

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor/ Manager Knowledge River, University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science February 2013- Present

- Recruitment, support and advocacy for Latinos and Native Americans into the SIRLS and library and information science profession.
- Coordination of the Knowledge River Scholar program.
- Management of budgets and graduate assistants.
- Building collaborations and partnerships with academic, special libraries, public libraries, archives and museum organizations.
- Community analysis, needs assessment, evaluation, and implementation of innovative services and programs for Knowledge River Scholars.
- Prepares, writes, monitors, evaluates, and administers grants for the Knowledge River program.
- Academic Advisor for Master's of Library Information Science Students.
- Teaching in public librarianship and foundations to library and information science.

Services Manager-Family Literacy, Pima County Public Library 2005 - 2013

- Coordination of library services for a large 27 branch library system.
- Prepare, monitor, administer and evaluation grants in the areas of children, teen, family literacy and adult literacy programs.
- Project management of large library initiatives.
- Community analysis needs assessment, evaluation, and implementation of innovative services, programs and outreach services.
- Management of budgets and professional staff.
- Building of collaborations and partnerships with community organizations.
- Develop, coordinate, and implement professional training for library staff.
- Strategic planning coordinator since 2009.

Managing Librarian, Golf Links Branch Library 2003 - 2005

- Management of a branch's \$1 million expansion adding 5,000 sq. ft. of public space.
- Instituted new public services – One Service Desk, Self-Check, and automated scheduling for public.
- Management of a medium-size branch library's programs, services, building and staff.

Managing Librarian, Columbus Branch Library 2002 - 2003

- Management of a small to medium size branch in a low-income neighborhood with a high Spanish-speaking population.
- Instituted automated computer scheduling for the public.
- Began the change to a one service desk and self-check for the public.

Project Manager for Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds, *Public Libraries as Partners in Youth Development Initiative*, \$400,000 grant, \$1,000,000 grant project. 1999 - 2002

- Coordinated, evaluated and implemented programming on positive youth development for young adult services for the Tucson-Pima Public Library
- Development of a paid teen computer aide program, teen advocate program and youth advisory council.
- Evaluation of a large library initiative.
- Successful management of a large grant budget.
- Staff development and training on positive youth development.

Coordinator of Young Adult Services 1995 - 1999

- Project Manager for DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest *Public Libraries as Partners in Youth Development* planning grant to identify, integrate, analyze, evaluate, develop and implement new and enhanced, library-based educational enrichment and career development for low-income youth in Pima County.
- Project Manager for young adult summer reading program - 5 years.
- Coordinated system-wide young adult services.
- Responsible for system-wide programming for young adults (SAT Workshops, Financial Aid Workshops, Middle School Survival).
- Citizen and Neighborhood Services Net Team Member since January, 1998.

- Library Strategic Planning Steering Committee Member.

Outreach Services

1995 - 1996

- Coordinated Homework Help Program with 32 tutors.
- Chair of Outstanding Tucson Teen Citizen Committee - 2 years.
- Responsible for conversion of youth outreach van.
- Coordinated trainings for children's and young adult librarians.
- Responsible for outreach for children and young adults.
- Coordinated & implemented programming for children and young adults.

EDUCATION

Certified Public Manager Program, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ **2006**

Master of Library Science, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ **1989**

BA, Psychology and Women Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ **1985**

SPECIAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATES

Positive Youth Development Certification
University of Arizona Norton School of Family and Consumer Science. **2009**

Certified Public Manager's Program – Arizona State University – a nationally recognized management development program for public managers and supervisors from all government levels. **2006**

PUBLICATIONS

"*Connected Learning in Digital Heritage Curation*," D-Lib Magazine: The Magazine of Digital Library Research, July/August 2014, <http://www.dlib.org/dlib/july14/07inbrief.html>.

Macaluso, Gina. "*IT Nation: a paid internship that trains teens to teach digital technology classes*," chapter in **Excellence in Library Service to Young Adults**, 2014.

