

# The VALLA Advantage

## Growing Tomorrow's Library Leaders

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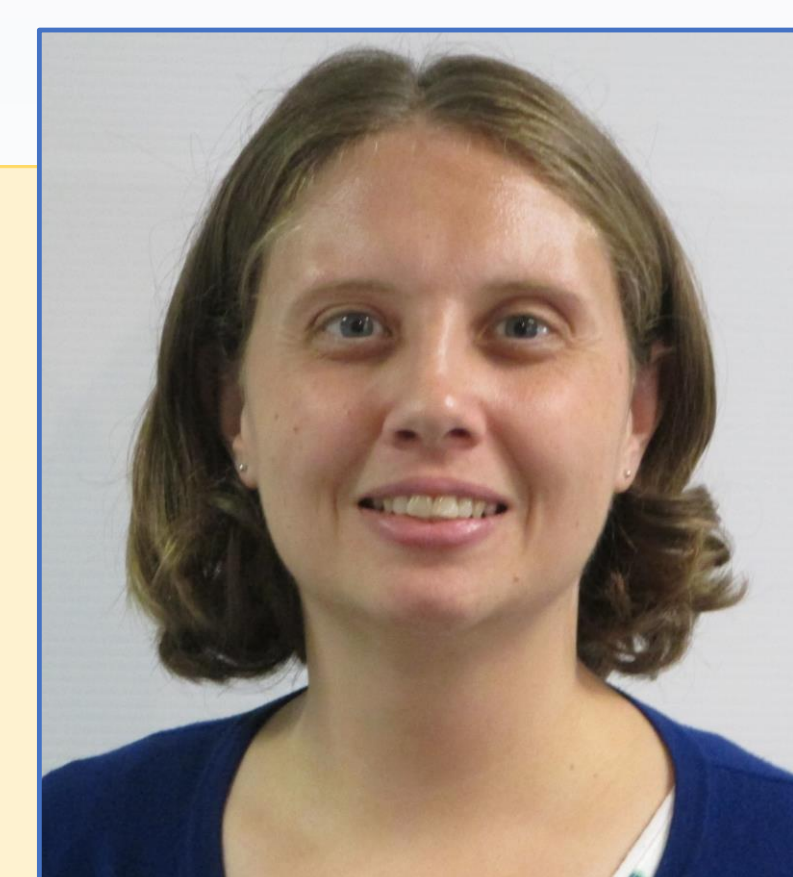
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**M. TERESA DOHERTY**  
Assistant Head for  
Access Services  
VCU Libraries  
**VALLA 2010**

When selected for the inaugural VALLA program, I was a relatively new librarian tasked with coordinating the work of a busy and vital library department. VALLA taught me the difference between managing and leading and so much more. In 2014, I was accepted into a year-long leadership institute at VCU. I am certain I would not have had this opportunity without the experience provided by VALLA; it has really opened doors for me.



**CORI STRICKLER**  
Learning Services  
Librarian  
Bridgewater College  
**VALLA 2014**

VALLA helped give me the courage to initiate new projects and build relationships across campus. I still collaborate with the people I met. VALLA demonstrated the impact of being active in VLA and the importance of being able to give back to the library profession.



**VALLA 2018**  
April 23-24, 2018  
Staunton, VA



**TINA D. ROLLINS**  
Library Director  
Hampton University  
**VALLA 2014**

VALLA was an awesome experience. Leadership theories and best practices prepared me to be a Director. For my project I created a professional development series for my employees which we still use. I also met new colleagues and we all continue to support each other's work.



**CLINT S. RUDY**  
Director of Libraries  
City of Suffolk  
**VALLA 2012**

As a VALLA graduate, I was able to develop and refine my leadership skills, helping me to gain the amazing position I currently hold. This was especially valuable because City leaders were looking for someone to contribute to their team and not just lead the library.

- **Effectively Lead Change**
- **Innovate and Engage**
- **Build your Professional Network**

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