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**NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM**

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Candidate Britt Anne Murphy

I accept the nomination to serve as a candidate for Amigos Board of Directors (Librarian)

NAME, TITLE & INSTITUTION		MAILING ADDRESS
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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
MLIS	University of Texas at Austin	1996-1998
BA in Ancient Greek & Latin	Kenyon College, Ohio	1990-1994
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Position	Institution	Dates
Director of Bailey Library	Hendrix College, Arkansas	2012-present
Librarian	Hendrix College, Arkansas	1998-present
Senior Library Assistant	Austin Community College, Texas	1996-1998
Library Aide	Johnson County Community College, Kansas	1995-1996
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
Distinguished Service Award from the Arkansas Library Association in 2018 Suzanne Spurrier Academic Librarian of the Year from the Arkansas Library Association in 2012 Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (inducted in 1997) Beta Phi Mu (inducted in 1998) Valedictorian of Kenyon College (1994) Phi Beta Kappa (inducted in 1993) George L. Brain Prize for outstanding work in Classics (1994) Karl Diehl Award for outstanding work in Greek (1992)		

**MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Library Association  
Association of College & Research Libraries, CLS Secretary 2021  
College Library Directors' Mentor Program, 2014-2015  
Amigos Library Services Board Member, 2019-present; Secretary 2021-present  
Budget & Finance Committee 2019-2022; Member Fees & Dues Committee 2021-2022  
Arkansas Library Association  
College & University Librarians of Arkansas Community of Interest, Founding Member 2021-present  
Mental & Emotional Lives of Library Workers Community of Interest, Founding Member 2021-present  
Journal Committee Chair, 2014-present; Pandemic Response Chair 2021; Membership Committee 2022  
WMS Users' Group Community of Interest, Founding Member & Chair 2022-present  
ARLink Consortium President, 2021; Data Collection Committee Member; Open Education Task Force Member

**PUBLICATIONS**

Managing Editor, *Arkansas Libraries*, the quarterly journal of the Arkansas Library Association, 2014-present.  
Editorials for each issue of *Arkansas Libraries*.  
Associate Editor for *Arkansas Libraries*, the quarterly journal of the Arkansas Library Association, 2003-2014  
Editor, "Around Arkansas," *Arkansas Libraries*, 2006-2014.  
Bailey Library Website & LibGuides.  
Multiple presentations at Arkansas Library Association Conferences, Division and Consortia Meetings, 2007-present.  
"The Vocation of Librarianship." Hendrix Tuesday Talks Podcast, November 18, 2011.  
"Women at Hendrix." Archival Display for Women's/Gender Studies Conference, Hendrix College, 2002.

**STATEMENT OF CONCERN**

When elected board member in 2019, I never could have guessed what the next three years would have in store for me, libraries, and the state of the world. Libraries of all kinds would be thrown into different ways of communicating, educating, and working only 10 months later. Collaboration between libraries was sometimes our only lifeline. Suddenly our worlds needed to be educated about online communication tools, how to manage curbside services, and where to create collaborative online forums. Throughout this time, I was proud and honored to be a part of the Amigos Board, where I witnessed how effective and compassionate my fellow board members were in tending to the needs of Amigos' staffing, financial state, and members. During this time the board hired a new CEO whose leadership, vision, and expertise has put Amigos in a position to address the changing needs of our members and energize Amigos staff, while keeping a careful eye on how to enhance Amigos' many strengths as a library consortium.

My role on the Amigos Board has largely focused on Amigos' finances, where the treasurer and staff keep a vigilant eye on revenue and expenses, balancing where to invest our resources with the ever-changing demands of libraries. I've also served on the Member Dues & Fees Task Force, whose work was not glamorous, but incredibly important as we sought to clarify and update how Amigos calculates this important revenue stream, while ensuring as many libraries as possible can access Amigos' wealth of services.

In Arkansas, I have been part of collaborations with a diversity of library types, which has only strengthened my resolve that libraries can be the strongest institutions in our societies, but only if we work together. Otherwise, the smaller libraries, and their constituencies, get left behind. Collaboration is where Amigos can be, and has been, so powerful. Amigos has emerged stronger from this chaotic time, and as a small college library director in a resource poor state, I am grateful for Amigos as we sought to educate our staffs, attend online conferences, keep resource sharing humming, and access to online resources secure. Representative, responsible, and passionate leadership is at the center of their operations and planning, and I know Amigos will remain committed to ensuring their members have access to education, resources, and a library community that will advocate for them no matter their size, tax base, or population.

Britt Anne Murphy  
Signature

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Date

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