I will be creating a portfolio page. The reason I selected the portfolio page is because I'm graduating in December and would like a page that can reflect all the hard work I've put into graduate school as well as show my credentials to potential employers. This site will also allow me to go much more in-depth on my experience than a resume will, which I think will be good for hiring some of my specific work experience. I'll be entering the job market, and I except that it will be a difficult time to enter the job market as the pandemic has cut funding for many jobs I would be interested in, increasing the number of applicants, so I'm looking for something that will set me apart and I believe being able to link to a page I created in an application will do that effectively.

Home Page Content

Welcome! I designed this site to inform you about my credentials and experience.

Thank you for visiting my website! This site is intended to give you a more in-depth view of my experience, credentials, goals, and reflections than a typical resume would. In addition, I am using this site as a showcase of my work as I created it myself. You'll find examples of my previous work, volunteering, areas of interest, personal reflections, and goals. I also outline what I am looking for in a job that would suit me. If you think I would be a good fit in an open job or have any inquires please feel free to contact me. I look forward to getting in touch with you!

About Page

Hi there! My name is Kaitlin Chapman. I attended the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and received my Bachelor's degree in English in 2018. Currently, I'm completing my last semester at the University of Missouri. I will receive my Master's in Library and Information Science at the end of December 2020. I previously worked as an Information and Technology Librarian. In that position, I gathered data and provided library statistics, such as materials checked out and new library cards. Additionally, I supervised the maker space. I taught patrons and staff to use the library's 3D printer, laser cutter, vinyl cutter, button maker, and heat press. All areas of data from collection to analysis interest me. I hope this website informs you of my credentials and areas of interest. Please feel free to reach out with inquires.

"The time is always right, to do what is right." - Martin Luther King Jr.

Experience Page

I worked as the Technology and Information Library at the Beatrice Public Library from November 2018 to April 2020. In this position, I ran and compiled monthly statistics using SQL for use in monthly/annual reports and grant requests. I spearheaded the Maker Space project which included supervising, training staff, and patrons on the equipment (such as 3D printer, laser cutter, vinyl cutter, embroidery machine, and button maker). I answered reference questions with a focus on technology. (will include a photo)

From August 2018 to July 2019 I volunteered at the African Poetry Library. I reached out directly to publishers and literary magazines for donations to be sent to 5 African countries (Botswana, Uganda, Kenya, The Gambia, Ghana). Using excel I tracked donation requests, donations received, thank-yous sent, and organized were each donation would be sent. I input metadata for each donation for the libraries to use once received. (see right)

I interned at the literary magazine The Prarie Schooner from January 2018 to May 2018. I collaborated with other interns to organize and read submissions for inclusion in the magazine. Additionally, I organized via excel incoming books for review in the magazine. (will include a logo)

Big Time Shout Out to APBF Volunteer Kaitlin Chapman

Since July 2018 the African Poetry Book Fund has had a helping hand in the form of former *PS* intern **Kaitlin Chapman**. The APBF's African Poetry Library Initiative--an effort to support poetry libraries in Botswana, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda--relies on donations from presses, journals, and other literary institutions to ensure that their patrons have ongoing access to a wide range of contemporary poetry. "I started by emailing different journals and publishers to ask for donations," Chapman said. "Right now I'm in the process of cataloging those donations to the libraries. Once that's complete, then we can start preparing the books for shipment."

Chapman is currently in the process of getting her master's in library and information science at the University of Missouri. "I think everyone deserves free and equal access to information," Chapman said. "I see libraries as places where people of all abilities and socio-economic statuses can find and use information."

Chapman's interest in libraries also has a dimension that is at once personal and political. "I didn't know I was bisexual until I checked out a book from the library with a bi character when I was in middle school," Chapman says. "Seeing that character and identifying with her gave me clarity and made me feel less alone."

Chapman is now the co-founder and co-organizer of Lincoln Bi Night, designed to help foster a more welcoming LGBTQ community. "Activism is necessary but difficult right now. With the current administration, transgender and intersex people and immigrants existing is activism, and I can't imagine how tiring that must be," Chapman said. "Building communities during this time is where resistance is happening."

Kaitlin Chapman

Personal Reflections and Goals

My goal for the upcoming year is to continue personal development in the pursuit of knowledge. I plan on learning more coding and database languages, particularly in areas of data collection and analysis. I also will be seeking a career. When looking for a career I will be looking to see how the job aligns with my personal values of "ethics" and "community" and how I will be able to grow within the role and learn from it.

My goal for this year is to complete my Master's in Library and information science. I am on track to do so in December. I had to make the difficult decision of leaving a job I loved as a Technology and Information Librarian. This job taught me a lot and caused a lot of growth. I was able to do things that I did not expect of myself, like teaching people how to use a laser cutter. However, I felt that my personal values did not align with the workplace. After much personal reflection and talking with people I value I have determined to seek jobs that align with my ethics in the future. I have narrowed down my values into the 2 I value most, that I use when making decisions, especially career decisions going forward. Those two values are "ethics" and "community."

At the end of 2018 I was hired as the Technology and Information Librarian at the Beatrice Public Library, so I was beginning to understand the job more fully at 2019. I had a lot of practical learning this year. I learned SQL for library statistics. I had my first experience as a supervisor. I spoke publicly often, teaching makerspace equipment, asking for grant money, and giving grant updates. I also maintained my graduate degree

In 2018 I had the goal of graduating with my BA in English, which I completed in August. As I was approaching the end of my bachelor's I knew that I wanted to continue to expand my field of knowledge and pursue another degree. I wanted to pursue a field that I could get behind ethically. Several friends pointed out that librarianship was inline with many of my values, particularly the pursuit of knowledge and the idea of allowing others to access information with pay barriers and regardless of social class, gender, race, or sexual identity. I looked up the "Library Bill of Rights" and applied to the University of Missouri for the Library and Information program. I started 1 week after I completed my undergraduate. I also began volunteering at the African Poetry Library because I believed in their mission and I wanted to ensure that I was going into the right field, which I wholeheartedly was.