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We'd like to begin our second issue of *The Political Librarian* by thanking Washington University Libraries who we are thrilled to have partnered with to host the journal on their Open Scholarship platform. We are especially grateful to Trevor Dawes, Associate University Librarian; Emily Stenberg, Digital Publishing and Preservation Librarian; and our bepress consultant Michelle Barron-Lutzross for all of their work and support throughout the entire process.

In this issue we stretch the concept of politics in libraries further. Beginning with John Chrastka's discussion of political attacks on libraries, and Patrick Sweeney's clarion call to foster radical library supporters and for the development of data sets that can be used to better understand the political climate and context during ballot initiatives and campaigns for library funding; we get a boots on the ground perspective of the battles being fought by libraries and their supporters. Author Dustin Fife manages to humanize politicians even in the midst of an extremely negative and partisan political climate and seemingly nev-

er-ending presidential election cycle. Ann Dutton Ewbank, J. Turner Masland, and Christian Zabriskie broaden our view by giving us a glimpse into the inner workings of national advocacy and the American Library Association's Committee on Legislation. Dr. Paul T. Jaeger and editor Lindsay C. Sarin challenge the nature of library education and the lack of real emphasis on the political processes that impact libraries and librarians. Dr. John Buschman ties the issue together with his discussion of library politics not in relationship to the concept of voting and funding but as an exploration of the political nature of library leadership. For the editors, this piece drove home just how much a journal dedicated to political issues in libraries was missing from the discourse. We are proud to publish such variety of valuable perspectives and range of topics. It is a true reflection of the range of issues libraries and librarians face in the political context.

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