

Gregory D'Amato

**School Library Media
Specialist
Gifted and Talented
Educator**

Experience

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School Library Media Specialist, Gifted and Talented Educator/ Haddon Heights School District

November 2019 - PRESENT, Haddon Heights, NJ

- Launched a new STEAM program to engage students from kindergarten to sixth grade.
- Differentiated the Media Specialist curriculum by infusing units on digital citizenship, social justice, and critical evaluation of current events.
- Collaborated with the SEL and school psychologists to provide meaningful print/digital literature for stakeholders.
- Coordinated Haddon Heights strategic goal of diversity, equity, and inclusion by facilitating district wide training opportunities.
- Enhanced student learning by incorporating leadership opportunities in their schools and communities.
- Facilitated the identification, assessment, and involvement of students in the Gifted and Talented program.
- Constructed lessons geared toward gifted and talented students to foster independence through inquiry based lessons, self evaluation and peer review.

School Library Media Specialist/ Cranford Public School District

September 2017 - November 2019, Cranford, NJ

- Simultaneously managed media center resources such as automation, cataloging, and inventory for multiple media centers.
- Diagnosed the physical and online collection in order to infuse more diverse, age appropriate texts for students/staff.
- Designed and implemented information literacy lessons so that students develop into life-long learners and readers, while creating opportunities for students to become responsible digital citizens.
- Taught first-time visitors how to browse the library catalog by using Follett Destiny online catalog.
- Explored and implemented individualized computer programming lessons based on learner interest.
- Compiled digital resources to meet the needs of 21st century students/staff through Symbaloo, Google, Nearpod, etc.
- Established a team of community stakeholders to host school wide STEAM events by securing the funds, materials, and resources.
- Piloted and adjusted new curricular focus on STEAM, coding, digital citizenship, and literature appreciation across multiple grades.
- Provided IT troubleshooting assistance with Smart Notebook, Google, and Microsoft products.

5th Grade Elementary Educator/ Cranford Public School District

September 2012 - June 2017, Cranford, NJ

- Designed lesson for Readers and Writers workshop with whole class, small group, and individualized instruction.
- Developed and implemented engaging lessons for heterogenous groups of students within a general education and special education setting.
- Integrated student center lessons and activities to motivate reluctant learners to engage in Science and Social Studies content.

Education

Seton Hall University / Masters of Science in Education

Instructional Design and Technology with School Library Media Specialist Certification

Seton Hall University / Bachelor of Science in Education

Elementary and Special Education

Certifications

Holocaust Education and Prejudice Reduction/Kean University

Awarded May 2020

School Library Media Specialist/New Jersey Department of Education

Awarded August 2016

Elementary School Teacher in K- 6/New Jersey Department of Education

Awarded May 2013

Teacher of Students with Disabilities/New Jersey Department of Education

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