

## **LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS as of January 2012**

### **KEVIN O'CONNOR**

Appointed to the Library Commission August 2005

- Currently President of the Library Commission

Currently financial consultant. Until recently Senior Vice President, Wells Fargo Brokerage Services Public Finance, activities in a five state region. Served on the Board of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains and completed a two year term as its Treasurer as well as the Chair of PPRM's Audit Committee.

Formerly a City of Milwaukee Alderman, Milwaukee County's Treasurer and candidate for Congress. Served 18 years as a trustee of the Milwaukee Public Library System serving as its President, Finance Chair and as a Founding Member of the MPL Foundation. Kevin has a BA in History from Marquette University and earned an MBA from the University of Chicago.

### **JAY MEAD**

Appointed to the Library Commission August 2007

- Currently Vice President of the Commission

Jay Mead is Director of Communications for Health Language, Inc., and a faculty member at the University of Colorado at Denver in the graduate Communications program. A life-long user of the Denver Public Library, Jay has been active in the Friends Foundation for many years and for seven years co-chaired the Library's Rare and Not-So-Rare Book and Art Auction.

Jay has been active in community activities as a Big Brother volunteer, a choir member at Montview Presbyterian Church, a member of the Opera Colorado Chorus and the Colorado Symphony Chorus, and past president of the Society for Technical Communication, an organization for communication professionals. Jay has an undergraduate degree from Yale University and a Master's degree from the University of Colorado Denver.

### **GLORIA RUBIO-CORTÉS**

Appointed to the Library Commission September 2010

- Currently Secretary of the Commission

A Denver native, Gloria Rubio-Cortés is the President of the National Civic League and Executive Editor of the National Civic Review. She graduated from DPS North High School. She has held numerous leadership positions in philanthropy, business, and nonprofits and is author and co-author of publications and articles on civic issues. She is on the Board of the Urban Libraries Council and has been elected a National Academy of Public Administration Fellow. She has an M.S. from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and a B.S. from the University of Colorado at Boulder in Journalism.

### **SUNEETA HAZRA**

Appointed to the Library Commission August 2006

In July 2000 Suneeta moved to Denver, Colorado to be an Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado. She is a prosecutor in the economic crimes section.

Suneeta grew up in Richmond, Virginia, received a BA in history with honors from Yale University in 1992, and received her law degree from University of Virginia in 1996. She then clerked for a United States District Court Judge in the Eastern District of Virginia before moving to Washington, D.C. to work for the law firm of Covington & Burling. In 2000 she left Covington to work for the Department of Justice Criminal Division in Washington DC.

### **TAYLOR C. KIRKPATRICK**

Appointed to the Library Commission September 2010

A Denver native, Taylor has been professionally involved in financial services for over 15 years and is the President of Babson Farms, a family office with land holdings in several states

and an operating business primarily focused on corn and soy production. Taylor is active in the community and involved in several philanthropic organizations in Denver. He currently serves on the board as the Secretary for Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver and recently served on the Board of the Denver Public Library Friends Foundation with two terms as its Treasurer / Chair of the Finance Committee. Taylor received a Bachelor of Arts in French from Middlebury College and an International MBA from the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver. Taylor and his wife Molly have a son named Henry.

**ROSEMARY MARSHALL**

Appointed to the Library Commission January 2012

Rosemary Marshall is a Denver native and former Director of the office of Public Relations and Policy for the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. Following a lengthy career in state government, she was elected in November 2000 to the Colorado House of Representatives, and served for four consecutive terms ending in December 2008. In her third and fourth terms in office she was Chairman of the powerful committee on Business Affairs and Labor. She also served on the committees of Finance, Judiciary and Audit. Her primary legislative focus was consumer protection which resulted in the passage of new laws to provide penalties for Identity Theft and Predatory Lending. In addition she was the prime sponsor for legislation to require licensing for mortgage brokers and consequences for brokers who commit fraudulent acts against consumers. She has received numerous awards from the financial industry for her leadership on these initiatives, which included sponsoring and promoting a requirement for financial literacy to be taught in public schools.

She continues her community service to the citizens of Colorado, as a public policy advocate, and works to promote integrity in government by her involvement in countless local and statewide campaigns. She has been appointed to Boards and Commissions by former Mayor John Hickenlooper, and former Governors Owens and Ritter, including the Access to Justice Commission and the Mortgage Loan Originator Board. She is married to Cleophus Marshall and has three adult daughters.

**KAREN ROKALA**

Appointed to the Library Commission August 2005

It is a great honor to serve on the Denver Public Library Commission. It has allowed me to volunteer experience I have gained from a variety of positions I have held professionally. Highlights include: Boards and Commissions Director, Governor Roy Romer; Colorado office, Senator Gary Hart (scheduler, education, women and children's issues outreach); Congressman Ed Perlmutter's campaigns (senior advisor, fundraising and compliance); Mayor Hickenlooper's transition team.

Also, fundraising consultant, 2004 Arts to Zoo campaign to renew SCFD; Boards of NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado (co-chair and treasurer) and Colorado Conservation Voters Action Fund. Former French teacher, Jefferson County Schools. BA Washburn University, Topeka, KS; Graduate study, University of Colorado, Denver, Graduate School of Public Affairs.

**ALAN SALAZAR**

Appointed to the Library Commission September 2010

Currently Chief Policy and Political Director for Governor John Hickenlooper. Prior to working for the Governor he was the Senior Policy and Political Advisor to U.S. Sen. Mark Udall. Was Chief of Staff, U.S. Rep. Mark Udall for ten years prior. Also served as Deputy Chief of Staff/Policy Director to Colorado Governor Roy Romer; State Director, Clinton-Gore Re-Election Campaign; Campaign Manager, Roy Romer's Gubernatorial Re-Election; Political Director, Colorado Clinton-Gore Campaign; Deputy State Issues Director, U.S. Senator Tim Wirth; and Staff Assistant to U.S. Senator Gary Hart.

Alan has a Juris Doctor/Law University of Colorado School of Law and a B.A. in History and Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder.