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Curriculum, technology & research enthusiast. PA certified teacher & librarian. Experience in both public & independent school settings. 13+ years working in the Lower Merion Public Library System. Extensive knowledge of children's and young adult literature. Experience with data visualization, sketchnoting, and graphic design. Knowledge of qualitative & quantitative research methodologies & program evaluation models. Strong communication skills, both written and verbal. Analytical and organized. Visual and systems-thinker. Skilled in utilizing databases and in curating digital content for a variety of audiences. Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite and Social Media Platforms. Google for Education Certified Trainer.

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania GSE/Wharton San Francisco

Traveled with a Doctoral Program cohort to study innovation and leadership in Silicon Valley startups, businesses, K-12 schools & higher education. Participated in additional workshops through Stanford's d.School. (#pennsv16)

University of Pennsylvania-Graduate School of Education (GSE)

Master's in Education Policy & Program Evaluation

Coursework included: applied research methods, schools as organizations, quantitative analysis & statistics, educational assessment, digital and multicultural literacies

Thesis: Education Policy & K-12 Technology Access, Equity, and Integration

Rosemont College

Bachelor's degree in Education, History, Psychology

PA TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

- Elementary (K-6)
- Library/Media Specialist (K-12)
- English/Language Arts (7-9)
- History/Social Studies (7-12)

DISTINCTIONS

- School Librarian of the Year (2014)
- Google Certified Trainer
- Apple Teacher
- Amazon Education Teacher Innovator
- Trained in Code.org curriculum K-8

PRESENTATIONS AT

- University of Pennsylvania- Ethnography Forum
- Penn GSE MidCareer EdLeadership Program
- PAIS Annual Conference
- PSLA Annual Conference
- EduCon at Science Leadership Academy
- Google Educational Collaborators PA Summits
- DVR-PASCD Fall & Spring Conferences
- Iowa Technology & Education Connection Conference (ITEC)
- Building Learning Communities (BLC) Conference hosted by Alan November

WORK EXPERIENCE

High School Librarian, *Marple Newtown School District*

2021-present

- Revitalize physical space based on users' needs
- Update library collection of approx. 16,000+ to include current and diverse titles
- Build and maintain ebook and audiobook collection
- Create course outlines and curricula for new STEM Academy courses
- Co-teach STEM Academy courses to ensure consistency of design thinking throughout
- Build and maintain new [District website](#) using Finalsite
- Provide training and create tutorials on updating and maintaining website
- Manage budget for print/ebooks, databases, and library supplies
- Mentor new librarians in the district

Library Assistant/Page, *Lower Merion Library System*

2006- present

- Help patrons access materials and navigate both print and digital collections available through the township, county, and state
- Develop marketing materials to promote library [collections](#) and events - ie. [Middle School Book Club](#), [YA Mental Health Reads](#)
- Organize and assist with children's and young adult programming
- Provide assistance to patrons and staff members regarding reference databases, research & technology skills
- Provided input & support for a grant to revitalize the YA collection
- Process new and withdraw outdated materials to maintain library collections
- Supervise and train staff as necessary

Teacher on Administrative Assignment, *Marple Newtown School District*

March 2020 - September 2020

- Provided support to Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent in creating district communications and print publications, as well as creating and maintaining websites relevant to school closure, continuity of education, and other district initiatives
- Assisted the Teaching and Learning team in organizing, coordinating, and evaluating the K-12 curriculum and instructional technology programs throughout the district. Particular emphasis on the digital articulation and communication of programs between elementary schools, secondary schools, and the larger educational community in collaboration with curriculum and central administrative personnel.
- Sample projects and tasks included:
 - Creating and maintaining the [MNSD Reopening Website](#)
 - Formatting and design of Continuity of Education Plan
 - Assisting in creation of the Flexibility of Instruction Plan for PA Dept. of Edu
 - Creating [slides](#) and [presentation materials](#) for school board meetings
 - Creating K-5 weekly assignment calendars and sharing with teachers
 - Creating infographics, [flyers](#), and other [visuals](#) for district communications
 - Researching different video conferencing tools & creating handouts/guidelines for students and teachers
 - Designing a modified elementary report card to include priority standards and grading scales for spring 2020 (ELA and Math)
 - Creating a [District Wellness website](#) with resources for mental and physical wellness
 - Developing content and creating a [Career Pathways website](#) for HS students

- Curating lists of [digital](#) and [non-digital](#) activities for students K-12 during school closure and [spring break](#)
- Designing asynchronous [social studies activities](#) for students K-5 aligned with curriculum
- Creating multiple feedback surveys for students, parents and teachers. Analyzing and organizing data upon completion.
- Provided live teacher professional development on Schoology, EdPuzzle, and other tech tools for virtual learning via Zoom and created accompanying [video tutorials](#)
- Provided parent/student technology support after 1:1 laptop distribution

Middle School Librarian, Marple Newtown School District

2017- 2021

- Collaborated with teachers to integrate literature and research skills into courses
- Planned & designed research-based, innovative, and customized learning experiences
- Revitalized library collection & physical space based on users' needs
- Transformed the 'reference room' into a STEM area/makerspace
- Created customized library & makerspace signage
- Created and maintain the [library website](#)
- Maintained a library collection of approx. 9,000+ current and diverse titles
- Managed budget for print/ebooks, databases, and library supplies
- Member of the District STEM, Technology, and Computer Science Committees
- Building Audio/Visual Coordinator and Stage Manager
- Created and updated the [Summer Reading List](#) in collaboration with teachers
- Created list of [Relevant Reads](#) related to social justice in collaboration with district librarians
- [Makerspace Club](#) Advisor & Reading Olympics Coordinator
- Mentored new librarians in the district
- Assisted with 6th grade orientation/transition programming and 8th grade promotion
- Developed an ebook collection (Fall 2020)
- Taught 6th grade ELA while training substitutes for virtual teaching (Sept/Oct 2020)
- Built new [District website](#) using Finalsite (Nov-Jan 2020)

Lower School Technology Coordinator, William Penn Charter School

2015-2017

- Taught students (K-5) technology, computer science, & digital citizenship skills
- Provided professional development & coaching/mentoring to teachers in all school divisions
- Collaborated with teachers to integrate technology into their pedagogy
- Created a multi-year technology integration plan for Lower School
- Organized and managed 200 student Chromebooks as part of 1:1 initiative
- Designed a Makerspace & its curriculum for use by K-5 students and teachers

Elementary Librarian & Media Specialist, School District of Haverford Township

2013-2015

- Empowered students (K-5) to be critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, skillful researchers, & ethical users of information
- Collaborated with teachers to strengthen interdisciplinary projects & connections
- Taught literacy-based lessons, integrating research, children's literature, & STEM topics, that met the needs of each student.
- Maintained a library collection of titles that were increasingly current and diverse
- Reading Olympics coach and 5th Grade Engineering Club sponsor/leader
- Participated in Penn Literacy Network courses