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Library consultant with excellent writing and communication skills dedicated to serving the library community by providing high quality research, training, and data useful for advocacy and program development. Knowledgeable about issues unique to libraries and other nonprofit organizations, including the importance of community outreach, outcomes-based evaluation, successful volunteer management, budgeting, and program development. Passionate advocate for promoting reading readiness of all children in our community, and seasoned volunteer in schools, public libraries, and organizations supporting both.

EDUCATION

Master of Library and Information Science | University of Denver

Concentrations: Early childhood literacy, outreach

Graduate | Colorado Association of Libraries Leadership Institute

Sessions included managing change, advocacy, mentoring, leadership styles, and professional ethics

Master of Science in Social Work | University of Texas at Austin

Concentration: Nonprofit administration & planning

Bachelor of Arts | Trinity University | San Antonio, TX

Psychology and sociology double major

LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

Consultant | California State Library | January, 2018-present

- Review, verify, and analyze California Public Library Survey data. Address and resolve inaccuracies and inconsistencies in data via communication with submitting libraries.
- Working with libraries and vendor to update and simplify the survey instrument and instructions.
- Developed "copy cat" grant program enabling libraries to replicate successful LSTA programs. Facilitated California State Library staff in the selection of programs to be replicated, created toolkits in consultation with libraries, and developed a website containing toolkits, application information, and best practices for library programming in conjunction with Infopeople.

Consultant | Colorado State Library | April, 2016 – October, 2017

- Authored white paper advocating for the elimination of library fines on children's materials, which can be accessed here: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/removingbarrierstoaccess>
- Presented with Colorado State Library staff at the Colorado Association of Libraries conference in 2017 and via CSL In Session, an online learning series
- Participated in the production of a toolkit for public libraries interested in developing successful early literacy programming and services for low-income families

SPELL Grant Coordinator | Colorado State Library | January – May, 2015

Supporting Parents in Early Literacy through Libraries (SPELL) was a \$247,000 grant from the IMLS that generated pre-and post-test data allowing assessment of the effectiveness of innovative early literacy programs.

- Oversaw design and implementation of eight IMLS grant-funded, innovative early literacy prototype programs in Colorado libraries serving low-income families and underserved populations
- Established a community of practice among SPELL libraries and other community agencies by fostering communication and providing professional development and networking for libraries
- Monitored progress of prototypes by conducting site visits throughout the state, providing mentoring and support, and evaluating progress toward program outcomes

Consultant | Good Shepherd Catholic School library | September, 2011-May, 2015

- Provided professional education and consultation to elementary school teacher in charge of a K-8 school library--no librarian is employed in this organization
- Educated teacher about librarianship's best practices, ethics and tools
- Assisted in collection development and management including acquisition, cataloging and weeding
- Advocated for, and facilitated the transition to, genre-based shelving of fiction

MLIS Practicum | Denver Public Library Central Branch | January-March, 2015

- Participated in community volunteer orientation and management
- Conducted weekly, bilingual (English/Spanish) storytime in preschool classroom of low children
- Assessed, selected, organized and weeded early literacy outreach collection
- Shadowed library directors and provided reader's advisory in children's sections of DPL branch libraries
- Oriented and assisted patrons who were learning email and resume skills on library computers

PRESENTATIONS

- Crist, B., & DePriest, M. (2019). *Removing barriers to access: Eliminating fines and fees for a win-win for your library and community*. Webinar presented Nebraska Library Commission's NCompass live series.
- Crist, B., DePriest, M. & Koch, J. (2018). *Removing barriers to access: Eliminating fines and fees for a win-win for your library and community*. Webinar presented for SirsiDynix Library Professional Series.
- Crist, B., & DePriest, M. (2018). The latest trend in libraries: Eliminating fines [Weblog interview].
- Crist, B., DePriest, M. & Meyer, S. (2018). *Equity of access webinar: Eliminating Overdue fines*. Webinar presented for Young Adult Library Services Association.
- Alcazar, D., Crist, B., DePriest, M., Meyer, S. (2017). *Removing barriers to access: Eliminating fines and fees for a win-win for your library and community*. Webinar presented for CSL in Session: An On-line Learning Series from the Colorado State Library.
- Crist, B., DePriest, M. & Reid, J. (2017). *Removing barriers to access: Eliminating fines and fees for a win-win for your library and community*. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Colorado Association of Libraries, Westminster, CO.
- Crist, B. & DePriest, M. (2015). *Supporting Parents in Early Literacy through Libraries (SPELL)*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Library Association, San Francisco, CA.

PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Crist, B. & DePriest, M. (2018). Removing barriers to access: Eliminating fines and fees for a win-win for your library and teens. *Young Adult Library Services, (17)1*, 14-17.
- DePriest, M. (2015). *Removing Barriers to Access: Eliminating Fines and Fees on Children's Materials* [White paper]. Retrieved from Colorado State Library website
<http://spellproject.weebly.com/uploads/1/5/3/3/15331602/spellwhitepaperfinal.pdf>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Assistant Director, Alumni Affairs | Rice University | Houston, TX | 1998-2003

- Coordinated alumni volunteers and facilitated out-of-town and interest-specific alumni groups
- Planned and facilitated meetings, lectures, and social events aimed at fostering a strong relationship between alumni and the university
- Designed, produced, and distributed electronic and hard-copy invitations, newsletters and brochures

Director of Development | Operation Rainbow | Houston, TX | 1997-1998

O.R. provides cleft lip/palate surgery and orthopedic care to children in Central America and the Philippines.

- Solicited funds from foundations and corporations and cultivated individual donors
- Planned and implemented special events, including an annual black-tie gala
- Coordinated marketing and public relations, including production of newsletters and press releases
- Engaged in ongoing board member and volunteer recruitment, coordination, and appreciation

Adjunct Instructor | Graduate School of Social Work | University of Houston | 1997

- Taught one semester of “Financial Management and Budgeting” to 20 graduate and undergraduate social work students with a focus on nonprofit organizational structure, budgeting concepts, auditing and internal fiscal controls, and the use of spreadsheet software in budgeting

Fund Distribution Analyst | United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast | Houston, TX | 1997

- Developed instruments to evaluate social service programs’ client-centered objectives
- Analyzed programmatic, financial, and beneficiary data of programs and agencies
- Trained United Way staff and service providers on outcomes-based evaluation

Fund Distribution Specialist | United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast | Houston, TX | 1995-1997

- Monitored and ensured the effective and efficient use of \$5.8 million in funds by nonprofit agencies
- Managed approximately 50 corporate and community volunteers and coordinated their efforts to review social service programs addressing issues as immigration and refugee services, employment and basic skills training, rehabilitative and therapeutic programs and community enhancement programs

Volunteer Coordinator, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center | 1994-1995

- Met the needs of patients and their families by providing well-trained, competent, and compassionate volunteers
- Supervised two part-time assistants

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Laureates Author Coordinator (pro bono position) | Friends of the SFPL | November, 2015 – April 2017

- Coordinated 35 notable Bay Area authors nominated as Laureates for Library Laureates Galas
- Liaised with publishers to secure donated books by the authors
- Supervised volunteer handlers who meet the needs of authors during the event

Archives Volunteer | California Academy of Sciences | March, 2016 - January, 2017

- Digitized decaying acetate prints and negatives in the historic image collection
- Activities included scanning photos and recording legacy metadata

Read Aloud Volunteer | Denver Public Library | August, 2013 – May, 2015

- Conducted weekly bilingual (English/Spanish) storytime for 16 low-income preschoolers
- Encouraged active participation of children using dialogic reading, singing, rhyming, and dancing

Library Volunteer | Montessori School of Denver library | September, 2009 – May, 2011

- Performed regular library upkeep including shelving, book repair, and collection development

Teacher’s Library Assistant | St. Catherine’s Montessori | Houston, TX | August, 2007 – May, 2009

- Inventoried and created a database of 2,000 children’s books to facilitate location and ease of use