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Objective:

To secure a position as a library/media specialist serving students by providing a stimulating and innovative Media Center for students and staff.

Education:

Master of Science in Library Science, Chicago State University, 2009
Master of Arts in Teaching, National Louis University, 1992
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Trinity College, 1988

Certification:

Type 03, K-9 and Type 10 School Library Information Specialist, K-12
Endorsements in Elementary/Jr. High Language Arts and Social Studies

Experience:

Library Media Specialist-CPS: Emiliano Zapata Academy

2010-present

- Coordinator for RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program which provides new books to read and take home three times a year for every student
- Administrator of the Accelerated Reader program
- Inventoried and converted the library from the WINNBEGO system to SOAR
- Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator
- Family Reading Night committee
- Secured donations of clothing and uniforms for needy students
- Hosted new author Erica Weisz presenting her book One Thousand and One Words in conjunction with a Power of Words/Anti-bullying unit

Library Media Specialist-CPS: Joseph Gary Elementary School

2003-2010

- Coordinated a Safe Kids campaign/car seat give-away program in conjunction with Chicago AAA and Children's Memorial Hospital
- Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator

Teacher, Grades 5 and 2-CPS: Matthew Henson Elementary School

2001- 2003

Teacher, Grades 4 and 5-CPS: Ana Roque de Duprey Elementary School

1995-1998

Teacher, Grade 2-CPS: A.N. Pritzker Elementary School

1991-1995

Grade level chair

School and Library Grants:

- Awarded multiple grants
 - Illinois State Library Weed and Feed grant
 - CPS Library Matching Grant (three grants funded)
 - Chicago Teachers Foundation Grant (two grants funded)
 - Donors Choose (five funded grants)
 - First Book Grant
- Secured numerous donations of books and media materials for the school library

Professional Development:

- American Libraries Association Conference June 2013
Sessions:
 - Occupy Dia: Engaging Children to Social Justice Issues
 - Celebrating Poetry Friday and Common Core Curriculum Connections
 - Going Where the User Takes Us: Instruction Beyond the Library Classroom
 - Conversation Starters: 40 Great Apps for Mobile Reference and Outreach
- CPS Tech Talk Conference Spring 2013
- CPS Pilsen/Little Village Network Course Minilessons May 2012
- CPS Google Hero Training August 2012
- National Louis University Curriculum and Instruction Course Fall 2011
CIL 512 Reading in a New Language: Linguistics CNSDR
- PS SOAR Training Spring 2010

Additional professional development as related to school improvement and librarian training.

References available upon request