Andrew Adler serves as the Director of Library Services at Georgetown College. Prior to this role, he served as the Public Services Coordinator at the college’s Ensor Learning Resource Center, focusing on instruction, research assistance, and circulation. A graduate of the University of Kentucky (B.A. & M.S.L.S) and East Tennessee State University (M.A. – History), Andrew has been at Georgetown for almost two years following a similar stint as the Assistant Director for Outreach & Instruction at St. Catharine College.

Polly Boruff-Jones is Dean of the Library at Indiana University Kokomo. Her professional and research interests are in the areas of organizational leadership, personnel development and assessment in academic libraries. Above all else, Ms. Boruff-Jones is an educator committed to supporting students and ensuring they have the information literacy and research skills they need to be successful in college and in life.

Steven Bowling is the current Director of Marketing and Communications for the Speed Art Museum. Steven came to the Museum from The Center for Women and Families, where he served as Senior Director of Community Engagement. Prior to his career at The Center, he worked as Community Outreach Supervisor for Louisville Metro Government’s Department of Neighborhoods, the Mayor’s Office for Community Relations and for the FSA Group, LLC as the Executive Director of multiple food and culinary associations. Steven received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Indiana University’s John Herron School of Art where he majored in visual communications.

Charles Brown has been a librarian for forty years: he graduated in 1975 from the University of Louisville with Master of Arts degree in English Literature; and he graduated in 1978 from the University of Kentucky with a Master of Science in Library Science degree. Summa cum Laude (4.0 GPA). In 1970, while in the USAF, he participated in TOEFL studies at the United States Air Force Defense Language Institute, Armed Forces Language School, before becoming involved with the Vietnam, Curriculum Department, American Language series textbook project, where he was awarded the USAF Commendation Medal as the principal writer and associate editor. He has been the Director of Libraries for the Sullivan University Systems, Inc., from April 1st, 1998 until September 1st, 2015, when he became Dean of University Libraries. At the state-level, he was the Kentucky Medical Library Association member and secretary, 2008 – 2015; Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL), Collections Workgroup member, June 2, 1998 – 2010; KYVL Alliance Unaffiliated Academic Libraries representative: June 2011 – June 2012; and, he has been a Kentucky Medical Library Association member and its secretary, 2008 – 2015. Senior-level member of the Medical Library Association’s Academy of Health Information Professionals, Feb. 2013 - 2015.

Ilona N. Burdette has been named the new director of the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL), a program of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Burdette comes to the Council from St. Catharine College, where she served 17 years as director of library services. Prior to this role, she spent three years as director of the Marion County Public Library in Lebanon, Ky.
Ilona N. Burdette is the Director of the Kentucky Virtual Library which provides access to high-quality library and information resources to Kentucky citizens through its member libraries, who pay lower costs through the consortium. Participating members include the state’s public universities and colleges, K-12 schools and public libraries; independent colleges and universities; the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives; various special libraries; and a number of private K-12 schools across the state. Before KYVL, Burdette served 17 years as director of library services at St. Catharine College, which closed in the spring. She also spent three years as director of the Marion County Public Library in Lebanon. Burdette holds a master’s of library science from the University of Kentucky and a bachelor’s degree from Colby College in Maine.

Dr. Matthew S. Collins is the Director of the Ernest Miller White Library here at our Forum location today, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The theological library is not just an archive or storage facility for books; it is a search engine for knowledge. Collins was the reference librarian at the Pitts Theology Library within the Candler School of Theology at Emory University where he taught library research courses. Collins worked for 12 years at the Society of Biblical Literature directing major meetings and conventions for the organization.

Brooke Cox is a Librarian and Coordinator of Technology and Metadata Services at DePauw University Libraries. In her 13 years there she has built and maintained various digital collections and services, migrated the ILS, and redesigned the library website, twice. She enjoys teaching instruction sessions for courses with strong visual components, planning for future technology projects, and assisting faculty in their digital humanities work.

Georgia de Araujo is a native of Ohio, graduated from Centre College with a degree in History and from the University of Kentucky with a Master’s in Library Science. She has worked for the Boyle County Public Library for 31 years and has been the Library Director since 2013. Her library is currently developing a new strategic plan, components of which include the digitization of local history and archival materials, the challenges of a growing staff and changing organizational structure, and the demands of a burgeoning bookmobile and outreach program. She and her husband Mark have two grown daughters and can often be seen bicycling around the Bluegrass on recumbent bikes.

Carrie Herrmann has 30 years of experience in libraries, most of those in Northern Kentucky. She is a Graduate of University of Kentucky. Carrie Herrmann has worked for Boone County Public Library for seventeen years, the last two as the Library Director. She has managed a number of grants including an LSTA programming grant for NKY One Book and a Smart Investing @ Your Library grant for $100,000. She served on the Executive Board for the SWON Libraries consortium and served as the editor for the Kentucky Public Library Association’s (KPLA) newsletter, IN-FO-CUS. Currently, Carrie is focused on a building project for Boone County Public Library.

Alison Lampley recently joined Purdue University Libraries as electronic resources librarian. She oversees the acquisition and management of all licensed electronic resources, including licensing and negotiation. She also collaborates on consortial electronic resource acquisition and licensing activities as needed within the Big Ten Academic Alliance and the Academic Libraries of Indiana and serves as the designated
electronic resources officer. Alison earned her Master's of Science degree in information science from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee and a bachelor of music degree in violin performance from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.

