

Mr. Andrew Hostetler is a current dedicated member of the Pollard Memorial Library Foundation (PMLF). He serves on both the Outreach, and Author Night Committees, and has served on the PMLF Board since 2018.

Andrew is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He holds degrees from Cornell University (B.A.), Stanford University (M.A.), and the University of Chicago (Ph.D.). His primary teaching and research interests are in the area of Adult Development and Aging, with a current focus on empowerment among older adults.

A strong advocate for integrating community engagement into academic work, Andy also serves on boards for the Lowell Senior Center and Lowell City of Learning.

Andy has lived in Lowell since 2005 and has been coming to the city regularly since 1982 (his brother raised a family here). He is passionate about the city. In addition to the organizational affiliations mentioned above, he is the President of the Lower Highlands Neighborhood Association and he and his partner are long-term season subscribers to Merrimack Repertory Theater (MRT).

Andy supports PMLF because he believes that a vibrant Arts and Humanities culture is essential to a healthy community and that public libraries are foundational to American Democracy. His favorite books are *My Antonia* by Willa Cather and *Jude the Obscure* by Thomas Hardy, and he is also a fan of Edith Wharton.

Of his accomplishments since moving to Lowell, Andy is most proud of organizing a conference for the Society for Community Research and Action (a division of the American Psychology Association), which brought over 650 people to Lowell in 2015.

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