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## EMPLOYMENT

### Library Directorships

**10/01 – 8/06**    **Weeks Public Library, Greenland, NH**  
**1/94 – 3/99**    **Wiggin Memorial Library, Stratham, NH**  
**9/91 - 9/93**    **Nichols Memorial Library, Center Harbor, NH**

Responsible for all aspects of library service, including:

**Administration:** personnel management, budgeting and budget defense before municipal officials, and support for publicly elected boards of trustees.

**Programming:** planning and executing programs for children, teens, and adults.

**Outreach:** fostering cooperation with schools, businesses, service agencies, and other libraries; public relations and marketing.

**Technology:** administration of computer networks, selection and operation of electronic circulation/cataloging systems, web development, and technical instruction.

**Technical Services:** cataloging, acquisitions, interlibrary loan.

### Other Employment

**1/00 – 9/01**    **Children's Library Supervisor, Parlin Memorial Library, Everett, MA**

Responsible for all facets of children's services including programming, acquisitions, public relations, reference, newsletter development, and public service. As Webmaster, responsible for the development and upkeep of the library's web site, instruction of web users, both individually and in formal classes, and maintenance of the library's internal network.

**3/99 – 1/00**    **Putterham Branch Manager, Public Library of Brookline, Brookline, MA**

Responsible for all facets of library service including circulation, reference, children's services, web page development, and technical support.

**6/93 - 9/93**    **Docent, Sandwich Historical Society, Sandwich, NH**

Responsible for cataloging a museum book and realia collection and giving narrated tours.

**4/90 - 6/91**    **Social Studies Teacher, Hampshire Country School, Rindge, NH**

Taught social studies and literature at private Junior High/High School, coached various sports, and supervised a residential dorm. Taught activities including newsletter production, hiking, Asian cultures, and chess.

**9/89 - 5/93**    **Camp-In Supervisor/Instructor, Museum of Science, Boston, MA**

Responsible for program staff as well as teaching classes in a hands-on, overnight program for up to 600 elementary school students.

**6/89 - 4/90**    **Circulation Assistant, Episcopal Divinity School/Weston School of  
Theology Libraries, Cambridge, MA**

Responsible for circulation duties, shelving and computer support of reserves department.

## EDUCATION

- 1999**            **Simmons College, Graduate School of Library & Information Science**  
Masters of Library and Information Science.
- 1996-1997**      **University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Library Science**  
18 credits towards a Masters of Library Science.
- 1995**            **University of New Hampshire, College for Lifelong Learning**  
Public Library Techniques Certificate. (21 credits)
- 1989**            **Harvard University**  
Bachelor of Arts in History, Cum Laude.

## ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

### Offices/Committees

- 2007-            Scholastics Coordinator, New Hampshire Chess Association
- 2003 - 2004      Publicity Chair, New England Library Association
- 2002 - 2003      Publicity Chair, New Hampshire Library Association
- 1997 - 1999      Intellectual Freedom Committee, New Hampshire Library Association
- 1997 - 1998      Spring Conference Chairman, New Hampshire Library Association
- 1996 - 1997      President, New Hampshire Library Association
- 1995 - 1996      Vice President, New Hampshire Library Association
- 1995              Fall Conference Chairman, New Hampshire Library Association
- 1994 - 1998      Conference Committee, New Hampshire Library Association
- 1994 - 1995      Character & Citizenship Education Committee, Stratham Memorial School
- 1994 - 1995      Publicity Chair, New Hampshire Library Association

### Publication

- Escapade Johnson and the Witches of Belknap County. PublishingWorks, 2008.
- Escapade Johnson and the Coffee Shop of the Living Dead. PublishingWorks, 2008.
- "Back to School, Back to the Library." *The New Mexico Journal of Reading*, Fall 2007.
- "If They Only Had the Words: What Boys Would Tell Us About Reading." *Teaching & Learning*, Spring 2007.
- "Is There Such a Thing as Boys' Lit?" *The New Mexico Journal of Reading*, Fall 2006.
- Escapade Johnson and Mayhem at Mount Moosilauke. PublishingWorks, 2006
- The Fundamentals of Children's Services. American Library Association, 2005
- "Why Johnny Doesn't Read." *School Library Journal*, August, 2004
- "The Fragile Future of Public Libraries." *Public Libraries*, September/October 2003
- Connecting Boys With Books: What Libraries Can Do. American Library Association, 2003
- "First Time In the Library." *Public Libraries*, March/April 2003
- "A Tale of Two Libraries." *Public Libraries*, September/October 2002
- "One Happy Library User." *Public Libraries*, September/October 2001
- "Giving Them What They Want in Small Public Libraries." *Public Libraries*, May/June 2000
- Intellectual Freedom Handbook. New Hampshire Library Association, 1998. (Co-author)
- "The Squeeze Is On", *The New Hampshire Library Trustee*, October 1997
- "Say It Ain't So!", *NHLA News*, January/February 1997
- "Who Cares?", *NHLA News*, October/November 1996
- "Of Bricks, Mortar and People", *NHLA News*, July/August 1996
- "Old Speak", *NHLA News*, May/June 1994

## **Awards**

- 2005 Featured in Library Journal "Movers & Shakers" Edition
- 2003 Quality Partners and Programs Award, presented by the Greater Portsmouth Education Partnership Council.
- 2000 City Livability Award, Outstanding Achievement, Parlin Library Chess Program, presented by the U.S. Conference of Mayors
- 1998 Librarian of the Year, presented by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association

## **Avocational Interests**

Traveling Storyteller, Chess Teacher, Juggler, Softball Umpire and Coach, Origami Teacher.