David Lewis is the Dean of the IUPUI University Library and Indiana University, Assistant Vice President Digital Scholarly Communications. He holds BA, Carleton College (1973), MLS, Columbia University (1975), certificates of advanced study in librarianship, University of Chicago (1983) and Columbia University (1991). Mr. Lewis worked as a reference librarian at the State University of New York at Farmingdale (1975-76), Hamilton College (1976-78), Franklin and Marshall College (1978-83), Columbia University, and the University of Connecticut (1988-93). He came to Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in 1993 as the Head of Public Services and has been the Dean of the University Library since 2000. In 2009 he accepted the additional responsibility of Indiana University Assistant Vice President Digital Scholarly. He has published over 40 articles and book chapters (see: http://go.iu.edu/5Z8). His 1988 article “Inventing the Electronic University” was selected one of seven “landmark” articles to be republished in the 75th anniversary issue of College & Research Libraries. His book Reimagining the Academic Library was published by Rowman & Littlefield in 2016. He is a masters swimmer who enjoys traveling to parts of the world where red wine is made.

Cara Marco is the Assistant Library Director at Sullivan University. She previously served as Electronic Resources Librarian from 2005-2013. Since 2014, Cara has served as chair of the Curriculum Committee in addition to her past service on the Academic Council and other committee appointments. Cara has worked in the Sullivan Library and Learning Resource Center since 2005. She earned her Master’s of Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky and her Master’s of Business Administration from Sullivan. Cara introduced Camtasia, LibGuides, Sharepoint, EZProxy and other technologies to the library’s workflow.

Cara’s areas of professional interest include leadership, management, and strategy, user experience, web design and programming, and providing instruction through a variety of media. One of her major professional values is simplifying processes to increase user access and confidence, and she places a high priority on clearing technical obstacles and believes that accepting risk and responding well to failure are key parts of academic and professional success.

Rick E. Provine is the Dean of Libraries at DePauw University. Prior to that he was at the University of Virginia Libraries and the Indiana University Undergraduate Library. He has held several offices in the American Library Association including Chair of the Video Round Table, Chair of ACRL’s Media Resources Committee, and Chair of the ACRL/ARTS’ Film and Broadcast Studies Discussion Group. He has also served as President of the Private Academic Libraries Network of Indiana, as is the incoming President of the Academic Libraries of Indiana. He has also served as President of the Putnam County Museum.

Provine received his BA and MLS from Indiana University, Bloomington. Since coming to DePauw, he has been active on campus and around the community as a musician, including
several theater performances, the DePauw jazz ensemble and numerous other musical projects.

Matthew Shaw is the Dean of Ball State University Libraries, a position that puts him in charge of strategic alignment of teaching, learning and technology within the university. Shaw started working in Bracken Library as an undergraduate student in 1990 at age 18, and took a staff position right after graduation. He then went on to work in other libraries but returned to campus from 2004-2013, where he worked as the electronic resources librarian. He holds two degrees from Ball State- an undergraduate degree in English and a master’s degree in Executive Development for Public Service, as well as another master’s degree in Library and Information Sciences from Indiana University. He believes that libraries can be a sandbox for emerging technologies and said that the libraries will always participate in technology implementation.

Cynthia Snell is the Library Director at Columbia International University. She has over 15 years of experience within the academic environment. Her specialized expertise includes electronic resource management, usability studies, systems administration (ILS & LMS), and assessment. She has presented at several national conferences: Educause, CCUMC, and Endeavor. She has master degrees in the areas of: instructional technology, library science, counseling, and business administration.

Beth South graduated from Indiana University with a dual MLS/MIS in 2012. For the last 3 and ½ years she have been the coordinator of user & technical services and archivist at the Indiana University East Campus Library. Beth is also on the Sustainability Council for the East campus and involved in multiple Bicentennial projects and campus wide initiatives with the other IU campuses (IU celebrates 200 years in 2020). The library at IU East is small, so I have a lot of responsibilities in different areas, but I enjoy learning new things and taking on the challenges that come up. I am always trying to better myself and I hope to take on a more leadership role in the future. I currently reside in Richmond Indiana with my husband, my 8 month old son, and three cats.

Bridget Striker is the Local History Coordinator at the Boone County Public Library. At the library since 2001, Ms. Striker has led the Local History Department since 2005. She has served on the Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board since 2004, where she is currently Vice-Chairwoman. Ms. Striker is a board member of the Ohio River National Freedom Corridor. She is also currently a member of United States Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (US-ICOMOS), with a focus on heritage tourism. Ms. Striker also utilizes a background in archaeology and GIS mapping to strengthen her understanding of historic preservation and to apply the theories of the Public History discipline to the management of local history resources within a public library environment. Projects include, but are not limited to: editor of Lost River Towns of Boone County publication; over 500 presentations to community groups; contributions to eight KHS Roadside Markers; created and managed ten heritage tours; and the development of Chronicles of Boone County, an online encyclopedia of over 800 pages, which has 300,000+ page views per month. Under her leadership, BCPL’s Local History Department has developed a strong presence within the Ohio Valley Region as an innovative local history organization, culminating in the recognition by the Kentucky Historical Society as the 2015 recipient of the Thomas D. Clark Award of Excellence.

Maria Taylor is the Digital Services Coordinator at Georgetown College.
Gregory Youngen is the Director of the Indiana State University Library. Youngen graduated from Indiana State with his bachelor’s in journalism in 1982 and from Indiana University with his master’s in library science in 1983. Before returning to Indiana State in 2012 as the associate dean of library services, Youngen spent 16 years at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana working his way to associate professor of library administration. He also has experience at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the University of Chicago and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.