"*IT Nation: a paid internship that trains teens to teach digital technology classes*," poster presentation, American Library Association Young Adult Library Services Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2013.

"*Reach the Parent, Teach the Child, a family literacy curriculum*," co-wrote curriculum for family literacy program with Pima College Adult Education, 2010.

"*Teens & TPPL: A Plan for Youth Development*". Tucson, Arizona: Tucson-Pima Public Library, 1999.

Rodriguez, Gina Macaluso. **Green Corn Tamales/Tamales de Elote**. Tucson, Arizona: Hispanic Book Distributors, 1994. Winner of the 1993 Arroz Con Leche Children's Literature Book Award.

"*Redefining the Federal Role for Libraries: Briefings and Open Forum on Children and Youth Services*", U.S. National Commission of Libraries and Information Science, 1993.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Connected Learning in Digital Heritage Curation, The Knowledge River Model, Institute of Museum and Library Services, \$498,000. 2014-2017.

Word Journeys, Weed and Seed, \$21,625. 2009-2010.

Read to Me Tucson, Friends of the Pima County Public Library, \$6,000. 2009.

Teen Health Database, Tohono O'odam 12% Gaming Distribution, \$12,000. 2008.

Summer Reading Program, Stocker Foundation, \$24,000, 2008.

Creating a Community of Readers, LSTA Arizona, \$17,100. 2008.

Teen Advocates, State Grants-in-Aid-Arizona, \$4,265. 2008.

Children's Day/Book Day-El día de los niños/El día de los libros, Target, \$2,000. 2007.

FitTeens Health Initiative, a Fit for Life Initiative, Metlife Foundation and Libraries for the Future, \$20,000. 2007.

Project LIFT (Literacy Involves Families Together), Every Voice in Action, Tucson, Arizona, \$10,000. 2006.

Public Libraries as Partners in Youth Development Initiative, Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds, \$430,000. 1999 – 2002.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Foundations of Library and Information Services, University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science, Spring 2015, Tucson, Arizona.

Course provides an introduction to the library and information professions, to the SIRLS graduate program, and to roles and current issues in library and information services for the 21st century. As such, it is a combination of orientation, advising, skill development and content. The goal is to introduce students to the basic concepts, terminology, literature and issues related to the organization, management, access and use of knowledge and information resources and the provision of library and information services. The course also orients students to basic information about the SIRLS program and provides practice in the activities that will lead to success in graduate school.

Foundations of Library and Information Services, assisting professor, University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science, Fall 2014, Tucson, Arizona.

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Public Library Administration and Practice, University of Arizona School of Information Resources and Library Science, Spring 2014, Tucson, Arizona.

Public libraries play multiple roles in our very diverse communities, from the large libraries that serve major metropolitan areas to the smallest one room library that serves a small rural community or tribal community. For those who plan a career serving in public libraries, this course should help to bring about an understanding of public libraries' history and values and traditions, but more important focus on the future and the role that libraries, as important information services and agencies, play in the economic, social, educational, and recreational future of communities. The course focused on issues that public libraries are facing today. Future directions for public libraries will also be considered. Graduate-level requirements include more extensive research and a higher level of performance.

WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Librarians Seeking New Careers: Shifting Our Information Profession Skills to New Callings,” presented at the *Arizona Library Association Conference*, November 2015, Flagstaff, Arizona.

“Student Seeks Extraordinary Experience: Connecting Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona through Graduate Student Internships” poster presentation at the *Arizona Library Association Conference*, November 2015, Flagstaff, Arizona.

“The Power of Visual Storytelling: A Discussion in Presenting and Preserving Stories,” presented at the *Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums Conference*, September 2015, Washington, DC.

“Now Hiring: Resumes, Cover Letters, Interviewing and more...Or the path to getting a job,” presented at the *School of Information Resources and Library Science, University of Arizona*, April 2013, Tucson, Arizona.

“Showcasing Your Services Through Key Partnerships,” presented at the *Arizona Library Association Conference*, November 2011, Mesa, Arizona.

“Centennial Summer Reading Webinar: Motivation to Read,” presented for the *Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records*, November 2011, Arizona.

“Fostering our Future: Teaching 21st Century Skills to Create Tomorrow's Leaders Today,” presented as a preconference at the *Arizona Library Association Conference*, November 2011, Tucson, Arizona.

- “Teen Parents & Babies: The ABCs of Early Literacy Outreach, Project LIFT (Literacy Involves Families Together),” presented at the *American Library Association Conference*, June 2011, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “IT Girls: Teens Teaching Technology,” presented at *Arizona Library Association Conference*, October 2010, Phoenix, Arizona.
- “Literacy for Life-Youth and Adults,” presented at the *Reforma Tucson LisLAS Conference*, June 2010, Tucson, Arizona.
- “Children’s Collection Development,” presented at the *Arizona Library Institute* for the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, May 2010, Flagstaff, Arizona.
- “Creating Young Readers & Library Success for Children, Youth & Families,” presented at the Arizona State Library, April 2010, Phoenix, Arizona.
- “Creating a Community of Readers,” presented at *Arizona Library Association Conference*, November 2008, Glendale, Arizona.
- “Creating a Community of Readers: A Literacy Summit,” a literacy summit focusing on early literacy, March 2008, Tucson, Arizona.
- “Joint Ventures: Hoping for the Best or Can this Be Taught?” presented at the *ALISE (Association for Library and Information Science Education Conference)*, January 2008, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- “Beyond Shelf Reading: Creative Uses of Volunteers in the Library,” presented at *Arizona Library Association Conference*, November 2006, Mesa, Arizona.
- “Cultural Competence: Its Role in the Library,” presented at *Arizona Library Association Conference*, September 2003, Glendale, Arizona.
- “Leer es Poder/Reading is Power,” presented at the *Arizona Library Association Conference*, September 2003, Glendale, Arizona.
- “Teen Volunteers: Not an Oxymoron,” presented at the *Public Library Association Conference*, March 2002, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Teens and the Tucson Pima Public Library,” presented at the *American Library Association Conference*, January 2001, San Francisco, California.
- “Reaching into the Closet: Library Service for Gay & Lesbian Teens,” presented at the *Arizona Library Association Conference*, November 2000, Tucson, Arizona.
- “Coolness Factor: When Libraries Listen to Teens and Respond,” presented at *Arizona Library Association Conference*, November 2000, Tucson, Arizona.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Library Association

- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) – Committee on Organization and Bylaws
- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) – Committee for Teen Website Advisory Committee
- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) - Committee on Youth Participation

Arizona State Library Association

- AZLA - Judy Goddard/Libraries, Ltd. Young Adult Author Award Committee
- AZLA – Membership Committee
- AzLA – Awards Committee, Chair
- AzLA – Chair of the Arizona Librarians for Young Adult Services
- AzLA – Chair Elect of the Arizona Librarians for Young Adult Services
- AzLA – Southern Arizona Representative

Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, Early Literacy Mentoring Program, Mentor.

Institute of Museum and Library Service – External Peer Grant Reviewer

REFORMA – National Association to Promote Library and Informational Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Early Literacy Mentoring Program-**Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records 2014-2015**
- MAKE WAY FOR BOOKS-**Board of Directors, President 2007-2015**
- Metropolitan Education Commission – **Commissioner 2009-2012**
- 9 Queens: Empowerment through Chess-**Board of Directors, President 2011-2015**
- Reading Seed Children’s Literacy Program- **Advisory Council Member 2006-2009**
- Tucson Festival of Books-**Chair of Entertainment Committee 2008-2013**
- Tucson High Magnet School Site Council- **Council Member 2009-2011**
- Activate Tucson- **Committee Member 2007-2009**

AWARDS

- Arizona State Library Association, **Outreach Services Award 2007**
- Arroz con Leche Award Winner for “**Green Corn Tameles/Tamales De Elote**” **1993**