

# LOUISE B. RIEMER

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Library Administrator, Howard County, Maryland. A system recognized as one of the finest and technically progressive in the nation.

- Assisted architectural and interior design firms on three major new facilities and one special service facility built between 1990 and 1994 - Savage Branch Library, Elkridge Branch Library, East Columbia Library and the Howard County Detention Center Library. Prepared conceptual service plan for each facility, working with public service and technical staffs. Interacted extensively with respective Howard County government departments to monitor all phases of construction. Possessed a working knowledge of county guidelines and regulations.
- Served as a principal on planning team for the development of the Long Range Plan to direct the Howard County Library's service and facilities into the year 2000.
- Worked with architectural firm in the complete renovation of the original Miller Library, Ellicott City. Helped redesign its existing space including signage, lighting, accessibility and other issues important to attractive and efficient operation.
- Served as a principal on the planning team for the Central Library. Developed a service plan to present to the architect in 1979. Continued to be active in succeeding renovations and alterations over the ensuing years.
- Developed and directed all grant activities for special populations: the blind, deaf, homebound, developmentally disabled and incarcerated. Researched and located available funding sources (state, federal and/ foundations), Achieved 100% successful funding.
- Developed and directed regionally recognized Volunteer Program. Recruited, screened and placed over 400 library volunteers for all branches annually resulting in over 36,000 volunteer hours in 1995.
- Taught Library Associate Training Program course in "Services to Special Populations" for the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services.
- Developed three storefront Community Libraries. Assessed community needs. Researched and selected sites. Developed interior plans. Oversaw construction/remodeling and finishing. Hired, trained and supervised staff. (1975-1981)
- Assistant Manager, Miller Library, Ellicott City. Assisted in supervising all aspects of library service including bookmobiles, Community libraries, and institutional services. Hired and trained staff accordingly. Assisted in collection development. Created good community relations throughout the community. (1975-1978)
- Reference Librarian, Supervisor of Wilde Lake Branch, Columbia. Developed collection. Supervised staff. Created initial New Town Collection (later to become the Columbia Archives). (1969-1975)

## EDUCATION

Post-graduate work in library planning, outreach services, management and personnel law.

Master of Library Science. University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 1975

Library Associate Certificate. Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services, 1970

Bachelor of Arts, Art History. Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL. 1955

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Library Association

Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies

Maryland Library Association.

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, PAST AND PRESENT**

Howard County Library System – Board of Trustees

Friends of the Howard County Library, Founding member

Depression Related Affective Disorders, Johns Hopkins Hospital

Howard County Association of Volunteer Administrators, Founding member

Advisory Committee to the Howard County Board of Education

American Association of University Women

American Red Cross - Blood Program Coordinator

Association of Community Services

Columbia Forum

Harper's Choice Village Board

Howard County Community Partnerships

Parent/Teacher/Student Associations

United Way Campaign - Library coordinator

Women's Giving Circle