek (1992)		

## MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Library Association  
Association of College & Research Libraries  
College Library Directors' Mentor Program, 2014-2015  
Amigos Library Services Nominating Committee, 2016  
Arkansas Library Association, Executive Board Member, 2003-present  
Arkansas Library Association  
College & University Libraries Division, 1998-present  
Academic Library Survey Committee, Chair, 2006-present  
Strategic Planning Committee, 2017-2018  
ARKLink Consortium Nomination Committee, 2013-2014  
Pet Partners' ABLEPaws, 2014-2018

## PUBLICATIONS

Managing Editor, *Arkansas Libraries*, the quarterly journal of the Arkansas Library Association, 2014-present.  
Editorials for each issue of *Arkansas Libraries*.  
Associate Editor for *Arkansas Libraries*, the quarterly journal of the Arkansas Library Association, 2003-2014  
Editor, "Around Arkansas," *Arkansas Libraries*, 2006-2014.  
Bailey Library Website & LibGuides.  
Multiple presentations at Arkansas Library Association Conferences, Division and Consortia Meetings, 2007-present.  
"The Vocation of Librarianship." Hendrix Tuesday Talks Podcast, November 18, 2011.  
"Women at Hendrix." Archival Display for Women's/Gender Studies Conference, Hendrix College, 2002.

## STATEMENT OF CONCERN

"Why should I spend money on an Amigos membership? That was easy to cut from my measly budget." So spoke a colleague of mine from a two-year college library in a rural part of Arkansas. Like many library professionals at tiny institutions around Arkansas, my colleague is director, reference librarian, cataloguer, and acquisitions head all wrapped up into one solo position, managing a shoe-string budget for a population that needs more instruction and assistance than most students at institutions of higher education in Arkansas.

Her statement disheartened me, as I know how valuable Amigos has been as one of the first consortia to serve library needs in a diverse range of states. As a director of a small liberal arts college library, I am quite familiar with those financial pressures, but I also know that it is precisely organizations such as Amigos that are key to helping libraries of all types, and in all situations. In Arkansas, I have been involved with new collaborations with a diversity of library types, and it is only strengthened my resolve that libraries can be the strongest institutions in our societies, but only if we work together. Otherwise, the smaller libraries, and their constituencies, get left behind. Collaboration is where Amigos can be, and has been, so powerful. In my library we are losing our copy cataloguer position, and the most professional and affordable venue to cross-train other staff is Amigos. I am concerned that there might be libraries across the state of Arkansas and nation that do not realize the value Amigos presents, or feel that Amigos is not able to address their concerns. Perhaps Amigos can find more creative ways to address the pressures and concerns library staff face. We all know the problems facing our libraries, but the solution involves communication and collaboration, and Amigos is well-positioned to help libraries face challenges. Representative, responsible, and passionate leadership is at the center of their operations and planning, and I know Amigos will remain committed to ensuring their members have access to education, resources, and a library community that will advocate for them no matter their size, tax base, or population they serve.

  
Signature

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