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Education

Masters of Library and Information Science May 2004
College of Communications, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
Bachelors of Arts in History/Women's Studies August 1999
College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Professional License

Alaska Type C Teacher Certification, Library Media Specialist Endorsement

Professional Experience

Collection Development Librarian, June 2012 to Present
James E. Brooks Library, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington
Responsible for the management of collections including monographs, audio-visual resources, serials and electronic resources.

- Serve as Central Washington University representative to the following statewide and regional consortium: Washington Cooperative Library Project, Orbis Cascade Alliance Electronic Resources Group, Orbis Cascade Alliance Collection Development Group
- Serve as liaison to multiple academic departments.
- Provide instructional and reference services.
- Chair the Brooks Library Collection Development and Management Committee
- Collaborate with departmental grant writer to identify grant resources
- Collaborate with departmental grant writer to plan programming required by granting sources
- Develop annual budget requests and monitor expenditures
- Evaluate and submit proposals to update policies and procedures
- Instituted a Liaison Collaboration program
- Manage acquisition of grant funded materials and resources
- Monitor and report grant specific budget lines
- Monitor collection usage and submit monthly and annual reports
- Served as secretary for the Brooks Library ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee
- Service on the Brooks Library Building, ILS Implementation and Staff Development committees
- Service on the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee
- Supervise and evaluate a staff of five paraprofessional employees

Library Media Specialist, August 2007 to June 2012

Sitka High School, Sitka School District, Sitka, Alaska

Responsible for the overall management of the Sitka High School Library including: technical services, interlibrary loan, website design, instruction, facilities management, student supervision, publications and acquisitions.

- Chaired the Stratton Library Advisory group, applied for and managed grants to redistribute the Stratton Library collection within the Sitka Library Network and throughout the state of Alaska
- Cofounded and coordinated the Alaska Spirit of Reading program for the Alaska Association of School Librarians including writing IMLS grant applications and reports
- Collaborated with faculty members to develop a comprehensive collection development plan for the Sitka High School Library that includes both acquisition and weeding schedule
- Developed annual budget request and monitored expenditures
- Facilitated the Sitka Library Network Strategic Service Enhancement Plan, this Interlibrary Cooperation granted fund project developed goals and objectives to improve collections for and services to Sitka's underserved communities
- Managed the Alaska Association of School Librarians Professional Development Grant program 2008-2011
- Managed the collection planning and acquisitions for a Crossett Foundation grant to improve health resource materials for libraries across the Sitka Library Network
- Performed a collection analysis that was successfully used to successfully pursue grants from the Sitka Alaska Permanent Charitable Trust, the Sitka School Board, the State of Alaska, and local charities
- Presented an annual report to the Sitka School Board
- Served as an instructor for the Professional Learning Commons program, leading Web 2.0 instructional sessions for district faculty and staff
- Served on the Sitka High School Accreditation Committee
- Submitted annual reports to the building principals and superintendent
- Supervised student library assistants

Library Director, July 2006 to July 2007

Stratton Library, Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, Alaska

Institution closed due to financial difficulties on July 1, 2007.

Responsible for the overall management of the Stratton Library including: technical services, interlibrary loan, website design, instruction, facilities management, staff supervision, fund raising, budget management, publications and acquisitions.

- Co-Chaired the NWCCU Accreditation Committee
- Collaborated with staff from grant funded programs to establish collections to support new courses in Fisheries Science, Geographic Information Systems and Place Based Education
- Conducted a collection analysis for use in the 10 year accreditation study for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

- Created pathfinders and collection promotional materials
- Developed annual budget request and monitored expenditures
- Instituted a deselection policy to improve collection currency and condition
- Served as Faculty Council Secretary
- Served on the Dean of Students Planning Committee
- Supervised two full time Volunteers in Mission
- Trained, supervised and evaluated student library assistants

Director, Whitesburg Campus Library, July 2004 to July 2006

Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, Whitesburg, Kentucky

Responsible for the overall operations of the Whitesburg Campus Library including: reference services, collection development, technical services, interlibrary loan, website design, instruction, facilities management, budget management, staff supervision, publications and acquisitions.

