Librarian, STEM and Computer Tech Teacher

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PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Rapport with Children
- Talented Teacher
- Instruction Emphasizing Critical Thinking
- Strong Technology Skills
- Team Builder
- Planning & Strategy
- Skilled Writer
- Voracious Reader
- Lifelong Learner

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Wissahickon School District, Stony Creek Elementary School

Library and STEM Teacher (2017 to present)

- Management and administration of 13,000 volume student library and digital resources; Performed a complete collection evaluation and overhaul
- Create and deliver library instruction to 530+ students in grades K-5
- Create and deliver school's first-ever STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum, consisting of 2 science curriculum-tied, hands-on activities per grade per marking period
- Manage Reading Olympics preparation and competition
- Create and deliver a number of reading incentive programs
- Co-teach research lessons with classroom teachers; manage a team of volunteers; manage vendors and a variety of material and assets.

Plymouth Meeting Friends School Plymouth Meeting Friends School

Computer Tech Teacher and Librarian (September 2016 to June 2017)

Teacher Librarian (May 2012 to 2016)

- Solo librarian at this pre-K through grade 6 Quaker school in suburban Philadelphia; Hired after the school was without a certified TL for several years
- Designed and delivered a PA SAS-aligned library curriculum for all grades
- Performed a complete collection evaluation and overhaul
- Digitally cataloged the 10,000 volume collection into Follett Destiny Library Manager
- Implemented a number of reading rewards programs
- Created a variety of annual fundraising events that have boosted library book budget by 100%
- Teach library skills, literature appreciation and information literacy curriculum for grades Pre-K through 6; all classes visit the library a minimum of once weekly on a fixed schedule for direct instruction and book exchange
- Collaborate intensively with all faculty, core teachers as well as specialists, to customize library instruction to scaffold and enhance the curriculum at all levels
- Assisting Dean of Academics and Curriculum in aligning all specials with the common core, creating a scope and sequence, as well as implementing Danielson Framework for staff evaluations
- Participated in planning, design and construction of new \$2 million classroom/library building that opened Sept. 2014, including serving on several committees overseeing the technology integration, fundraising and construction
- Teach computer technology to grades 4 through 6; created new Google classroom, computer skills, digital literacy and STEM curriculum
- Work closely with school's Network and Technology Coordinator to launch a 1-to-1 Chromebook program for grades 4 through 6 and implement Google Classroom
- Manage a team of volunteers

Springfield Township School District, Erdenheim, PA Erdenheim Elementary School, Flourtown, PA Springfield Township High School, Erdenheim, PA Instructional Aide, May – June 2012 Student Teacher, March to May 2012 Student Teacher, January to March 2012

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Springfield Township High School, Erdenheim, PA - Dr. Joyce Valenza, teacher-librarian – currently Assistant Professor, Rutgers University School of Library Science, joyce.valenza@rutgers.edu Spring 2011

- Provided help in a number of areas including extensive writing, editing and other preparation for PSLA Conference; shelving, cataloging, inventory, assembling a book cart for a student Social Studies lessons
- Helped Dr. Valenza craft the school's library annual report
- Helped create materials, web tools (LibGuides.com) and visual aids for speaking engagements

New Eagle Elementary School, Wayne, PA - PTO library volunteer - 1993 to 1997, and 2003 to 2007 - Heather MacMichael, teacher-librarian, macmichaelh@tesd.net

Included weekly or bimonthly hour-long library period assignments; as a volunteer I checked books in and out, overdue reminders, shelving, assisted librarian with lessons, and helped students to find and read books.

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Serendipity Group, Wayne, PA

President (January 1999 to December 2011)

Established a full-service marketing firm, specializing in partnering with organizations long-term to help them to fulfill their goals. Services included strategic planning, media training, market research, branding and copywriting, and web design services, to a varied client list, including: Public health agencies, Non-profit community based organizations, Counseling and Mediation, Architecture and Construction, Family Law, Manufacturing.

eLibrary/Infonautics Corporation, Wayne, PA

Marketing Manager (1997 to 1999)

Hired as first marketing manager overseeing 4-person department, for one of the Philadelphia region's first "dot com" technology companies, creators of eLibrary® research database (now owned by ProQuest). I worked directly with school librarians, school districts and IU's to trial, train and implement the database in schools. Team established market share (EL held almost 30% of the education online market, with one out of every 10 schools in the US subscribing).

TIP, A GE Capital Co. - Devon, PA

Director, MarCom (February 1997 to November 1997)

Directed an in-house agency-style department of 8 staff, with a budget of \$2 million, for this \$750 million transportation firm.

LNP Engineering Plastics - Exton PA

Manager, Marketing Communications (1992 to 1997)

Developed and implemented marketing communications plan for \$250 million international custom thermoplastics compounder. Controlled department budget of \$1+ million, managed staff of 4; directed outside advertising and PR firms, tradeshows, and ran numerous off-site meetings with 100+ attendees from around the world.

Hill International, Inc. - Willingboro, NJ

Manager, Marketing Communications (1984 to 1992)

Managed \$1.2 million budget and staff of 3 for engineering/construction management/consulting firm. Helped firm grow from \$60 million sales and 200 employees to \$200 million annually and 2,300 staff worldwide.

EDUCATION

M.Ed. & School Library Media Specialist Certification, Arcadia University, Honors with Distinction, 4.0 GPA 2012

1997 B.A., Management, Eastern University - Class Valedictorian, Distinguished Honors, 3.95 GPA

AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Reviewer for S.E. PA School Librarian Book Reviewers. 2015 present
- Emerging Leaders Academy for PA School Librarians, 2014 psla.org/emerging-leaders
- Winner, PSLA Outstanding Student Librarian Award, January 2012
- Co-Coordinator, Reviewer & Presenter, Pennsylvania School Librarian Association (PSLA) Media Selection & Review Committee, 2011 - 2016
- Guest Lecturer Kutztown University; annual speaker at Villanova University Law School

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

Coach "Girls on the Run" at Stony Creek ES; member Wissahickon School District "Literacy Outreach Committee;" Created and run "Tidy Up Tredyffrin," 11-year annual cleanup effort tidyuptredyffrin.org; Former Chair, Tredyffrin Township Environmental Advisory Council; New Eagle Elementary School PTO library volunteer 1993 – 2007; Habitat for Humanity; Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family Program; Philabundance; former Girl Scout Co-Leader; YMCA Aquatics Instructor; Red Cross platelet/plasma donor.