

## **LibraryLinkNJ**

### **Proposed FY2027 Executive Board Slate**

*Recommended by the Nominating/Reorganization Committee on May 21, 2026*

**Background.** In accordance with the LibraryLinkNJ Bylaws, the Board Nominating Committee submits a slate for membership consideration and action at the Spring Membership Meeting. This FY2027 Executive Board Slate was developed by Board Nominating Committee members: James Keebler (Chair), Donna Butler, Helen-Ann Brown Epstein, and Ann Marie Latini with Kristin Hayes and Amy Steinbauer abstaining.

LibraryLinkNJ extends sincere thanks and appreciation to the Executive Board members who are leaving the Board at the end of June:

- Mary Fran Daley (Member-at-Large), Executive Director, Bernardsville Public Library
- Amy Steinbauer (Member-at-Large), Library Director, Berkeley Heights Public Library
- Michelle Sutton-Kerchner (Lay Representative)

**Action.** The proposed Executive Board Slate for FY2027 is as follows:

#### **Akiema Buchanan**

Free Public Library of Audubon (**Camden County**)

*Member-at-Large*, Three-year term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029 (1st full term)

Akiema Buchanan is the Director of the Free Public Library of Audubon. She has worked as a Librarian for 10 years in a variety of capacities from being a Librarian at the Iowa Department of Transportation to Technical Services at a community college to Head of Youth and Family Services. Akiema has held leadership positions within NJLA such as Chair of the Leadership and Education Subcommittee, past President of the Small Libraries Section, a past member of Scholarship Committee, and a past member of Library Workers of Color.

#### **Aziza Haque**

Sayreville Free Public Library (**Middlesex County**)

*Member-at-Large*, Three-year term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029 (1st term)

Aziza Haque, MLS, is the Adult Services, Technology, and Programming Librarian at Sayreville Free Public Library. Since 2009, she has provided reference services, bibliographic instruction, and collection development, while continually updating and weeding adult materials to keep the collection current and responsive to community needs. Aziza oversees all public and staff

computers, the wireless network, and printers, and offers basic computer classes and one-on-one support for eBooks and eReaders. She designs and implements in-person and virtual programs that foster creativity, support mental wellness, and strengthen the community's engagement with literature and lifelong learning.

Aziza brings sixteen years of prior experience in banking and non-profit management, is highly organized and team-oriented, and is deeply committed to public service. She holds dual master's degrees in Library and Information Science & Technology and Government & Politics from St. John's University, as well as advanced degrees in International Relations from Dhaka University.

### **Yolanda M. Keahey**

Jersey City Free Public Library (**Hudson County**)

*Member-at-Large*, Three-year term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029 (1st term)

Yolanda M. Keahey is a Jersey City–based librarian, archivist, and community advocate whose work centers on expanding access to local history and inclusive library services. She currently serves as Local History/Community Outreach Development Librarian in the New Jersey Room at the Jersey City Free Public Library, where she connects patrons with specialized local history and genealogy resources and builds partnerships with community organizations to enrich archival collections. Previously, she held roles as a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Librarian and New Jersey Room Librarian, advancing initiatives that support underrepresented communities and demystify archival research. Keahey brings earlier experience in grants and sponsored programs at higher education institutions, supporting complex, grant-funded projects. She is pursuing a PhD in Library and Information Science at Simmons University, holds an MS in Library and Information Science from Pratt Institute, and an MBA and BS in Economics from St. Peter's College. Active in multiple professional associations, she contributes to statewide committees and national archival dialogues.

### **Irene Langlois**

Maplewood Memorial Library, Hilton Branch (**Essex County**)

*Public Library Representative*, Three-year term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029 (2nd term)

Irene has worked for Maplewood Memorial Library for almost 20 years. She started out as a Children's Librarian, moved to Head of Teen Services, and then to Branch Manager of the Library's Hilton Branch. During the Library's construction of its LEED Gold Main Library, Irene served as Head of Outreach Services. She's happy to be back at the Branch now, serving her community. Prior to becoming a librarian, Irene was Vice President of Foreign Exchange Sales for the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi (now MUFG Bank, Ltd.). Irene earned her MLIS degree from Rutgers University. In her free time, Irene enjoys walking/hiking, reading (of course), theater, and spending time with her daughter and friends.

**Autumn C. Sinai**

Princeton Day School (**Mercer County**)

*Member-at-Large*, Three-year term: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029 (1st term)

Autumn Sinai is an accomplished librarian with over 13 years of experience spanning independent school, academic, public, and historical institutions. She has most recently served as Assistant Director of Library Services at The Lawrenceville School's Bunn Library, where she co-lead strategic planning, managed a budget of over \$200,000, and supervised a team of six staff members to support outreach, circulation, and technical services. Autumn designed and delivered over 100 research and information literacy sessions annually, and has led major technology initiatives, including integrated library system migrations and digital resource optimization. For the upcoming school year, Autumn will be joining the faculty at Princeton Day School as the Lower School Librarian and Media Specialist. She holds an M.L.I.S. with a concentration in Digital Libraries from Rutgers University and a B.A. in Music and History from The College of New Jersey. A collaborative leader and educator, Autumn is deeply engaged in campus life through advisory roles, committee service, and civic-focused media literacy projects that empower students and broaden community access to information.