

MINOT-SLEEPER LIBRARY TRUSTEE Q&A

Rosemary D'Arcy

Please share something about yourself...

I have lived in Bristol full-time since 2010, but have had a home here since 1981. I have a MLS (now called MLIS) from the University of Rhode Island, 1974. I have had a long career outside the library world, but have always made good use of the knowledge and skills I gained working briefly in public and school libraries.

My personal mission is to help others be the best they can be and I've had a chance as an organizational development consultant and executive coach to work closely with leaders in a variety of organizations to fulfill that mission.

What do you enjoy most about being a library trustee?

I have always had a special place in my heart for public libraries and served as a trustee for the Greenville, RI public library in the 1980s. When I saw that there was a vacancy for a Minot-Sleeper Library Trustee in 2013, I volunteered and filled the unexpired term before running and being elected to continue working with the trustees as the Library launched its beautiful new addition. I enjoy working with the Director, staff and other Trustees to ensure that the Library is serving our public and playing a key role in our community.

Please share a favorite library memory

I've always been an avid reader and I have a vivid memory of going with my father to Saturday morning story hour at the public library in Astoria, NY when I was around 5. It was a special treat to have time with my dad alone and it started my love affair with all libraries. I feel very lucky to be able to work with the trustees, Friends, and staff of the Minot-Sleeper Library!

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Martha Hulsman

Please share something about yourself...

I work in a bookstore so am always reading, and I love to garden. So if you are looking for me around town, you can usually find me in the gardens on the common. I would love to say Hi!

What do you enjoy most about being a library trustee?

I love finding projects that need attention and working on getting them done. I am enjoying working on the strategic plan, trying to make the library more accessible to our patrons.

What makes the Minot-Sleeper Library special?

I love that Minot-Sleeper is a hub in our town not only for gathering but also for dissemination of information. The staff is always a source for positive energy and cultural awareness.

How are you keeping busy during the quarantine?

As many of us are during the quarantine, I am reading as many books as possible and organizing. I'm trying to get ahead on some projects that will need to be done by later in the year. I want to come away from this time with a sense of accomplishment.

Please share a favorite library memory...

There is nothing better than coming home from the library whether it be with a book or dvd, but with something so new nobody has taken it out before you! That to me is a gift.

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Thomas Kaempfer

Please share something about yourself...

My wife and five children moved to Bristol about 1.5 years ago and have enjoyed every minute of it. I work for the New Hampshire Department of Justice as the administrator of the Grants Management Unit, where I've been for 4.5 years.

What do you enjoy most about being a library trustee?

My family and I love libraries and rely on all the wonderful services they offer. Being a library trustee allows me to give back a small portion of all the great things that the library has given to me.

Please share a favorite library memory...

I have new memories every time I come to the library with my children and see how excited they get when they find a book. There's simply nothing like it.

How are you and your family keeping busy during the quarantine?

We do a combination of home school and public school, so basically everything is status quo. Because of my position in the state, I'm still going into the office in Concord each day.

What do you like most about the Minot-Sleeper Library?

How welcoming it is. When we were looking at homes we always made a point to visit the local library. Minot-Sleeper stood out with how friendly the staff was (is!) and the overall welcoming feel that it exudes.

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Travis Kelley

Please share something about yourself...

I worked through undergrad for a BA in English and Teaching Certificate but fell into the library industry with a company formerly called *Yankee Book Peddler* where I spent about a decade in various roles assisting academic libraries. I've spent about the last half decade working with many libraries first with specialized software company, and in January 2018, I joined Baker & Taylor as their New England Field Consultant; essentially a role where I travel to various libraries throughout New England and assist them with workflow efficiencies or improving their collection development practices.

What do you enjoy most about being a library trustee?

While I'm still getting my feet wet, I've been impressed with how much tacit knowledge the group shares with each other about the town, its people and, of course, libraries. In my professional role, I see what other libraries are doing on a day in/day out basis and was pleased to see see Minot-Sleeper react in a quick, appropriate way with their plan and dealings with COVID-19. What is very clear is we all hold the library and the community close to our hearts and, as such, see the library as a conduit/vehicle to help the community.

