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PROFILE

- ◆ Over sixteen years of success in informational sciences and current trends in library services, presently serving as an Interim Director and Regional Consultant in cooperation with the Kansas State Library of Kansas.
- ◆ Four years administrative experience as a school media specialist.
- ◆ Expertise in youth services, with an accompanying bachelor's degree in Education.
- ◆ Public school-Media Specialist for over six years, conducting system wide education and training.
- ◆ Highly organized, able to prioritize and generate results to achieve organizational objectives.
- ◆ Skillful communicator, able to maintain and establish a rapport with members of the staff and community at large.

EDUCATION

M.L.S. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX August 2009
Summa Cum Laude Outstanding Portfolio Award

B.S. Plattsburgh State University, Plattsburgh, NY May 1987
Elementary Education Magna Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010-present **Interim Director, Youth, Children's, and Talking Book Consultant-**
Northwest Kansas Library System (NWKLS), Norton, KS

- ◆ Since July 14th I have served as the Interim Director, conducting the day-to-day operations, and have accepted the responsibilities of Northwest Kansas Library System, its staff, and its mission in serving the needs of our ten county member libraries.
- ◆ Wrote and procured over a quarter of a million dollars in grant monies for NWKLS and its twenty-five public and school library members.
- ◆ Collaborated with the State Library to implement the six by 6: Ready to Read program, as well as creating state-wide early literacy resource kits.

- ♦ Kansas Library Association (KLA) presenter 2012 and 2014.
- ♦ Yearly exhibitor across the state of Kansas of latest programming for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
- ♦ Community and member training in the areas of innovative library services, automation, collection development, technology and trends in youth and adult services.
- ♦ Successful collaboration with state and local agencies to bring Family Place Libraries training and funding to Kansas state libraries.
- ♦ Establishment of the StoryWalk® project in NW Kansas.

2006-2010

Media Specialist

Lyon Elementary, Magnolia, TX

- ♦ Administered Library programs, personnel, volunteers, and services for Lyon Elementary.
- ♦ Directed library services and classes for eight hundred students-grades PK-5th.
- ♦ Performed regular acquisition, cataloging, maintenance of budget and long-term plan for school library.
- ♦ Organized and hosted national and local presenters for enrichment activities.
- ♦ Created displays for seasonal and special occasions such as Back-to-School themes, Poetry month, Black History Month, International Festival, Fall Festival and Storybook Character Parade.
- ♦ Wrote and received grant funds to implement the first weekly Family Night Checkout and Story-time in Texas.
- ♦ Researched and compiled materials for teachers to enhance their instruction.
- ♦ Supervision of an assistant librarian as well as volunteers for book fairs, shelving, processing, and special projects.
- ♦ A member of the Professional Development Committee responsible for designing and implementing new programming and services for our school district.
- ♦ Technology and staff training monthly.

2000-2006

First Grade Teacher

Rose M. Gaffney Elementary, Machias, ME

1995-2000

Media Specialist/First Grade Teacher

Forest Hill Elementary, Morganton, NC

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Fort Hays State University Advisory Council,-Regional System Advisor-2022-present

Kansas Library Association Education Foundation (KLAEF), Board Secretary-2021-present

Kansas Library Association (KLA), 2010-present

William Allen White Nominating Committee Member, Regional Library Representative-2014-2017

Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), 2010-2020

American Library Association (ALA), 2010-2019

Texas Library Association (TLA), 2006-2010

Texas Computer Education Association, (TCEA) 2006-2010

RECENT TRAININGS & CONFERENCES

2019 Association of Small and Rural Libraries Conference, Burlington, VT September 4th-8th

2019 American Library Association Conference, Washington D.C.- June 19th- 25th

2018 National 2018 Summer Changes Everything Conference, Kansas City, KS-November 12th-15th

2018 ALSC National Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio-September 24th- 28th

2017 YASL Symposium, Louisville, KY- Attendee-November 1st- 6th

2017 Unified School Administrator's Conference, Wichita, KS- Presenter-May 30th-June 1st

2016 Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL), Denver, CO- Attendee-September 30th - October 3rd, 2016

2015 Library Marketing and Communications Conference, Dallas, TX- Attendee-November 2015

2015 Wired Kids: How Technology Impacts Early Childhood Development-Attendee-
October 2015

**2015 KLA/MLA–Presenter: Stemming Outside the Box: Passive and self-Directed
Programming for Teens and Tweens-September 2015**

**2015 KLAS Users Conference: Presented with the 2015 Julie Klauber Award-Oklahoma City,
OK-April 2015**

**2014 KLA Presenter - Presentations: From Stand Alone Library to Family Friendly Library and
The StoryWalk® Project. -April 2014**

**2014 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Programs Made Easy-
Participant: 4 Week Course (ALA)-October 2014**

2014 Copyright for Educators & Librarians by: Duke University, Emory University and The
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Coursera- **Attendee**-September 2014 –*With
Distinction.*

2014 SUMMERTEEN: Hot Books for Young Adults Webcast Event-Participant- School
Library Journal-July 2014

2014 ALA Conference-Attendee- Las Vegas-July 2014

REFERENCES

Donna Culpepper-Former Library Assistant, Lyon Elementary School, Magnolia, TX.

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