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Arthur Curley elected American Library Association president

Arthur Curley, director and librarian of the Boston (Mass.) Public Library, has been elected president of the American Library Association (ALA) for the 1994-95 term.

"The American Library Association is the most important voice for libraries in our society," Curley said. "The public library, in particular, has experienced a long period of retrenchment and decline. I am eager to assist the association and library users throughout the country in reasserting the importance of libraries and their services."

The president of ALA is the elected leader of the world's largest professional organization for library and information science professionals, with a membership of 56,000. Curley will serve as vice-president for 1993-94, and assume the presidency in June 1994 at the end of ALA's Annual Conference in Miami.

Curley has been active in ALA for 30 years serving in various capacities including as a member of the ALA Council, the association's governing body, (1970-74, 1981-87) and Executive Board (1983-87). He currently serves as a member of the ALA Self-Study Committee.

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He has served as deputy director at the New York Public Library: The Research Libraries; deputy director at the Detroit Public Library; director of the Cuyahoga (Ohio) County Library; director of the Montclair (N.J.) Public Library; director of the Palatine (Ill.) Public Library; director of the Avon (Mass.) Public Library; special assistant at the Widener Library, Harvard University, and adult services librarian at the Boston Public Library. He has also served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Michigan and Rutgers University Graduate Schools of Library and Information Science.

An International Federal of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Voting Delegate, Curley has served as president of the Association of Research Libraries (1991-92), president of the Boston Library Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries (1988-89), president and Foundation Board chair of The Harvard Library in New York (1982-85) and president of the Intellectual Freedom Roundtable of New York (1981-82).

Curley is the author of five books, several dozen articles, has given several hundred papers and speeches, and has presented commissioned papers at three international conferences. He has served as editor of the quarterly publication "Collection Building" (Neal-Schuman) since it was founded in 1978. He is the recipient of the Best of Library Literature Citations (1974, 1979) and the national Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award from the Avon (Mass.) Public Library, 1964.

Curley has a bachelor's degree in political science from Harvard University and a master's degree in library science from Simmons College.

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Twenty-five members of the ALA Council were elected. All terms are for the 1993-97 term. They are:

- Carolyn A. Anthony, Skokie (Ill.) Public Library;
 - Anne K. Beaubien, University of Michigan Libraries, Ann Arbor;
 - Nancy L. Bloomstrand, Rockford (Ill.) Public Library;
 - Diedre (Dee) Conkling, Lincoln County Library District, Newport, Ore.;
 - Carolyn C. Daniel, McGavock High School, Nashville, Tenn.;
 - Hiram L. Davis, Michigan State University Libraries, East Lansing;
 - Dennis Day, Salt Lake City (Utah) Public Library;
 - Maurice J. (Mitch) Freedman, Westchester Library System, Elmsford, N.Y.;
 - June M. Garcia, Phoenix (Ariz.) Public Library;
 - Mary W. George, Princeton (N.J.) University Library;
 - Mary W. Ghikas, Western New York Library Resources Council, Buffalo, N.Y.;
 - Peter S. Graham, Rutgers University Libraries, Piscataway, N.J.;
 - Kathleen R.T. Imhoff, Mildred B. Harrison Regional Library, Columbiana, Ala.;
 - Charlotte C. Kim, Chicago Public Library;
 - Michael E. D. Koenig, Rosary College, River Forest, Ill.;
 - Hwa-Wei Lee, Ohio University Library, Athens, Ohio;
 - Sarah A. Long, North Suburban Library System, Wheeling, Ill.;
 - Susan B. Madden, King County Library System, Seattle, Wash.;
 - Bernard A. Margolis, Pikes Peak Library District, Colorado Springs, Colo.;
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- Larry R. Oberg, Albion (Mich.) College Libraries;
- Marvin H. Scilken, Orange (N.J.) Public Library;
- Lucille C. Thomas, Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library;
- Mary Elizabeth (Ma'Lis) Wendt, New York Public Library, Bronx;
- Karen A. Whitney, Agua Fria Union High School Library, Avondale,
Ariz., and
- Anne Woodsworth, Long Island University, Brookville, N.Y.