

## Tina Childress (moderator)



**Dr. Tina Childress** (she/her) is an audiologist, advocate, late-deafened adult, bilateral cochlear implant user fluent in ASL and self-proclaimed Communication Access Engineer. She is also an award-winning presenter, adjunct lecturer and mentor for children and adults, and is active on various local, state and national Boards and Committees as well as social media. She is renowned for her knowledge on assistive technology and accessibility, and creating shared resources at <http://TinaChildressAuD.com>.

Visual Description - Tina is a brown-skinned woman with black and white shoulder-length hair, wearing colorful half-rim glasses and a striped black and white sleeveless top, smiling at the camera and against a plain, white background.

## Courtney Davies



**Courtney Davies** (she/her) is a special education teacher at Champaign Centennial High School and has been with the district for 15 years. She grew up in the Chicago suburbs, but now considers Champaign-Urbana her home after meeting her husband at Illinois State University and settling in central Illinois. In her time here, she has come to love the culture and diversity of C-U, which has been a great place to raise her two daughters, eight and four years old. Courtney's background is not in theater, but in dance, which she began at 2 years old. She has been on the Penguin Project staff for 5 years as choreographer. She loves developing great relationships with the artists, mentors, and other staff during the show. Courtney has learned a lot about theater in her 5 years as part of the project and looks forward to her summers with the Penguin crew.

Visual Description - White female with brown, loose curled hair, head tilted and smiling at the camera, wearing a light blue floral shirt.

## Miriam Larson



Miriam Larson (she/her) became executive director of the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center in January 2020. Previously, she worked as an elementary school librarian in the Champaign Schools. She has worked as a labor union organizer, a community technology specialist, a children's book reviewer, and a human statue. She also plays flute with the folk and contra dance band the Mean Lids.

Visual Description: White woman with chin-length brown hair and gold circle earrings. I am wearing a dark red, ribbed shirt and posing in front of a white background.