



Mary Alice Osborne

Library Media Specialist

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PURPOSE:

I want to share my passion for learning with students from different parts of the world, helping them to identify and develop their talents, and learn to make effective use of information and technology in their education and lifelong pursuit of knowledge. I believe a library should actively inform and motivate students to gain perspective and knowledge to work together for a world of peace and understanding.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

KAUST School, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia

KAUST School is a recent start up within the brand new university that is the first co-ed graduate school in Saudi Arabia. King Abdullah has created the university based on his vision for a state of the art university that has a broad world-view and respect for different cultures and religions. [KAUST Website](#)

❖ **Head Librarian: 2009 – Present**

- ◆ Oversaw the implementation of three new Library Media Centers at the KAUST School. Designed the layouts, developed the collections, ordered all materials, and planned the library program from grade PreK- Grade 12.
- ◆ Researched and developed a specialized collection of resources for English Language Learners
- ◆ Created a multi-faceted, online environment for use by students in a 1:1 laptop school
- ◆ Created and maintained the [library website for the KAUST School](#)
- ◆ IB Extended Essay Coordinator; [the EE wiki](#)
- ◆ Initiated school-wide, interactive, student centered activities such as Book Week, Book Bowl Competition, and author visits and workshops
- ◆ Collaborated with the Advisory Program to create weekly and monthly themes and activities for all students at the secondary school
- ◆ Advisor to the 9th Grade
- ◆ Yearbook coordinator

Shekou International School, Shekou, China

SIS is located on the South China Sea near Hong Kong. I helped open the new Bayside Campus there.

❖ **Head Librarian: 2007 – 2009**

- ◆ Oversaw the design and implementation of a new state of the art Middle and High School Library. Designed the layout and custom library furniture for a genre “bookstore” style organization of collection. Installed Follett Destiny library automation software and updated collection database. Analyzed collection and placed major book and material orders
- ◆ Created and aligned new SIS Library Curriculum, with AASL 21st Century Information Skills
- ◆ Created and maintained interactive SIS Library Website
- ◆ Collaborated with instructors to teach educational units, including African Legends storytelling, Nursery Rhymes Readers Theater, research, author studies, and digital book talks
- ◆ Mentored Library staff
- ◆ Facilitated Kids Lit Book Club and other reading incentive programs including the Middle School Book Bowl Program and Elementary Book Week

American Cooperative School of Tunis, La Goulette, Tunisia

❖ **Library Media Specialist: 2004 – 2007**

- ◆ Oversaw the design and implementation of the new Upper School Library
- ◆ Initiated monthly library themes to inform and motivate our educational community
- ◆ Evaluated and installed new Library Automation Software and Reference Databases
- ◆ Created and maintained ACST Library Website

- ◆ Collaborated with instructors to teach advanced Information Literacy skills
- ◆ Supervised four full-time employees
- ◆ Directed publication of Yearbook, including photography and layout
- ◆ Led students on a weeklong trip and cultural study in the Sahara Desert
- ◆ Managed school's Audio-Visual Equipment, including acquisition and allocation
- ◆ Ran and facilitated student and adult book clubs and reading incentive programs
- ◆ Student Advisor: 8th Grade

Waits River Valley School, East Corinth, Vermont, USA

❖ **Library Media Specialist: 1999 - 2004**

- ◆ Coordinated, organized and implemented the K-8 Library Media Program

❖ **Gifted and Talented Program Coordinator: 2000-2004**

I developed a Talent Development Program based on the work of Joseph Renzulli. Coordinated the Odyssey of the Mind Program, facilitated Multiage Chess Club, Lego Mindstorms Robotics Workshops, coordinated Large and Small Engine Workshops, Advanced Math, Cartooning, Model Railroading, Digital Photography, Crime Scene Investigations, Gymnastics, Cheerleading, Artist's Workshops, Career and College Day, and Museum Visits.

❖ **Other Computer and Enrichment Education: 1997-2004**

Created and taught standards-based units, including: Robotics, Keyboarding, and How Computers Work, helped revise the I/T Curriculum to align with the VT Standards. Co-developed and taught course "The Engineering Design Process," and G/T Education Workshops at VT Technical College, and for the VT Network for the Gifted.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT:

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| ◆ IBM, Essex Junction, VT, USA: 1993 – 1997 | Administrative Assistant |
| ◆ St. Joseph School, Burlington, VT, USA: 1990 – 1992 | Professional Educator |

EDUCATION:

- ❖ **Syracuse University**, Syracuse, NY
Masters Degree in Library and Information Science 2011
- ❖ **The University of Idaho**, Boise, ID
Certificate in Library Science awarded 2001
- ❖ **The University of Vermont**, Burlington, VT, 1987 - 1990
Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, Certified K-6
Certificate in Special Education, K-12

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- ❖ Co-led Global Issues Network student team at International School Bangkok March 2009
- ❖ Co-led "Kaleidoscope" creativity conference at ACST, Tunis, May 2007
- ❖ Presented "The Spark" Gifted and Talented Program I designed and implemented at the MAIS Technology and Optimal Match Conference, April 2005, ACST, Tunisia
- ❖ Facilitated and coordinated the Foundation for Excellent Schools national school improvement program at the Waits River Valley School, 1999 - 2004

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- ◆ ALA Annual Conference, Washington D.C. June 2010
- ◆ WEB2.0 Conference, Shanghai, China November 2008
- ◆ Assessment for Learning Workshop with Bambi Betts, Shekou International School, December 2007
- ◆ ECIS Conference, Nice, France, November, 2006
- ◆ MAIS Library Media Conference, Madrid, Spain, May, 2006
- ◆ ECIS Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands, November, 2005
- ◆ MAIS Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, October, 2004
- ◆ IB Training for Librarians, Armand Hammer United World College, Montezuma, New Mexico, June, 2004
- ◆ Confratute: Gifted and Talented Summer Institutes, University of Connecticut, 2001, 2002, and 2003

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