

ANITA BAUMANN, Florida, NY, is seeking her second term with the RCLS Board of Trustees. Having served as President of the Board in 2019 and 2020, she previously held the office of Vice President during 2018. She is one of four elected representatives of the Orange County Member Libraries that make up the Board.

Over the course of her first term with the RCLS Board, Anita chaired the Bylaws and Policies Committee and the Advocacy and Fundraising Committee; and, she has been active in the Member Library Trustee Outreach & Orientation and Plan of Service Review committees.

Currently employed part-time at the Woodbury Public Library as the Adult Services Library Assistant, she has expanded programming in collaboration with the Youth Services librarians for enhanced Family event offerings. A longstanding participant in volunteer activities, her most recent involvement has been with the Coalition for Library Workers of Color; she serves as a mentor within their newly established mentorship program.

The future of libraries, as COVID-19 has challenged our methods of operation and funding, will require a redoubling of the profession's commitment to providing equity and access to our communities. Anita remains dedicated to that ideal, while recognizing the need for sound business and financial considerations to be part of that future. She would be honored to bring her non- and for-profit experience to a continuation of her service as a Trustee of the Board.