JENNISEN LUCAS

This past year, AASL adopted a new strategic plan to move our organization forward. I was fortunate to be part of the discussions about the vision we have for both AASL and the profession of school librarianship. School librarians lead learners to discover their dreams, to empower them with the skills they will need to create their futures, and to embolden them to add their stories to the human record. Each of our learners deserve to have a leader like this in their lives.

If I have the fortune of being chosen President-Elect, I will spend the next year learning from our seasoned leaders, delving more into our operational plan, and working with the AASL Chapters to assess the realities we must face in order to move toward the vision of AASL. As President, I would like to continue working on sharing our vision of all schools staffed with school librarian leaders.

I look forward to working with you to bring our vision closer to reality: “Every school librarian is a leader. Every learner has a school librarian.”

PHOEBE WARMACK

What an exciting time to be a school librarian! Education is shifting daily and librarians are rising as leaders to help communities engage with this transforming landscape. As classrooms move to active discussion and project-based learning, what is needed from librarians is evolving, significantly integrating us into the academic program.

We refine services to meet these needs; with shared foundations we implement new instructional techniques and materials, supporting a diversity of perspectives shaped by our communities. We are reimagining instruction, programming, and facilities.

Our time is now. We must collaborate, building and sharing evidence-informed research regarding how we prepare students for college, career, life, and the public libraries they will use to enhance those lives. Linking our narrative with data is paramount to communicating the success of our students, our profession, and the new AASL strategic plan. Through this, AASL is strengthened to shape educational policy and champion the school librarian’s integral role in teaching and learning.

If elected it would be my privilege to advocate for this work, to serve AASL and our members. You and your voice are valuable to the field of school librarianship. Vote Warmack, so I may amplify your voice.

Let’s go, we’ve got this!