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Education

University of Pittsburgh M.L.I.S., Library and Information Science	2003-2005	Pittsburgh, Pa
Pennsylvania State University B.A., English Literature	1999-2003	State College, Pa

Professional Experience

Free Library of Philadelphia Children's Librarian	2005-Present	Philadelphia, Pa
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- ◆ Evaluated and weeded the material collection for the Lawncrest Branch after the branch's seven month tenure without a librarian or full library staff.
- ◆ Performed one-on-one and group ready reference and short-term research for library patrons from range of socio-economic backgrounds and ages.
- ◆ Gained proficiency with CrossTalk and Sirsi catalogue systems.
- ◆ Supervised a staff of six library assistants and municipal guards.
- ◆ Developed and implemented programming activities, including numerous large-scale programs, such as the Philadelphia stop of the Harry Potter Knight Bus tour.
- ◆ Organized the preparation of exhibits and displays.
- ◆ Oversaw multiple budgets to ensure smoothly run, year long branch operations.
- ◆ Mentored Temple University students serving as library interns as well as teen leadership assistants working at the Lawncrest Branch.
- ◆ Designed and created databases using Microsoft Access to organize branch information, including mailing lists, event statistics, and summer reading participants.
- ◆ Promoted juvenile literacy while liaising with neighborhood schools and organizations.
- ◆ Served on the following committees:
 - ◆ 2006 Children Summer Reading committee.
 - ◆ 2006 Teen Summer Reading committee.
 - ◆ 2006-2007 New Book Review committee.

University of Pittsburgh Student Chapter of the American Library Association President & former Membership Chair	2004-2005	Pittsburgh, Pa
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- ◆ Chaired an executive board committee of seven members.
- ◆ Designed logo for the Chapter.
- ◆ Published monthly newsletter for the Department of Library and Information Science.
- ◆ Rewrote and updated the chapter constitution and authored chapter bylaws.
- ◆ Compiled numerous pathfinders for the student membership, including "Job Searching Tips and Suggestions" and "New Student Welcoming Pamphlet."
- ◆ Promoted fundraisers, including the SCALA T-shirt Sale, T-shirt Reordering Sale, and Temporary Library Tattoo Sale, bringing over \$1,100 of revenue into the chapter.
- ◆ Instituted monthly meetings of all the student organizations of the Department of Library and Information Science.
- ◆ Co-facilitated the inclusion of on-line students into the SCALA general meetings.

Manchester-Bidwell Corporation 2003-2005 Pittsburgh, Pa
Bidwell Training Center, Library Assistant

- ◆ Conducted Library Orientation during New Student Admittance.
- ◆ Catalogued and recorded new books into DOS-based Library Helper program and Sagebrush's Athena 9.2 OPAC system.
- ◆ Authored tip sheets on Library Research Tools for the following departments: Chemistry, Culinary, Horticulture, Medical, and Office Technology.
- ◆ Conducted workshops on interpreting Internet sites for Horticulture department.
- ◆ Developed policy guide on periodical requests for Bidwell Training Center.
- ◆ Created and managed inner-house literary catalogue for sister-organization, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild.
- ◆ Designed pathfinder and presentation on using the MCG catalogue.
- ◆ Produced pathfinder on networked computers for sister-organization, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild.

University of Pittsburgh August-December 2003 Pittsburgh, Pa
Frick Fine Arts Library, Field Placement

- ◆ Evaluated the Library's academic standing using Howard D. White's *Brief Tests of Collection Strength*.
- ◆ Obtained OCLC proficiency while working on collection development.
- ◆ Compiled art history bibliography for University of Pittsburgh's main campus journal collection.

Pennsylvania State University 1999-2003 State College, Pa
Recreational Sports: Fitness, Office Manager

- ◆ Supervised approximately twenty instructors during evening classes in satellite buildings.
- ◆ Developed system to sort fitness equipment by class type and number.
- ◆ Designed filing system to organize digital class files by genre.
- ◆ Conducted instruction workshops for instructors on resista-balls, body bars, and Pilate-infused muscle toning to expand fitness program.
- ◆ Assembled class surveys and organized reports on participant satisfaction for Director of Recreational Sports.

Special Honors and Publications

Author, 2007, "Functional and Stylistic Needs of Every Online Portfolio," LISCareer.com

Presenter, 2006, Falls of Schuylkill Storytelling Festival, Philadelphia

Recipient, 2005 Jay Daily Award, for outstanding contribution to the M.L.I.S. Program at the University of Pittsburgh.

Editor and Contributor, 2004-2005, *SCALA NEWS*, University of Pittsburgh

Contributor, 2003, *Kalliope Literary Magazine*, Pennsylvania State University

Professional Memberships

Beta Phi Mu, Library and Information Studies Honor Society, 2005-Present.

Reference and User Services Association, Member, 2005-Present.

American Library Association, Member, 2004-Present

Pennsylvania Library Association, Member, 2003-Present

Delta Lambda Phi, National Social Fraternity, Alpha Rho Chapter, Vice-President, 2000-2001

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