

RESUME

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EXPERIENCE

City Librarian, Milwaukee Public Library 1991 - present

Director of the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) System which includes the Central Library, twelve neighborhood libraries and a bookmobile unit. Oversee annual budget of \$21 million and staff of approximately 350. Work closely with MPL Board of Trustees and the MPL Foundation Board.

Major Accomplishments

- Completion of \$11.5 million renovation of historic Central Library 1992-2003
- With the MPL Foundation, raised more than \$14 million over twelve years from variety of donors in the Milwaukee philanthropic community.
- Construction of a new Washington Park branch library completed in 2003.
- Initiated "Milwaukee Reads," an ongoing broad-based literacy program in 1991.
- Convened strategic planning sessions for Board and staff since 1991.

Collaboration, Partnerships and Grants

- Developed collaborative partnerships with numerous community agencies including Milwaukee Public Schools, YWCA, Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee Public Museum, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, daycare centers, and others.
- Planned and implemented a variety of grants in conjunction with Milwaukee Public Schools, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation, and others.
- Consulted on and reviewed grant submissions made by MPL Foundation to individuals, corporations and foundations in the greater Milwaukee community.

EDUCATION

Edgewood College Madison, Wisconsin BA English 1966
University of Wisconsin Madison, Masters in Library Science 1969
Marquette University, Certificate in Management 1985

PROFESSIONAL and COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS

YMCA Board of Trustees
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Board of Visitors (President 2003-2005)
American Library Association
Wisconsin Library Association
Professional Dimensions

AWARDS

Distinguished Alumnae Award--Edgewood College 2003
"It Takes A Whole Village" Award,
Milwaukee Community Journal Newspaper, 1999
Wisconsin Library Association President's Award, 1995

