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## Experience

### **Editorial Director, "Teens @ the Library" Series, Neal-Schuman Publishing Company** (January 2010-present)

Responsibilities: General planning of the series • Solicitation of authors and proposals • Creation and submission of quarterly progress reports on the Series • Development and revision of ideas and manuscripts with authors • Advising authors in preparing manuscripts • Consultation and aid with Series promotion • Manuscript reviews

### **Teen Services Coordinator, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library** (August 2005 – present)

Responsibilities: Oversee Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's Teen Services Division consisting of 24 branch libraries and more than 40 teen-serving staff members • Lead, coach, and manage performance of a staff team comprised of teen librarians and teen specialists in the Loft, CML's teen-only library • Develop strategically aligned system-wide teen programming and outreach programs and services for teens • Establish standards for the system-wide delivery of teen services • Collect, analyze and report on feedback about teen programs and services in collaboration with public services, information technologies, and community engagement staff • Monitor the quality and consistency of teen programs and services throughout the system • Collaborate with Human Resources to ensure that all CML frontline staff are trained to provide teen outreach, programs and services • Strategically and effectively budget money for teen programs and services • Form and coordinate teams responsible for teen programming and services (Teens & Technology, Teens & Reading, Teen Programming, Teen Library Website, Teen Volunteers, Teen Summer Reading, and Teen Outreach) • Clearly and effectively communicate system initiatives • Foster innovation in teen services • Serve as a liaison to community agencies and other literacy groups • Monitor new developments in the literacy field related to serving teens in libraries, incorporating new developments, as appropriate, into existing programs and services

### **Wired for Youth Librarian, Austin Public Library** (March 2001 – August 2005)

Responsibilities: Created, maintained, and expanded the Wired for Youth (WFY) program, an award-winning, technology based library program for teens and pre-teens (ages 8-18) at the Carver Branch and Faulk Central Library • Performed as leader for team of 8-10 Wired for Youth Librarians • Assisted in orientation of new WFY librarians • Wrote grants for additional funding for WFY • Served as liaison to community groups interested in youth and teen achievement • Developed, promoted, and carried out special WFY and teen-related programs and events • Designed and created marketing materials for WFY Program, including flyers, handouts, newsletters, etc. • Recorded and reported monthly statistics and participate in the development of monthly and quarterly reports • Worked independently to produce dynamic programs • Oversaw work of volunteers, summer interns, and Capstone Students (graduate level library school interns) • Represented Youth Services Division in system-wide strategic planning • Ordered and leveled all graphic novels for children, young adults, and adults for the Central Library and 20 branch libraries

## Education

Master of Library Science (M.L.S.), Texas Woman's University  
Graduation Honors: Summa Cum Laude (GPA 4.0), December 2000

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Graduation Honors: Summa Cum Laude (GPA 4.0), January 1999

## Professional Activities

Member, YALSA Board of Directors, 2007-2010  
Certified Trainer, YALSA "Serving the Underserved", 2004-present  
Member, YALSA's Michael L. Printz Award Committee, 2006-2007  
Member, ALA/Young Adult Library Service Association (YALSA), 2000 – present  
Member, Beta Phi Mu, International Library and Information Studies Honor Society, 2000 - present  
Member/Sub-Committee Chair, YALSA Popular Paperbacks Committee, 2004 – 2006  
Member, YALSA Graphic Novels Task Force, 2003-2005  
Member, ALA/ALSC Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Children's Video Committee, 2002-2003  
Member, ALA/Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), 2001-2003

## Publications

### Books:

- *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries, 4<sup>th</sup> Revised and Expanded Edition*, Neal-Schuman, July 2009
- *Getting Graphic! Comics for Kids*, Linworth Publishing, 2008
- *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries, 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised and Expanded Edition*, Neal-Schuman, July 2004
- *Getting Graphic! Using Graphic Novels to Promote Literacy with Preteens and Teens*, Linworth Publishing, 2003

### Articles:

- "Ten Years of Getting Graphic", *The Graphic Novel Reporter*, February 2010
- "Graphic Novels Rule! Comics for Younger Readers" cover article, *School Library Journal*, March 2008
- "Getting Graphic" Columnist, *Library Media Connection*, 2007-present
- "Mr. Inspiration: an Interview with Patrick Jones on Knockout Teen Services, Mentoring Librarians, and, Yes, Loving Wrestling Magazines", *School Library Journal*, August 2006
- "Down and Dirty Down Under", *YAttitudes*, Fall 2006
- "Teenage Riot" Columnist, *School Library Journal*, February 2006-present
- Graphic Novels Columnist, *Teacher Librarian*, 2004-2007
- "Get Wild...Read!" Young Adult Chapter, *Texas Summer Reading Program Manual, 2005*
- "Graphic Novels for Younger Readers", *Book Links*, May 2004
- "Comics in the Classroom", *Library Media Connection*, November/December 2003
- "What Teens Want: 30 Graphic Novels You Can't Live Without" cover article, *School Library Journal*, August 2002

### Columns:

- "Getting Graphic" Columnist, *Library Media Connection*, 2007-present
- "Teenage Riot" Columnist, *School Library Journal*, 2006-2009
- "Graphic Novels" Bookmark, *Teacher Librarian*, 2004-2007

### Contributor:

- *Urban Teens in the Library: Research and Practice*. Edited by Denise E. Agosto and Sandra Hughes-Hassell. ALA Editions, 2010. "Chapter 11: The Loft at ImaginOn: An Overview"
- *The Thriving Library: Successful Strategies for Challenging Times*. Marylaine Block. Information Today, 2007. "Chapter 1: Focusing on Children and Teens"
- *Net Effects: How Librarians Can Manage the Unintended Consequences of the Internet*. Edited by Marylaine Block. Information Today, 2003. "Chapter 5: Access Issues; Wiring Teens to the Library"

## Honors and Awards

- Literacy Leader's Award, In the Loop of Success, 2008
- Director's Award, Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, 2007
- "Movers and Shakers" List, *Library Journal*, 2003
- Penguin Putnam Books for Young Readers Award, Association for Library Service to Children, 2002

## Speaking Engagements

Extensive freelance speaker engagements in 40 states in the USA, Australia, Sweden, Germany, Portugal, Denmark, and the United Kingdom, providing all-day workshops, half-day training seminars, pre-conferences, and keynote speeches at national library and education conferences. A comprehensive list is available on request. Sample of the most popular workshops include:

- "Getting Graphic! Graphic Novels in Public and School Libraries"
- "This Ain't Your Mama's Library! Creating a New Generation of Library Services for a New Generation of Library Users"
- "Getting Teens Wired at Your Library: Teens and Technology"
- "Connecting Young Adults and Libraries: General Library Services for Teens"
- "Sucking Cyberteens into the Library Matrix: Best Practice in Web-based Library Services"
- "Technology, Radical Trust, and the Role of Social Networking for Teens in Today's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library"

**Professional references available upon request.**