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Anythink director elected as Public Library Association president

Pam Sandlian Smith will serve 2017-2018 term

THORNTON, Colo.–May 2, 2016–Announced Friday, April 29, Anythink Director Pam Sandlian Smith has been elected [2017-2018 Public Library \(PLA\) Association President](#). A division of the American Library Association, [PLA](#) helps provide a diverse program of communication, advocacy and programming for the advancement of public library services across the country. Voting was open to all PLA members.

“I am continually amazed at the energy and enthusiasm people have when they get a chance to experience our Anythink libraries,” says Pam Sandlian Smith. “It is such an honor to be able to represent our community on a national and international level as President Elect of the Public Library Association. I look forward to being part of the conversation about the importance of public libraries in our society.”

Under Sandlian Smith’s leadership and vision, Anythink transformed from the worst funded library system in Colorado to one of the most recognized library brands nationwide. During her tenure, Anythink was awarded the 2010 National Medal for Library Service, the 2011 John Cotton Dana Award for Outstanding Public Relations, the 2011 Library Journal Landmark Libraries award, and is a grantee of the Institute for Museum and Library Services and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation learning labs project. Sandlian Smith was the 2010 Colorado Librarian of the Year and the recipient of the 2012 Charlie Robinson Award for innovation and risk taking.

Sandlian Smith promotes a “people first” approach to library services, highlighting the ingenuity of library staff as the industry continues to evolve and innovate.

About Anythink™

Anythink is a new style of library – a place of unlimited imagination, where play inspires creativity and lifelong learning. Rangeview Library District serves the residents of Adams County with seven Anythink libraries and Anythink in Motion – the district’s mobile library – and is one of the recipients of the 2010 National Medal of Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information, go to anythinklibraries.org.