

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Successfully manages staff in addition to directing in-person, virtual, and hybrid programs, and cultivating community partnerships with school systems, local and city governments, small and large businesses, museums, and nonprofit organizations.

## WORK HISTORY

**Chief, Programs and Outreach**, Enoch Pratt Free Library (EPFL), Baltimore, MD 2018-November 2021

**Community Education and Partnership Coordinator**, Howard County Library System (HCLS), Columbia, MD 2006-2018

**Branch Manager**, HCLS, East Columbia Branch, Columbia, MD 2001- 2006

**Assistant Branch Manager**, HCLS East Columbia Branch, Columbia, MD 1998- 2001

**Assistant Librarian**, News Research Center, The Washington Post, Washington, DC, 1996-1998

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

- Strategizes and develops opportunities to expand the organization's services to the community, including small and large businesses. Identifies and collaborates with partners for new and ongoing projects. Establishes contacts and builds relationships with community and organizational leaders.
- Involved in a variety of community organizations including: Columbia Association Howard County Government, Leadership Howard County, HCPSS, Columbia Festival of the Arts, FIRN, Association of Community Services, Howard County Recreation and Parks, Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts, Baltimore City Public Schools, Baltimore Center Stage, MDSPCA, the National Aquarium, Reginald F. Lewis Museum, BSO, Orchkids, Baltimore City, Baltimore City Recreation and Parks,
- Planned and executed EPFL's Central Library's Grand Reopening Celebration which attracted over 8000 attendees.
- Contributed to planning of HCLS's Annual Gala *Evening in the Stacks*. Secured the talent through relationships in the community. Organized, secured and created packaged items for the silent auction to bring in over \$10,000 for Friends of the Library.
- Responsible for the development and delivery of a variety of youth events. Revamped EPFL Books For Me, Imagination Celebration. Created YA Writers Live, Kids Writers Live, and Summer Reading Programs
- Secured the *In Freedom's Name* Exhibit for EPFL and *Undesign the Redline* Exhibit for EPFL and HCLS
- Created *This is Your Life*, a partnership among HCLS, the Columbia Archives, the Howard County Historical Society, and Howard County Historical Society to record oral interviews with local residents.
- Organized the first Choose Civility Symposium featuring Joe Ehrman, former Baltimore Colts defensive lineman.
- Created HCLS Spelling Bee, the first library in the country to sponsor a champion for the National Spelling Bee, Developed the DEAR (Dogs Educating and Assisting Readers) classes and created in partnership with Fidos for Freedom, Friends of Howard County Library, and HCPSS, an initiative through which third grade students improve their literacy skills by reading to nonjudgmental, loving therapy dogs. Launched HiTails, a program where children read to shelter animals.
- Designed and presented the Newcomers Book Discussion, a class developed for high school ESOL students as part of A+ Partners in Education.
- Collaborated with Coordinator of Adult Programs, YA Specialist, Head of Children's Services and Public Relations staff to create and promote a variety of programs to meet the needs of the community. Provided development and outreach, as well as supervised, trained and evaluated all full time and part time staff.

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## LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL ROLES

- Member of the Mayor's Children's Cabinet
- Previously served on the board of Columbia Festival of the Arts, Leadership Howard County, Columbia 50th Birthday, FIRN, Association of Community Services, Candlelight Concert Society.
- Served as Chief Liaison for A+ Partners in Education, created and promoted innovative school/library partnership opportunities by collaborating with teachers, media specialists and administrators of HCPSS.
- Presenter for *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal* partnership programs in 2019 and 2020.
- Created and chaired LGBTQ+ Committee composed of library staff and community representatives.

## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

*MLS, Catholic University of America, Washington DC, 1996*  
*M.Ed., Educational Technology, Kent State University, Kent, OH, 1986*  
*BS, Fashion Merchandising, Kent State University, Kent, OH 1983*  
*Public Librarian Certificate, MSDE*  
*Maryland Library Association: Maryland Leadership Institute Class of 2000*  
*Public Library Association*  
*American Library Association*  
*Urban Libraries Council*  
*EPFL DEI Selection Committee*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Public Speaking
- Adult Programming
- Children's Programming
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Information and Readers Advisory
- Team Building
- Training Coordinator
- Staff Supervision