



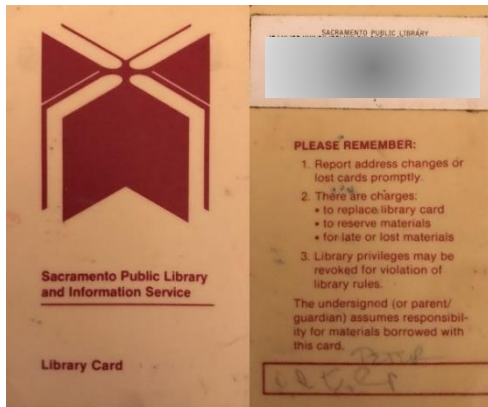
# SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Peter Coyl (he/him) has been the Director of the Montclair Public Library, one of the busiest municipal libraries in New Jersey, since March 2017. During his tenure Montclair Public Library received two programming grants from the American Library Association, was honored with a Multicultural Program Award from the New Jersey State Library, and was a Libraries Lead with Digital Skills/Grow with Google grant recipient from the Public Library Association. It was also a 2021 ALA Inclusive Internship Initiative location which was featured in *American Libraries*. Montclair Public Library was also the second library in New Jersey to eliminate overdue fines.



*Peter D. Coyl, MLIS*

Peter's love for libraries started at the Sacramento Public Library where he was issued his first library card when he was 5 which he used frequently. Later, when his family relocated out of state, he continued to be a voracious library user which led to him to work in his local public library during high school and college. At the Rochester Hills Public Library he began as a page in the children's department, then a circulation clerk, and later a bookmobile driver.



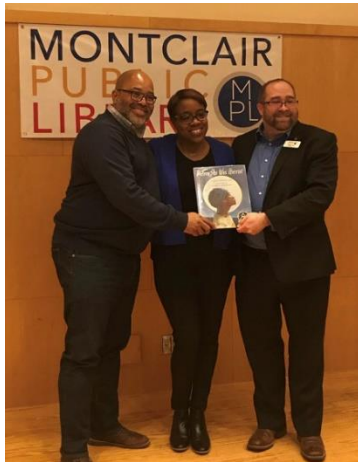
While earning his undergraduate degree in Public Administration and Public Policy at Oakland University he also served on the Library Advisory Board for the

Pontiac Public Library and spent a semester studying abroad at the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing. After graduation he worked at the Oregon Legislative Assembly and later studied Mandarin Chinese at National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei.

He earned his master's degree in library and Information Science from Drexel University with a concentration in Youth Services. While studying he interned at the Free Library of Philadelphia and the Hershey Public Library. He returned to Taiwan where he was the librarian at a K-12 international school. He then worked at the Dallas Public Library as an Assistant Branch Manager, then Branch Manager, and later District Manager. He ended his time at DPL while the Central Library District Manager overseeing the 646,000 square foot J. Erik Jonsson Central Library.



He is the Vice President of the Freedom to Read Foundation, as well as serving on ALA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, and ALA Council as the Intellectual Freedom Round Tables' Councilor. He also served as Chair of the Stonewall Book Awards Committee and as Chair of ALA's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (now the Rainbow Round Table), and most recently as a member of PLA's Task Force on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice. In 2016 he was honored as one of Drexel University's 40 Under 40. In addition to national activity, he served as a member of the Texas Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee and as Chair of the New Jersey Library Association Intellectual Freedom Subcommittee in addition to work within the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS) a 77-member library cooperative in Northern New Jersey serving libraries in 4 counties.



He is a frequent presenter at regional, state, and national library workshops, webinars, and conferences training librarians on a wide variety of professional issues. He has been interviewed and quoted by major national media outlets including National Public Radio, *Huffington Post*, *Forbes*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Library Journal*, and *American Libraries*.

