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# INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

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## Public Services

By: David Schmursal, Chair

### **Present**

Melody Diehl Detar (Duquesne University), Jane Elder (Bridwell Library, Perkins), Evelyn Frangakis (Princeton Theological Seminary), Kaeley McMahan (Wake Forest University), Elizabeth Young Miller (Moravian Seminary), Mary-Carol Riehs (Garrett, Styberg Library), David Schmursal (Bridwell Library, Perkins), Gerrit Van Dyk (Brigham Young University)

### **Leadership**

Chair: David Schmursal

Vice Chair: TBA

Secretary: TBA

### **Welcome and Introduction of Leaders:**

The Public Services Interest Group met during the 2018 ATLA annual conference in Indianapolis, IN on June 15, 2018. Over the last year, PSIG's chair, David Schmursal, has been in contact with Roger Morales, ATLA's Members Program Librarian, to examine how PSIG can maximize its efforts and turn our attention to new opportunities to collaborate

with others and create new projects. In that vein, during our meeting we explored several topics:

- Who we are—library professionals who serve (mostly) in positions that interact directly with our patrons or who are otherwise interested in promoting excellence in public service
- What we do—plan and offer sessions at ATLA conferences, offer webinars, and maintain channels of communication throughout the year.

### **Ideas for Future Efforts**

1. Create and distribute a survey to garner ideas for future conference sessions; possible topics/questions:
  - a. What are some challenges facing public services?
  - b. How could the Public Services Interest Group assist you and/or your library?
  - c. What are some topics of interest for future public services' presentations?
  - d. Are you interested in presenting? If so, on what topic?
  - e. How have online/hybrid classes affected your work?
2. Create a Google Doc members can use to share topics that are of interest for discussion, presentation, etc. You can find it here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xSeMY2yoa2JVeasx-WATQ7xxMpfoqc7Zyqrvs\\_Mw70g/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xSeMY2yoa2JVeasx-WATQ7xxMpfoqc7Zyqrvs_Mw70g/edit?usp=sharing)