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THE NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ALBANY, NY – The New York Library Association has a new roster of committee chairs for 2017.

The NYLA committee chairs are appointed annually by the sitting NYLA President, this year being Barbara Stripling.

NYLA's Legislative Committee will be chaired by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich. Rebekkah is the Coordinator for Library Sustainability at the Mid-Hudson Library System. She is also in her second year as co-chair of the NYLA Sustainability Initiative alongside Matthew Bollerman.

Geoff Kirkpatrick, a past president of NYLA, will be chairing the Membership Committee. Geoff is the Director of the Bethlehem Public Library and has been heavily involved in several other committees, such as the Sustainability Initiative.

The Continuing Education Committee will be chaired by Deanna DiCarlo, Manager of Adult & Outreach Services at the Upper Hudson Library System. Deanna is the Vice President/President Elect of NYLA's Public Libraries Section (NYLA-PLS) as well.

Ellen Rubin will take on another year as the Conference Program Committee Chair. Ellen was the recipient of NYLA's 2016 Outstanding Service to Libraries Award and has been leading the Conference Program Committee for numerous years.

NYLA's recently established Communications Committee will be chaired by Lauren Comito. Lauren is the Job & Business Academy Manager at Queens Library and is a past president of NYLA's Leadership & Management Section (NYLA-LAMS).

About NYLA:

The New York Library Association (NYLA) is the voice of the library community in New York. NYLA is the oldest state library association in the country and represents school, college, special and public libraries, library staff, trustees, and students from around the state.

NYLA is the only statewide organization dedicated to advocating on behalf of all libraries and library staff in Albany and serves as the spokesperson on library matters to the media and public policymakers.

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