

Good afternoon Chair Wagner, Vice-Chair Knopp and Members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is Wendy Cornelisen and I'm deeply honored to be considered for the position of State Librarian of Oregon and appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to provide a little information about myself.

I live in Salem and am a resident of House District 19 (Rep. Raquel Moore Green) and Senate District 10 (Senator Deb Patterson).

Before moving to Oregon, I worked for two other state library agencies: in Tennessee, where my focus was on connecting residents with the free resources in the Tennessee Electronic Library, and then seven years as the Assistant State Librarian for Library Innovation & Collaboration at the Georgia Public Library Service.

I have a master's degree in Information Science from the University of Tennessee, a graduate certificate in non-profit management from the Andrew Young school of public policy at Georgia State University, and a bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Iowa State University.

I thrive on the problem-solving mindset inherent in library work: no two days are ever the same. I am passionate about providing information access that doesn't depend on your zip code, allowing Oregonians the chance to thrive wherever they are in our state.

I've spent the last three months getting to know the staff at the State Library and our State Library Advisory Board Members. I am most impressed by their passion and dedication to their work.

If confirmed, I hope to lead the State Library of Oregon as it achieves its vision of equitable access to library and information services for all Oregonians.

Thank you for your consideration, and I welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Wendy Cornelisen