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Courtney Louise Young, Penn State Librarian, elected President of ALA

McKeesport, PA -- Courtney Louise Young, Head Librarian at the J. Clarence Kelly Library at Penn State Greater Allegheny, has been elected as 2014-15 President of the American Library Association (ALA).

Barbara I. Dewey, Dean of University Libraries and Scholarly Communications at Penn State, noted, "Courtney Young is the first Penn State librarian to hold this honor and will bring our university to the table of this policy-making body of the ALA."

As ALA president, Young will be the chief elected officer for the oldest and largest library association in the world. She became president-elect at the close of the 2013 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago on July 2 and will assume the ALA presidency at the close of the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

"It is truly an honor to be elected by members of ALA to serve as president. I am excited to continue working with ALA members and ALA staff to demonstrate the value of membership through diversity, career development, and engagement and outreach," Young said.

Young received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the College of Wooster and a Master's of Library Science degree from Simmons College. Her activities have included serving as ALA Councilor-at-Large as well as a member of the ALA Executive Board and the Planning and Budget Assembly. She has also served as president and councilor of the New Members Round Table (NMRT) and chair of both the Diversity Committee and the Student Chapter-of-the-Year Award.

Her honors include a Certificate of Distinguished Service from the ALA Executive Board, *Library Journal* Mover & Shaker, Plaque of Appreciation from the NMRT, and a Staff Achievement Award from the Michigan State University Libraries.

Her publications include "'Lifelong Skills.' Room for Debate," (2011, *New York Times*) and "Incorporating Undergraduate Advising in Teaching Information Literacy: Case Study for Academic Librarians as Advisors" (2008, *Journal of Academic Librarianship*).



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