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Margolis previously served as the president of the Boston Public Library from 1997 to 2008 and director/CEO of the Pikes Peak Library District in Colorado Springs from 1988 to 1997. He earned a B.A. in political science and an M.A. in librarianship, both from the University of Denver. Margolis has held a number of positions within the American Library Association including elected member of the governing Council, leadership in the Association of Research Libraries, professional delegate to the White House Conference on Libraries, and service on the boards of library organizations in Massachusetts, Colorado, and Michigan.

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Miller was the president of the New York Library Association (NYLA) for 2009/2010 and has been a member of the NYLA Legislative Committee since 1998, having served as chairperson from 2004 to 2008. She was also president of the Academic and Special Library Section of NYLA (1999/2000) and served on the Nylink Council (1994-2000). Miller was the recipient of the New York State Library Assistants Association Ray Murray Award (2005) and of the Academic and Special Libraries Section Spirit of Librarianship Award (2007). She formed the statewide New York Alliance of Library Systems (2008) to improve library services for all New Yorkers, as well as a statewide coalition of library councils and medical libraries for development of New York Go Local (2008)—a project of the National Network/Libraries of Medicine. In 2009, she was appointed by the Brighton, NY, Town Council to a five-year term as trustee of the Brighton Memorial Library. Miller received her M.L.S. from SUNY Geneseo.

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