

Library Director Candidates

The Champaign Public Library's Board of Trustees invited three Library Director candidates to Champaign July 7-8, 2016, to interview with the Board and meet with community stakeholders. One candidate has since withdrawn from consideration. The remaining finalists are: Cynthia Fesemyer and Donna Pittman. Below are brief biographies for the candidates.

Fesemyer, Cynthia (Cindy). Fesemyer is currently the Library Director for the Columbus Public Library in Columbus, Wisconsin. During her work at Columbus, the Library received the American Library Association's Libraries Transforming Communities grant which was awarded to ten libraries in the United States. Prior to coming to the Columbus Public Library, she was Interim Director for the Wisconsin Community Fund, and worked with the Reel to Real Experience, Wisconsin Public Television. Fesemyer has presented at the Public Library Association's annual conference and presented in the American Library Association's webinars. She currently teaches "Community Partnerships" for the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has served on the Columbus Area Endowment Board and is currently the President of the South Central Library System Foundation. Fesemyer received her Master's in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has a Master's in English Literature and Teaching Writing.

Pittman, Donna. Pittman is currently the Interim Library Director for the Champaign Public Library. Prior to becoming Interim Director, she was the Development Director and Head of Outreach Services for the Champaign Public Library. Pittman also was at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as Assistant Undergraduate Librarian and Assistant Professor of Library and Information Science. Previous work experience includes her work as a social worker for the Valley View School District, Romeoville, Illinois. During her work at Champaign, the Library has raised significant funds, including a successful building campaign and several successful grant initiatives. Pittman served as President of the East Central Illinois Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and is a mentor with the Champaign-Urbana One-to-One Mentoring Program. She has a Master's in Library Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Master's in Social Work.