- Chaired the Library Instructional Committee and made recommendations for resources to support information literacy instruction and librarian professional development
- Collaborated with Allied Health faculty to develop an anatomy and physiology collection to meet the needs of students who required remediation before entering the program
- Created the Letcher County Library and Archives Summit using professional development funds from the Kentucky Library Association
- Developed a collection of education and psychology resources to support the Midway College distance learning Teacher Certification Program
- Developed a multiple format mathematics collection that supported the college's Quality Enhancement Plan for the Commission on Colleges of Southern Association on Colleges and Universities
- Managed facilities and maintenance requests including facility reconfiguration to meet the changing needs of patrons and to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Served as Faculty Senate Secretary

Adjunct Instructor, January 2006 to May 2006

Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, Whitesburg, Kentucky

- COM252: Interpersonal Communication.

Honors

- 2010 Alaska Association of School Librarians Merit Award.
- 2004 LISSO Leadership Award, University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science.

Publications

Norris, Ginny. "The More We Get Together: the Benefits of a County Wide Library Conference." *Kentucky Libraries* 7.1 (2006): 11-13. Print.

Norris, Ginny and Laura Wayne. *A Review of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Scholarship Program*. Lexington, Kentucky: Kentucky Transportation Center, 2004. Print.

Norris, Ginny, production consultant. *Woman in the Moon: Domestic Violence in Rural Alaska*. Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, 1998. Film.

Norris, Ginny. *Information for Victims of Domestic Violence*. Juneau, AK: Alaska State Troopers, 1997. Print.

Presentations

- "Alaska Catches the Spirit of Reading and So Can You", 2013 Pacific Northwest Library Association Annual Conference.
- "Saving the Stratton: How One Community Worked Together to Save Alaska's Treasures", 2013 Washington Museum Association Annual Conference.
- "Censorship Panel", Allied Arts of Yakima Valley, January 31, 2013.
- "Saving the Stratton: How Sitka Librarians Saved One of Alaska's Most Important Collections," 2009 Alaska Library Association Conference.
- "Catching the Alaska Spirit of Reading: How to Start a Statewide Reading Program," 2009 Alaska Library Association Conference.
- "The More We Get Together: How to Design Your Own Library Conference," 2006 KLA/SLA/ACRL Joint Conference.
- "Learning the Kentucky Virtual Library," instructional sessions for Letcher County elementary students. May 2005 and February 2006.
- "Library Services for the Exceptional Learner," 2005 Kentucky Library Association/Kentucky School Media Association Annual Conference.
- "E-Newsletters for Everyone," 2005 KLA/SLA/ACRL Joint Conference.
- "Letcher County Library and Archive Summit," professional development day for Letcher County school library media specialists and public librarians. October 2005.
- "Using Latino Children's Literature in the Classroom," instructional session for Midway College Teacher Preparation Program. February 2005.
- "Celebrating Women's History Month @ Your Library," 2003 KLA/KSMA Conference.

Professional Service

- Orbis Cascade Alliance Collection Development Steering Committee, 2013-present.
- Central Washington University Equal Opportunity Committee, July 2013.
- Alaska Spirit of Reading Program, Co-Coordinator, Alaska Association of School Librarians, www.akspiritofreading.com, current.
- Central Washington University Library Curriculum Committee Representative, 2012-present.
- Alaska Library Network, Statewide School Library Executive Board Representative, 2011-2012.
- Alaska Library Association/Alaska School Library Media Association, Southeast Regional Representative and Continuing Education Grant Coordinator, 2008 - 2011.
- American Association for Women in Community Colleges, Chair, Local Chapter Development Committee, 2004-2006.
- Kentucky Library Association, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, KLA/SLAACRL Joint Conference, 2006.
- Special Library Association, Programming Coordinator, University of Kentucky Student Chapter, 2001-2004.

Civic Service

- Ellensburg World Book Night Coordinator, 2013.
- Sitka, Alaska Friend of the Library, Vice-President, 2007-2012.
- Volunteer Programmer, KCAW Radio 2007-2012.
- Brownie Troop Leader, Tongass Girl Scouts of Alaska, 2007-2012
- Rotary Club International, Sitka Rotary Club Treasurer, 2006-2008.
- Mountain Montessori Preschool Board of Directors, Board Secretary, 2004-2006.
- Dillingham, Alaska Public Library Board, Founding Member, 1995-1998.
- Volunteer Coordinator, RFK in EKY Regional Performance, theatrical recreation of Robert Kennedy's 1968 tour of Appalachia, 2004. www.rfkineky.org