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QUALIFICATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Certified teacher-librarian with experience in information literacy instruction, collection development, instructional technology integration, maker education, children's and young adult literature, reference services, and library administration.
- Knowledge of educational standards and best practices in instructional methods and assessment
- Ability to work and collaborate with diverse groups of people; excellent communication skills
- Experience in collaborating with teachers of all subject areas
- Strong technical and analytical skills and aptitude
- Management and leadership experience
- Ability to learn new things quickly and to be flexible in the needs of the community
- Experience in working and collaborating with other agencies such as: vendors, other libraries, Library of Michigan, Department of Education, professional organizations such as ALA, etc.
- Belief in continuous personal professional development and involvement in professional learning
- Love of working with students and belief in equitable quality education for all students

EDUCATION

- *Eastern Michigan University, 2009, GPA 4.0/4.0*
courses in Educational Media and Technology Certificate Program
- *Wayne State University, 2001, GPA 4.0/4.0*
Master of Library and Information Science
- *Eastern Michigan University, 1986, GPA 4.0/4.0*
Master of Arts in Mathematics
- *Michigan State University (Honors College), 1981, GPA 3.95/4.0*
Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, Minor in Spanish
- *Several other college/graduate courses including HTML, Visual Basic, Teaching Reading and various Instructional Technology courses*
- *Attendance at numerous conferences and workshops including Making Maker Workshop at University of Michigan School of Information (4/2015) and Google Certification Academy (8/2014)*

CERTIFICATION

- *Michigan Professional Education Certificate*
Library Media (ND) K-12, Mathematics (EX) 6-12, Spanish (FF) 6-12

EXPERIENCE

School of Information, Wayne State University *Aug 2023-present*

Adjunct Faculty

- Teach online children's literature and school library courses

East Middle School Library, Plymouth, MI *Aug 2013-September 2023*

Library Media Specialist / Technology Coach

- Manage all aspects of a student-centered Exemplary 21st Century (SL21 certified) library program
- Support preparation and implementation of one-to-one Chromebook program
- Provide library, research, information literacy, and digital citizenship instruction
- Develop/manage the library collection (print, eBooks, electronic resources, multi-media, equipment)
- Collaborate with teachers on curriculum driven research and technology integration projects
- Provide reference service to students, teachers, administrators, and parents
- Promote and support reading and literacy
- Provide support to teachers and students on instructional technology
- Provide both formal and informal professional development for teachers and staff
- Work closely with technology department to maintain and support technology in the library and school
- Maintain a library website
- Wrote and won MEEMIC and four Education Excellence Foundation grants

EXPERIENCE (cont)

East Middle School Library, Plymouth, MI (continued)

Library Media Specialist / Technology Coach

- Serve on 21st Century Learning, Online Learning, Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, and School Improvement Committees; MISTAR DnA (data program) Building Contact
- Lead Maker Clubs, Girls Who Code, and Book Club.

Parker Middle School Library, Howell, MI Aug 2002-Aug 2013

School Library Media Specialist

- Managed all aspects of the library program including one Apple and two Windows computer labs and one iPad cart including all areas as listed in third through tenth bullets above
- Created and maintained a library website
- Served on School Improvement, Positive Behavior Support, and District Instructional Technology committees
- Lead the implementation of a new integrated library management system for the district
- Wrote and won several grants

Data Team Leader

- Supported the administration and teachers in data collection and data analysis of student assessments
- Supported the administration and teachers in the use of the data software
- Trained administration and teachers in utilization of the data software and data analysis to support and improve student learning and achievement

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI June 2012-Aug 2012

Mathematics Advising Specialist

- Advise mathematics students on course enrollment, assist with registration issues, serve as liaison to other department academic advisors, evaluate mathematics transfer credit, and assist in hiring and placing undergraduate mathematics student aides.

