

Bradbury Miller Associates

East Lansing Public Library – Finalist Biographies

[REDACTED] is a public library leader and communications strategist with a deep commitment to the civic mission of libraries. She grew up in Michigan, where her earliest experiences in public libraries shaped her understanding of libraries as places of access, curiosity, and community life.

She brings national experience from leadership roles at The New York Public Library across public service, exhibitions, and education, and she understands how libraries operate within broader cultural and municipal ecosystems. Her approach emphasizes stewardship, clarity of purpose, and the practical systems that enable staff to serve their communities well. [REDACTED] is committed to the future of public libraries in Michigan and to the strength of the state's professional library community. She is interested in building connections across institutions, supporting shared standards of excellence, and ensuring that libraries continue to meet the evolving needs of their communities. She is drawn to East Lansing as a place that values education, intellectual life, and public engagement, and she is motivated to support the library's role at the center of that civic landscape.

[REDACTED] is the Interim Director of the East Lansing Public Library. A librarian by trade and community builder at heart, she believes libraries should be vibrant, welcoming hubs for everyone. Before she became Interim Director, [REDACTED] served as ELPL's Collections Team Leader, curating collections like the Library of Things, Community Language Collection, and Maker collection. Prior to East Lansing, she worked at Jackson District Library as an Adult Services Librarian, where she helped patrons with legal expungement, tech help, and government documents, ran programming, and hosted a book club at a brewery. She later became Collection Development Librarian, responsible for all adult materials across the district's 13 branches and bookmobile. Earlier in her career, she worked at ProQuest and Ex Libris (now both owned by Clarivate) on metadata systems that help library search tools find what you are looking for. [REDACTED] holds an MS in Information from the University of Michigan and BAs in History and Sociology from the University of Tennessee-Martin. She is a former Jeopardy! contestant, an Advocacy Ambassador with the Michigan Library Association, the first person of color to become President of the Michigan Archival Association (which named a DEI award for her in February 2026), and a President-Nominee for the Rotary Club of East Lansing.

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[REDACTED] has been connecting people to trusted resources and each other since 2005 when she graduated from Wayne State University [REDACTED] a vibrant library leader with 20 years of expertise in public libraries. As such, she looks for opportunities to widen the network of impact of the library within the community. [REDACTED] believes one way to do this is by participating in legislative advocacy, professional mentorship, and collaborative community work. [REDACTED] is an intellectual freedom champion, volunteering time to the Michigan Library Association Legislative Advocacy Committee since 2022. She helped to plan Advocacy Day in Lansing, MI for the last three years, with a special focus on the inclusion of professionals who are new to legislative advocacy. Additional contributions to the profession include service with the American Library Association Reference and User Services Association Grants committee from 2023-2025, leading the review and selection of the winners for the Stephen T. Riedner Grant for Life Enhancing Library Programs for People Living with Dementia. [REDACTED] co-presented at ALA Annual Conference, a talk highlighting the development of an open source newspaper viewer for Collective Access, a platform that the Grand Rapids Public Library uses to make digitized historical material more accessible.