

**AMIGOS LIBRARY SERVICES**  
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**NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE AND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM**

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Candidate Margaret M. Neill

I accept the nomination to serve as a candidate for: Board of Directors

NAME, TITLE & INSTITUTION		MAILING ADDRESS
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EDUCATION (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Degree	Institution	Dates
MSLIS	Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY	August 2003-August 2005
BA	Colgate University, Hamilton, NY	August 1998-May 2002
High School Diploma	Radford School, El Paso, TX	May 1998
POSITIONS (LIST MOST RECENT FIRST)		
Position	Institution	Dates
Library Administrator,	Thomas Branigan Memorial Library (NM)	August 2017-Present
Regional Library Branch Manager,	El Paso Public Library (TX)	October 2013-August 2017
Library Co-Director (Acting),	El Paso Public Library (TX)	April 2016-February 2017
Technical Services Manager	El Paso Public Library (TX)	April 2011-October 2013
Technical Services & Systems Mgr.,	Thomas Branigan Memorial Library (NM)	January, 2008-April 2011
Operations Librarian,	Thomas Branigan Memorial Library (NM)	November 2005-January 2008
Library Director,	Earlville Free Library (NY)	April 2004-November 2005
Circulation Supervisor,	Earlville Free Library (NY)	July 2002-April 2004
HONORS, AWARDS, PRIZES, MEDALS, CITATIONS		
Guidance and Excellence in Leadership, Quality of Life Department, City of Las Cruces, NM		
Public Innovator, The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation		
High Performance Leader, University of Texas at El Paso, Professional and Public Programs		

**MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES IN STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Member, New Mexico Library Association, Co-Chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee  
Member, Public Library Association  
Member, American Library Association  
Member, Border Regional Library Association  
Board Member, Cruces Creatives MakerSpace (Las Cruces, NM)  
Board Member, Radford School (El Paso, TX)  
Mental Health First Aid Certified, National Council for Behavioral Health  
Certified Public Librarian, State of New Mexico

**PUBLICATIONS**

N/A

**STATEMENT OF CONCERN**

As a library administrator, I see great value in online training for staff. Amigos already offers an excellent catalog of online and face-to-face trainings for staff. I would love to see more collaboration with other organizations, such as the National Council for Behavioral Health, the Harwood Institute, etc., to broaden training opportunities. In addition, I believe in Amgios' mission to help libraries work together to increase access to resources. In southern New Mexico, there has often been talk about public libraries in the region banding together for that purpose. Some already do with a successful partnership with Overdrive. However, I would love to see Amigos playing a larger role in bringing together regional libraries to share more resources and help drive down costs for materials, training, technology, etc. There is so much need in southern New Mexico and west Texas, I think Amigos could further expand its role as a resource for those smaller libraries, while continuing its mission to help all libraries.

I am also a big believer in mentoring and helping people reach their potential. I would love to see more mentoring opportunities made available by Amigos for those who are working on a library degree or who are currently working in libraries and want to expand their knowledge and experience.

Margaret M. Neill  
Signature

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