Public Library & Trustee Section Nominees:

Position Running For:  PLTS Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson Elect  
Name:  Debbie Aden  
About:  I have been in the library business about 17 years. I started as a clerk at the Billings Public Library before moving back to Lincoln, where I first worked in the Reference Department in Love Library, and later, as a Library Associate for Lincoln City Libraries. While in Lincoln, I went back to school and earned my Masters of Library Science from University of Missouri Columbia, graduating in 2012. I have been the Director at the Fairbury Public Library since July 2015. I am a firm believer in the power of public libraries, and greatly appreciate that I have a job that gives me the opportunity to help patrons use that power to find whatever information they are seeking.

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Position Running For:  PLTS Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson Elect  
Name:  Joy Stevenson  
About:  When I started as the director of Crete Public Library, I realized right away that interacting with fellow library directors was not only informative, it was critical to my growth and success as a public library director. In my experience, these connections with my peers proved to be invaluable from the development of a meeting room policy to best practices in building a new library.

I feel now that I am in a position where I can start to give back to the Nebraska public library world and if elected as the PLTS Vice Chair/Chair Elect, I would like to continue the excellent work of previous officers and help my fellow librarians to achieve their goals.

I am a Nebraska native, born and raised in Lincoln. I got my undergraduate degree in marketing from Colorado State and a masters in international marketing from the American School of International Management. We lived in Singapore for 24 years and Johannesburg, South Africa for three years. While in Africa I attended library school (distance) at University of Wisconsin – Madison and graduated in 2019.

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Position Running For:  PLTS Secretary/Treasurer

Name: Cindy Osborne

About: After receiving my Masters in Library Studies from the University of Hawaii, I worked in corporate or government settings. In 2001, I transitioned to public libraries working as a librarian and library manager at the High Plains Library District in Northern Colorado. I was fortunate in February 2020 to become the Western Library System Director and appreciate all the libraries in the region and state have to offer.

Position Running For:  PLTS Secretary/Treasurer

Name: Tammi Thiem

About: My name is Tammi Thiem, and I am the Director for the Three Rivers Library System. I started my career in libraries as the Director for the Genoa Public Library in the summer of 2013. I received my Librarian Certificate and Associates Degree from the Central Community College in Columbus; my Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and my MLIS from the University of Missouri in Columbia. I was the System Peer Coordinator for the Three Rivers Library System from 2015 until March of 2020, at which time I accepted my current position.

The Nebraska Library Association has always had a huge impact on my library career. The yearly conferences gave me the opportunity to learn new things, gather new ideas, meet new people, and share my love for libraries. I would enjoy being a part of the Nebraska Library Association Public Library & Trustee Section as the secretary/treasurer, as I feel this would allow me to learn and grow, meet some amazing new people, and help fellow librarians.