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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE – Mr. Oliver is a proven national leader in the library field, with extensive experience as a director and senior manager in libraries of varying sizes located in diverse communities. He is skilled in the areas of advocacy, strategic planning, collaborative thinking, fiscal accountability, policy development, facility planning and public service. He has been involved with library policy planning on a national level and has a keen understanding of the challenges facing libraries.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (selected list)

- Library Director, Nashville Public Library, 2012 – present
- Executive Director, Stark County District Library, Canton, Ohio, 2001 –2012
- Associate Director for Branch Services, Johnson County Library, Overland Park, Kansas, 1995 – 2001
- Library Director, Olathe Public Library, Olathe, Kansas, 1988 - 1995

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS (selected list)

- Urban Libraries Council. Member, current
- Alignment Nashville Board of Directors 2017 - current
- Leadership Nashville Graduate (2014) and Alumni
- Southern Word Advisory Committee 2013 - current
- Rotary Club of Downtown Nashville 2012 - current
- Downtown Partnership, Nashville Tennessee, Board of Directors 2012 - current
- Freedom to Read Foundation, President, 2009-2012, Board member, 2004 -2012
- American Library Association, Presidential Nominee in 2009, Public Library Association Presidential Nominee 2020, Member of Executive Board, 2001-2004, Kansas Chapter Councilor, 1995 – 2001, Member and chair of numerous committees
- Ohio Library Council, Member, 2001 – 2012

EDUCATION

Master of Library Science, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, June, 1979
B.A. – Bachelor of Arts, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, May, 1977