

Ash Baker (they/them)

LGBTQ+ Advocate and State-Certified Library Associate

EXPERIENCE

Howard County Library System, Columbia, MD

Instructor & Research Specialist

JUL 2019 - PRESENT

- Provides exceptional customer service and research assistance in a fast-paced work environment, creating a welcoming space for a diverse populace
- Plans and executes library events for adults, including a monthly LGBTQ-focused book club, an art therapy workshop series, talks from external presenters, etc.
- Engages the public with the library through tabling and PopUP library (bookmobile) appearances at community events such as HoCo Pride
- Coordinates with community partners such as HCPSS Pride and CARY

Community Allies of Rainbow Youth (CARY), Howard County

Volunteer

JUN 2021 - PRESENT

- Attends CARY meetings, including quarterly meetings with HCPSS Superintendent Dr. Martirano
- Provides input and support for CARY initiatives
- Helps run CARY social media to increase the organization's visibility, inform followers of advocacy work and calls to action, and share other relevant information regarding the LGBTQ+ community

Albert S. Cook Library, Towson, MD

Peer Research Assistant

JAN - DEC 2017 COHORT

- Collaborated in planning library initiatives, particularly student outreach and events to increase student engagement
- Assisted students with research and customer service questions
- Created informational displays, timelines, and online resources guides, particularly on LGBTQ+ topics

SKILLS

- Public speaking
- Community outreach & engagement
- Customer service
- Research skills
- Writing, proofreading, & editing
- Computer & internet skills
- Problem solving
- Event planning
- Discussion facilitation

EDUCATION

Library Associate Training Institute (LATI)

Maryland State Library

Certificate of Completion

MAR 2020 - MAR 2021

Towson University

Towson, MD

Bachelor of Science in

Sociology & LGBT Studies

AUG 2015 - MAY 2019

- 3.91 GPA
- Dean's List recognition
- Recipient of Honors College and Provost scholarships

Mt. Hebron High School

Ellicott City, MD

AUG 2011 - JUN 2015

