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## **EDUCATION**

M.Ed. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania  
**Major: Instructional Technology**  
**Concentration: Digital Classroom Technology**

Kutztown, PA  
December 2012

B.S.E.D. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania  
**Major: Education**  
**Concentration: Library Science**

Kutztown, PA  
December 2006

## **LIBRARY EXPERIENCE**

**Elementary School Librarian**  
13<sup>th</sup> and Green Elementary School  
Reading School District

August 2007 – Present  
Reading, PA

- Provide class instruction including appreciation of literature, use of online library catalog, research, location and access of library materials. Student instruction of technology use, Web 2.0 tools, cyberbullying and social networking.
- Collaborate with classroom teachers. Reinforcement of classroom curriculum.
- Incorporate use of Makerspaces and STEM projects in the library.
- Manage circulation services desk, volunteer student library assistants, collection development and cataloging.
- Direct yearly Scholastic Book fair and serve as school coordinator of RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program.
- Organize author visits, co-host school and public library open house.
- Present and contribute to professional development for library department.
- Collaborate on state and national listservs to build programs for students and teachers, including PLNs; library lesson plans, reading promotion, Makerspaces, technology integration and advocacy.
- Implemented year-round reading promotions and summer reading programs.
- Lead student book clubs and afterschool reading support program.

**Elementary Library Department Head**  
Reading School District

March 2017-Present

- Provide professional development and representation for 13 elementary schools.

**High School Librarian - Long Term Substitute**  
Kutztown Area High School  
Kutztown Area School District,

January 2007-June 2007  
Kutztown, PA

- Collaboratively taught with teachers the use of online databases, website evaluation and creating iMovies with students at a 1:1 school.
- Presented book talks.
- Managed Access PA Inter Library Loan System.

**Middle School Student Librarian**  
Conrad Weiser Middle School  
Conrad Weiser School District

October 2006-December 2006  
Robeson, PA

**Elementary School Student Librarian**  
Whitfield Elementary School  
Wilson School District

August 2006-October 2006  
West Lawn, PA

**Library Assistant**  
Reading Public Library - Northeast Branch

June 2006-August 2006  
Reading, PA

**OTHER  
EXPERIENCE**

- Directed and led a team for 2016 Elementary Reading Olympics.
- Assisted with Berks County Middle School Reading Olympics 2014 and Wilson School District Elementary Reading Olympics 2015.
- Established and managed a school AAA safety patrol program.
- Written and published book reviews for Kutztown University Library Science and Instructional Technology Department and the Children's Literature Comprehensive Database (CLCD) 2013-2015.

**TECHNOLOGY  
SKILLS**

Destiny and Sagebrush Library Management Systems, iMovie, Photoshop, SMARTboard, Promethean Board, eChalk, Moodle, HTML, Podcasts, Blogs, Wikis, Google Docs, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook

- **School Library Twitter** - <https://twitter.com/13GBooks>
- **Bender's Book Blog** - <http://benderlibrary.blogspot.com/>
- **School Library Instagram** - <https://www.instagram.com/13gvikingslibrary/>
- **Student Blogs** - <http://readingolympic.blogspot.com/>
- **Student Podcasts** - <https://audioboom.com/greenlibrary>

**PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS**

Pennsylvania Young Readers Choice Awards Committee (PSLA) July 2016-Present  
Pennsylvania School Librarians Association (PSLA)  
Berks County Elementary Reading Olympics Committee June 2016-Present  
Berks Regional School Librarian Group