

## MEMORANDUM

TO: NSLS Board of Directors  
FROM: Sarah Ann Long  
DATE: May 15, 2009  
RE: Self Nomination for Kathleen Pilat

Name: Kathleen Pilat  
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I am the representative of the Huntley Public Library District library

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What community service activities have you been involved in?  
Community service has always been an important element in my life. Over the years, I have been a member of my community celebration committees, beautification committee, Jaycees and Girl Scouts of America.

What leadership roles have you held?  
Years ago I served a Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, President and Outgoing President of a very active Jaycee Organization. Currently, I am in my third year as Leader for a Cadette Level Girl Scout Troop.

What activities have you been involved in relating to libraries and library services?  
Since having joined the Huntley Area Public Library District Board of Trustees in 1997, I have served as Treasurer, Vice-President and currently as President. In addition, I have served on the Planning, Policy and Finance Committees.

What advocacy efforts have you pursued on behalf of libraries?  
During my tenure on the Board, I have participated in many advocacy efforts within our district including two referendum campaigns, community outreach program and Municipal outreach program. Most recently, I was given the opportunity to join

members of the NSLS staff during their meeting with Illinois State Representative Mike Tryon and Illinois State Senator Pam Altoff.

How would you contribute to these roles?

After participating in the legislative meeting with the NSLS staff and Illinois State Representative Mike Tryon and Illinois State Senator Pam Altoff, I decided that I would like the opportunity to continue to build upon these relationships. It was eye-opening to listen to them talk about funding and issues being addressed by the Illinois General Assembly that could have a positive impact on Libraries. I would like to help bring the voice of libraries into those discussions and work with together with elected officials to promote libraries in our communities.

In your opinion, what are the biggest challenges facing libraries today?

The biggest challenge facing libraries today is the increase need for services and changing technologies while working within a limited budget. We constantly need to reevaluate the way we operate to maximize service and control costs.

How long have you served on your local Board?

12+ year

When does your current term of office expire?

May, 2013