Cordelia Blackwood

Professional Librarian | Information Literacy Specialist | Community Engagement Leader

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- Dedicated librarian with 6 years of experience transforming traditional library services into dynamic community learning hubs through innovative programming and digital resource management
- Proven expertise in implementing emerging technologies, including successful RFID system deployment that reduced checkout processing time by 40% and increased patron satisfaction scores to 94%
- Accomplished instruction specialist who developed information literacy curricula serving 1,200+ students annually, with 89% demonstrating improved research competencies
- Bilingual professional (English/Spanish) with demonstrated success in creating culturally responsive programming that increased diverse community engagement by 65%
- Strategic collaborator who secured $75,000 in grant funding for digital equity initiatives and established partnerships with 12 community organizations

WORK EXPERIENCE

Multnomah County Central Library
June 2021 - Present
Senior Reference Librarian

- Spearheaded digital literacy initiative serving 800+ adults annually, resulting in 78% improvement in participants' technology confidence scores and 45% increase in digital resource usage
- Designed and implemented comprehensive information literacy instruction program for community college partnerships, reaching 1,200+ students with 89% demonstrating improved research skills
- Led cross-departmental team in migrating to Alma ILS, training 25 staff members and reducing cataloging processing time by 35% while maintaining 99.2% accuracy rate
- Developed specialized research guides using LibGuides platform, creating 15 subject-specific resources that decreased reference consultation time by 30% while increasing patron independence
- Established "Tech Café" program attracting 150+ seniors monthly, bridging digital divide through personalized technology instruction and peer mentoring opportunities

Lewis & Clark College Watzek Library
August 2019 - May 2021
Academic Librarian

- Provided specialized research support for undergraduate and graduate students, conducting 200+ individual consultations annually with 95% satisfaction rating
- Created innovative "Research Bootcamp" series for first-year students, improving library resource utilization by 60% and reducing failed research

assignments by 25%
- Managed special collections digitization project, processing 2,500 historical documents using CONTENTdm and Dublin Core metadata standards
- Collaborated with faculty to integrate information literacy into curriculum, developing assessment tools that demonstrated 82% improvement in student citation accuracy
- Coordinated interlibrary loan services, maintaining 48-hour average fulfillment time while managing 3,000+ annual requests

Beaverton City Library
Children's Librarian
September 2018 - July 2019

- Launched bilingual storytime program that attracted 75+ families weekly, increasing youth circulation by 85% and expanding community reach to underserved populations
- Developed STEAM programming for ages 6-12, including robotics workshops and coding clubs that engaged 300+ children and received $15,000 community foundation grant
- Curated diverse children's collection emphasizing multicultural literature, increasing representation by 40% and earning recognition from Oregon Library Association
- Partnered with local schools to provide summer reading support, preventing learning loss for 450+ students through targeted literacy activities

EDUCATION

University of Washington Information School
Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS)
September 2016 - June 2018

GPA: 3.9/4.0 | Beta Phi Mu Honor Society
Relevant Coursework: Information Architecture, Digital Libraries, Community-Based Information Services, Research Methods in Library Science

Reed College
Bachelor of Arts in History
September 2012 - May 2016

Magna Cum Laude | Phi Beta Kappa
Thesis: "Digital Preservation of Oral Histories: Community Memory in the Information Age"

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Integrated Library Systems: Alma (expert), Sierra (advanced), Koha (intermediate), Evergreen (intermediate)

Cataloging Standards: RDA, MARC21, AACR2, Dublin Core metadata, LCSH, Dewey Decimal Classification

Database Management: ProQuest Central, EBSCO Discovery Service, JSTOR, PubMed, Gale Academic OneFile

Digital Tools: LibGuides, Omeka, CONTENTdm, WordPress, Springshare products, Google Workspace

Programming Languages: HTML/CSS (intermediate), Python (basic), SQL (basic)

Emerging Technologies: RFID systems, makerspaces, 3D printing, virtual reality programming

PUBLICATIONS

Building Digital Bridges: RFID Implementation in Mid-Size Public Libraries

April 2022

Public Library Quarterly

Vol. 41, Issue 2, pp. 156-172

Culturally Responsive Programming: Engaging Latinx Families in Library Services

September 2021

Library Journal

Featured Article

From Stacks to Screens: Teaching Information Literacy in Hybrid Learning Environments

July 2021

College & Research Libraries News

Vol. 82, Issue 7, pp. 298-301

HONORS

Oregon Library Association Early Career Librarian Award

2022

Oregon Library Association

Recognized for innovative programming and community engagement initiatives

Beta Phi Mu International Library & Information Studies Honor Society

2018

Beta Phi Mu

Inducted for academic excellence (top 10% of graduating MLIS class)

American Library Association Emerging Leader

2020

American Library Association

Selected from 400+ applicants nationwide for leadership development program

CERTIFICATIONS

Google for Education Certified Trainer
2021
Google for Education

Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification
2020
Project Management Institute

Spanish Language Proficiency Certificate
2019
Portland State University

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Instruction & Training
Information literacy curriculum development, adult learning principles, assessment design

Community Engagement
Program development, cultural competency, partnership building, grant writing

Languages
English (native), Spanish (professional working proficiency)

Specialized Knowledge
Digital preservation, government documents, genealogy research, rare books handling

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Makerspaces on a Shoestring: Creative Programming for Small Budgets
October 2022
Pacific Northwest Library Association Annual Conference
Session attended by 120+ library professionals

Assessment Strategies for Information Literacy Instruction
May 2021
ACRL Oregon Chapter Spring Symposium
Co-presenter

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

American Library Association (ALA)
since 2018
Member
Active in Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)

Oregon Library Association

since 2018

Member

Served on Conference Planning Committee 2020-2022

Public Library Association

since 2019

Member

Volunteer reviewer for programming grant applications

Association of College & Research Libraries

2019-2021

Member

Contributed to Information Literacy Framework implementation resources