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EDUCATION

Dominican University

River Forest, IL

August 2022 – May 2025

Master's in Library and
Information Science

GPA: 3.9

Elmhurst University

Elmhurst, IL

August 2013 – May 2015

BA in English

Minor in Sociology

GPA: 3.9

Elgin Community College

Elgin, IL

August 2011 – May 2013

Associate in Arts

GPA: 3.9

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teen Services Associate | Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL | 1/2025 – Present

- Welcomes teen patrons to Studio 270, fostering inclusion, curiosity, and engagement.
- Oversees department-wide Communico entries, graphics, and copy requests.
- Coordinates Teen Graphic Novel Club and Teen Writing Club, cultivating literacy, self-expression, and creativity.
- Serves as Person in Charge, overseeing the safety and well-being of staff and patrons.

KidSpace Associate | Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL | 11/2017 – 1/2025

- Designed, facilitated, and evaluated innovative programs, including:
 - Volunteens, a volunteer program for middle school students. Developed teens' teamwork, self-efficacy, and leadership skills through service projects.
 - Writing Club, a monthly writing workshop. Led virtual and in-person events, created journals of student work, and designed Beanstack writing challenges.
 - Read to Rover, a bilingual program where kids read to therapy dogs. Supported reluctant readers and multilingual families. Supervised Read to Rover volunteers.
- Created visually appealing, educational, and interactive book displays.
- Coordinated display cases, welcoming student collections for the enjoyment of patrons.
- Provided exemplary service at the KidSpace reference desk by curating personalized readers' advisory, teaching library technologies, and promoting library services.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Elgin Poet Laureate | Elgin, IL | 1/2024 – 12/2025

- Leads opportunities for community members to perform creative work.
- Composes poetry for community events, such as Elgin History Museum's volunteer luncheon, Elgin's Pride Parade, and Gail Borden Library's 150th Anniversary.

Elgin Pride Board Member | Elgin, IL | 4/2022 – 5/2025

- Led 75 Elgin Pride events to build community, provide resources, and cultivate equity for LGBTQ+ community members and allies.
- Chaired Community Outreach & Engagement Committee to plan new events, support fellow volunteers, and identify areas of organizational growth.