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The Wisconsin Library Association Announces New Board of Director Chairman – Marge Loch-Wouters

(Madison, WI) – The Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) is proud to announce Marge Loch-Wouters' appointment as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Marge is a Youth Services Consultant for the Southwest Wisconsin Library System, headquartered in Fennimore, Wisconsin and lectures about Public Youth Librarianship at the iSchool at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. She received the 2015 WLA President's Volunteer of the Year award, the 2010 WLA/Demco Librarian of the Year Award and the 2009 Lucy Beck Storytelling Award. She also consults and presents extensively both statewide and nationally on creative and innovative methods to enhance youth service in libraries.

"There are many important issues impacting Wisconsin libraries and the communities they serve and I'm honored to continue WLA's 127-year legacy supporting libraries," said Marge. "I'm looking forward to connecting with members to create strong networks to exchange information about how to inspire and innovate to keep our state libraries of all types strong and vital."

"Marge's considerable experience as a mentor, writer and workshop presenter and her experience as a WLA Board member since 2012 make her a perfect choice to lead our association in 2018," said WLA Executive Director Plumer Lovelace. "I look forward to working with her to help provide support to Wisconsin libraries."

Marge has held many leadership positions in the library profession, serving on WLA's Finance, Awards and Honors, Nominations, and Library Development and Legislative Committees; WLA Councilor to the American Library Association; and Youth Services Section chair, board member and liaison. Her service nationally includes work in ALA's Association for Library Service to Children as a board member and Priority Group Consultant and she has served on numerous committees including the Caldecott, Newbery and Sibert award committees as well as the Intellectual Freedom, Legislation, Organization and Bylaws, Nominations, School Age Services Committees. She has worked widely as a mentor to youth services librarians and blogs about youth services work.

WLA represents over 1500 members employed by public, academic and special libraries. WLA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the growth and stability of libraries throughout the state. WLA engages,

inspires and advocates for library workers and supporters to improve and promote library services for the people of Wisconsin. For more information, go to <http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org>

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