How are you keeping busy during the quarantine?

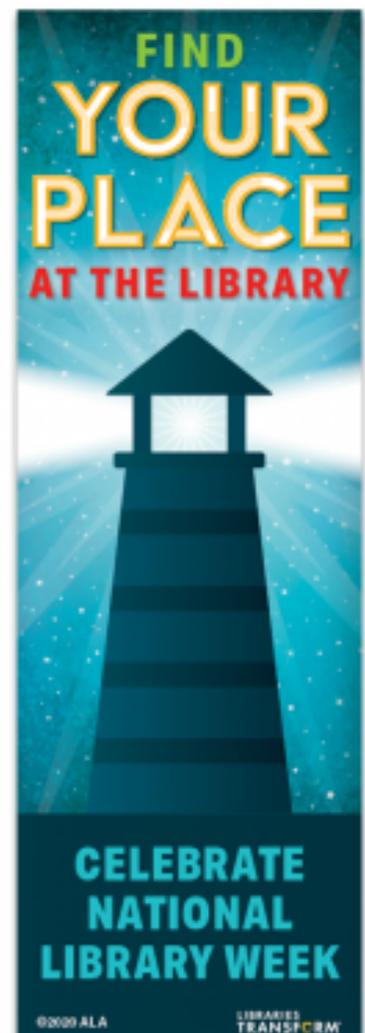
Outside of reading to the kids (*Goblet of Fire* right now), we've been doing a lot of walks with the dogs, repairing the old front deck (thankfully RP Williams delivers) and taking a few short drives in the antique Jeep we have.

Please share a favorite library memory...

Close to a decade ago, I was preparing for a meeting for Rutgers University Libraries, and was eating breakfast at a nearby hotel. The breakfast host was making small talk with a guest, telling the guest he was close to completing his Bachelors and was talking about how far he had come in life - what he had been able to avoid (gangs, drugs, etc.) and that he credited the library for it. He said the "library was his salvation" and that has stuck with me all these years later. What a word, salvation. The library gave this young man the strength to break from his friends and invest in himself. What a noble (grouping of) service(s) the library provides.

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Nancy Dowey

Please tell us something about yourself...

I have been retired for 7 years and my husband and I have lived in Bristol for that time. My last 10 years as a professional, I was working with children and their families who had special needs. I have lived all over the world as a child and an adult. I am new to small town life but have enjoyed getting involved with the amazing people in this wonderful town of Bristol.

Wherever I have been I see the similarity in all people. Everyone has strong desire to learn and be part of a healthy and supportive family and community. Our library provides such a place to learn no matter what age you are. Because of the environment the staff provides, it is a warm and safe place to explore and get information about anything you are interested in.

What do you enjoy most about being a library trustee?

As a trustee, I can support the library, the staff and the community.

Please share a favorite library memory...

My favorite childhood library memory is no matter where we lived, my father would take us on frequent trips to the library and we could check out as many books that we wanted about anything we were interested in. That started my love of reading.

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Karen Boyd

Please tell us something about yourself...

I am a retired educator with 40 years experience working in the area of literacy instruction.

What do you enjoy most about being a library trustee?

I enjoy working with the other trustees and Brittany and her staff. They are such great people to work with and I love the sense of doing something positive for the library and the community. I love our library!

How are you keeping busy during the quarantine?

During the quarantine I've been keeping busy teaching my two young grandchildren, doing yard projects and going for long walks early in the morning with my friend Nancy Dowey.

What do you like most about the Minot-Sleeper Library?

I pretty much love everything about Minot-Sleeper Library! The staff, the Friends, the building, the programs. I'm really proud to be part of it.

Please share a favorite library memory...

I loved bringing my kids to the library when they were little and we were at the lake for the summer. I can't tell you how many times I whacked my head going down the stairs to the children's room!

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