

FROM THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JENNIFER K. ABDELNOUR, MA, CAE



Greetings, FLA members!

I started with FLA at the on-site Conference Planning meeting at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort last September and hit the ground running. I am thrilled for this opportunity to serve as FLA's Executive Director!

My background includes more than 18 years working in public policy, public relations, communications, conference management, and association management. I most recently managed three Florida arts education associations for more than five years.

I have an M.A. in political science with a concentration in applied politics from American University and a B.S. in Criminology from Florida State University. I also hold the Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential from the American Society of Association Executives.

Deciding to work for FLA was a no-brainer, as I firmly believe that, like the music and art teachers in my last position, librarians are educators, too. Additionally, I am a former long-time Leon County Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor and know the importance of comprehensive and diverse literacy improvement programs through Florida's libraries.

Since my start, I have been networking with members of Florida's library community, including the Division of Library and Information Services, through many in-person and virtual meetings.

My vision for FLA is a diverse and welcoming association of library professionals, libraries, supporters, and other partners that provides solutions to the challenges facing the library profession in Florida.

FLA news:

FLA's 2023 Library Legislative Day in Tallahassee last month was a success! More than 60 members and other library advocates came to the Florida Capitol to champion funding for libraries and library cooperatives, library construction, Career Online High School, and library technology. Thank you to those who participated, especially those who had to take off work and/or travel to attend.

Register now for FLA's 2023 Conference, "The Next Frontier," May 17-19, 2023 at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort. We have a Conference packed full of professional development, networking, and fun!

The 2023 FLA Board of Directors Elections close Monday, April 17. Vote for the future of YOUR association! While you're at it, why don't you consider becoming the future of FLA by volunteering for a committee? The Call for Committee Members closes Friday, April 21.

Thank you for all that you do.

I'd love to hear from you! Send any questions, suggestions, or concerns to executivedirector@flalib.org.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer K. Abdelnour". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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