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PURPOSE:

I want to share my passion for learning and discovery 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 lifelong pursuit of knowledge. I am actively involved in helping to inform and motivate students in gaining perspective and knowledge to work together for a world of peace and understanding.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hanover High School, Hanover, New Hampshire

❖ Head Librarian: 2012 – 2013 (1 year position, replacing librarian on maternity leave)

- ◆ Collaborated with teachers to teach research skills, including: topic selection, resource search, note taking, outlines, citations, bibliography and drafts using materials that I created as well as Noodletools software
- ◆ Redesigned the traditional Library Media Center to implement the Learning Commons Model, including comfortable, flexible-seating arrangements. Moved the fiction section to a central location to promote reading and love of literature and created colorful banners to label sections of the collection.
- ◆ Instituted monthly themes such as Banned Books, Native American Heritage, Festivals of Light, The Peacemakers, Women's History and Earth Day: Every Day
- ◆ Maintained and enhanced Library website, promoted monthly library themes
- ◆ Co-led week long March Intensive workshop for high school students about Arduino microcomputers and creating computer controlled inventions
- ◆ Worked collaboratively with library team and high school staff to create a student-centered learning environment

International School in Genoa, Genoa, Italy

❖ Head Librarian: 2011 - 2012

- ◆ Reorganized and revitalized the Library Media Center for reader enjoyment, user-friendly environment, efficiency and access
- ◆ Collaborated with students, teachers and tech coordinator to produce book trailers, video book talks, author studies and student-run puppet theater program
- ◆ Installed and implemented Follett Destiny online automation system
- ◆ Created and maintained library website

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 KAUST based on his vision for a state of the art university that has a broad world-view and respect for different cultures and religions. <http://www.kaust.edu.sa/>

❖ Head Librarian: 2009 – 2011

- ◆ Oversaw the design and implementation of three new Library Media Centers at the KAUST School. Designed the room layouts, developed the collections, ordered all materials, and planned the library program from grade PreK- Grade 12, for PYP, MYP and DP.

- ◆ Researched and developed a specialized collection of resources for English Language Learners, including an Arabic collection which I developed in attending the Riyadh Book Fair in Spring 2011.
- ◆ Researched and developed a Leveled Book Room collection for grades K-12 using the Fountas and Pinnell Leveling system
- ◆ Created the library website which provides a multi-faceted, online environment for use by students in a 1:1 laptop school, which is still in use today: <http://www.kaustschools.org/page.cfm?p=828>
- ◆ IB Extended Essay Coordinator; created student support wiki: <http://extendedessayhelp.wikispaces.com/>
- ◆ Initiated school-wide, interactive, student centered activities such as: Book Week, the Book Bowl Competition, video competition and author visits and workshops
- ◆ Collaborated with the student advisory groups to create weekly and monthly themes and activities for all students at the secondary school
- ◆ Advisor to 9th Grade
- ◆ Yearbook coordinator, photography editor

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
- ◆ Co-led student’s Global Issues Network club, participating in Bangkok GIN conference
- ◆ Facilitated Kids Lit Book Club and other reading incentive programs including the Middle School Book Bowl Program and Elementary Book Week
- ◆ Co-led student hiking adventure to Tiger Leaping Gorge, in Yunan Province, Western China

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
- ◆ Co-led students on cultural studies in the Sahara Desert, and other areas of Tunisia
- ◆ 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: August 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 and Special Education, K-12

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Co-led Global Issues Network student group, attended GIN conference in 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, 2000 - 2004

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ ALA Midwinter Annual Conference, Seattle. January 2013
- ◆ ALA Annual Conference, Washington D.C. June 2010
- ◆ Web 2.0 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
- ◆ Guided Reading Course, University of Vermont, 2003

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