Novi Meadows School Library, Novi, MI Aug 2001-Aug 2002

School Library Media Specialist

- Managed all aspects of the library program for two libraries and one Apple and two Windows computer labs including areas as listed in third through tenth bullets in East Middle School experience
- Served on District Technology Committee

Brighton Area Schools, Brighton, MI Sept 1996-June 2000

Math Instructor for Adult Education Mathematics and advanced 8th grade Geometry

Substitute Teacher for all levels Elementary through High School

Paraprofessional for Autistic Student in First Grade Classroom

Gazelle Technologies, Brighton, MI Sept 1998-Sept 1999

Owner

Projects included programming in Visual Basic, databases, Internet research, and technical documentation

FAAC Incorporated, Ann Arbor, MI June 1981-Sept 1996

Director of Operations and Software Engineer

- Develop and document software for real-time simulation projects
- Train customer engineers on use and implementation of software
- Hire, train, and manage all technical employees (software engineers)
- Oversee all software development projects
- Manage and provide customer interface and support for individual software development projects
- Assist in marketing efforts, business and strategic plan, and corporate policy development

Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI Jan 1979-June 1981

Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics

- Graded papers, taught recitation sections of College Algebra and Remedial Mathematics

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Library Association (ALA)
 - *ALA Councilor-at-Large, 2021-2024*
 - *Committee on Legislation, 2023-2025*
 - *Committee on Library Advocacy, 2019-2023*
- American Association for School Librarians (AASL)
 - *AASL President, 2022-2023*
 - *AASL President-Elect, 2021-2022*
 - *AASL Board of Directors Member, Region 3 Director, 2018-2020*
 - *AASL Practice Committee Member, 2016- 2021*
 - *AASL Affiliate Assembly Representative, 2013, 2014*
- Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME)
 - *Advocacy Chair, 2016-current*
 - *Board Member, 2010-current*
 - *“MiSelf in Books” Committee Member, 2020-2022*
 - *ISTE Affiliate Representative, 2015-2017*
 - *President, 2014; President-Elect and Annual Conference Chair, 2013*
 - *Newsletter Editor, 2010-2013*
- Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL)
 - *SIGLIB Director of Communications, 2018-2019*
 - *SIGLIB Steering Committee, 2016-2018*
- Michigan Reading Association (MRA)
- International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)
 - *ISTE Affiliate Summit Representative, 2015-2017*
- Library of Michigan
 - *School Library Work Group Member, 2013-2019*
- Michigan Department of Education
 - *Summer Learning Document Committee, 2020*
 - *Learning at a Distance Task Force, 2020*
 - *“MDE Effective School Library Toolkit for Administrators” Committee, 2018*
 - *Michigan #GoOpen Committee Member, 2017- 2018*
 - *Technology Plan Update Workgroup Member, 2014-2018*
 - *ESSA Tactical Review Committee Member, 2016-2017*
 - *Top 10 in 10 Stakeholders Group Member, 2016*
 - *Library Media Content Advisory Committee Member for the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC), 2016-2017*

HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Michigan Library Association/MAME, Citation of Excellence, 2020*
- *Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME), Margaret Grazier Award for Contribution to the Profession, 2020*
- *Michigan Department of Education, Model 21st Century School Library (SL 21) Award, 2017-2018*
- *Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME): Michigan School Library Program of the Year, 2017*
- *International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE): Making IT Happen Award, 2017*
- *Wayne State University School of Information Science: Shining Star, 2017*
- *Michigan Association for Media in Education: President's Award, 2016*
- *Wayne State University: SLIS Professional Service Award, 2015*
- *Library of Michigan Foundation: State Librarian's Excellence Award, 2012*
- *Howell Public Schools: Excellence in Education Honoree, 2008*
- *Greenhills School: "Nancy's Basket" Outstanding Volunteer Award, 2008*
- *Wayne State University: Beta Phi Mu and Dean's Merit Scholarship Award, 2000*
- *Eastern Michigan University: National Dean's List*
- *Michigan State University: LC Plant Award (outstanding Junior in Mathematics), secretary of Pi Mu Epsilon (Math Honorary), Outstanding Spanish Minor Award, Phi Beta Kappa, Dean's List*