## **Teaching Experience:**

- "Organization and Management of Public Libraries." Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, 2007, 2008.
- "The Reference Interview." New Hampshire State Library Continuing Education, 2006, 2007.
- "Storytelling." Plymouth State University, 2005.
- "Boys, Books, and the Library: Making the Connection." Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science Continuing Ed., 2004, 2005, & 2006.
- "Children and Youth Services Overview." New Hampshire State Library Continuing Education, 2003, 2004, & 2007.
- "Programming for Children." New Hampshire State Library Continuing Education, 2002, 2005 & 2006.

## **Conference Speaking:**

- "Connecting Boys With Books." North Dakota Library Association, Mandan, ND, 2008.
- "Connecting Boys With Books." Vermont Library Association, Burlington, VT, 2008.
- "He Said, She Said: What's New in YA Literature." New Hampshire Educational Media Association Conference, Nashua, NH, 2008.
- "Connecting Boys With Books." Wyoming Library Association, Casper, WY, 2008.
- "Connecting Boys With Books." Connecticut Humanities Council, Middletown, CT, 2008.
- "Connecting Kids With Stories." Connecticut Humanities Council, Middletown, CT, 2008.
- "Boys, Girls, and the Culture of Literacy." Manhattan College Founder's Week Celebration, Bronx, NY, 2008.
- "Why Boys Lit Gets a Bad Rap." Northern Illinois University 28th Annual Children's Literature Conference, Dekalb, IL, 2008.
- "Connecting Boys With Books." Northern Illinois University 28th Annual Children's Literature Conference, Dekalb, IL, 2008.
- "Connecting Boys With Books." Arizona Library Association Conference, Mesa, AZ, 2007.
- "Boys, Girls, and the Culture of Literacy." Huether Lasallian Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2007.
- "The Fragile Future of Public Libraries." Northeastern Maine Library District, Bangor, ME, 2007.
- "Connecting Boys With Books." Alaska State Literacy Association Conference, Anchorage, AK, 2007.
- "Connecting Boys With Books." Chautauqua County Reading Council, Fredonia, NY, 2007.
- "What Children's Librarians Owe the World." International Symposium: Library Services for Children and Young Adults in the 21st Century, National Library for Children and Young Adults, Seoul, Republic of Korea, 2007.
- "Is There a Boys' Literature?" International Symposium: Library Services for Children and Young Adults in the 21st Century, National Library for Children and Young Adults, Seoul, Republic of Korea, 2007.
- "He Said, She Said: What's New in YA Literature." New Hampshire library Conference, Bretton Woods, NH, 2007.
- "Connecting Boys With Books." Literacy Leadership Initiative, Montpelier, VT, 2007.
- "The Fragile Future of Public Libraries." Maine Library Association Annual Meeting, Auburn, ME, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Florida Library Association, Orlando, FL, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." and "Book Talking Like You've Never Seen." Oklahoma Library Association, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Teen Literature Seminar, Kalamazoo, MI, 2007.

"The Power of Children's Services." New England Library Association, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Alaska Principals Conference, Anchorage, AK, 2006.

"The Fundamentals of Children's Services." Widening Circles VIII, Kentucky Department of Libraries, 2006.

"Breaking All the Rules." Rhode Island Library Association, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." New Jersey Library Association Conference, 2006.

"Directors are from Jupiter, Children's Librarians are from Pluto." New Jersey Library Association Conference, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." 17th Annual Reading Round-Up of Children's Literature (ME), 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Michigan Library Association Spring Institute, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Louisiana Library Association Conference, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Alaska Library Association Conference, 2006.

"The Fragile Future of Public Libraries." Alaska Library Association Conference, 2006.

"The Role of Youth Services." Southeast Pennsylvania Library Association, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Ohio/Kentucky/Indiana Children's Literature Conference, 2005.

"The Future of Public Libraries: How Fragile Is It?" American Library Association Annual Conference (IL), 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Rhode Island Library Association Annual Conference, 2005.

"The Fragile Future of Public Libraries." New Hampshire Libraries Conference, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Massachusetts Library Association, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Children's Literature Council of Southern California, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Library Association of Rockland County, NY, 2005.

"Connecting Kids With Stories." Library Association of Rockland County, NY, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Wisconsin Educational Media Association Conference, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." NY Library Association Youth Services Section Conference, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." New York Library Leadership Day, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Connecticut Educational Media Association Conference, 2004.

"The Future of Public Libraries." Pennsylvania Library Association Conference, 2004.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Pennsylvania Library Association Conference, 2004.

"Loins and Garters and Bares, Oh My!: the Ten Dirty Books Every Public Library Should Own." Rhode Island Library Association Conference, 2004.

"See Your Name in Print." New Hampshire Library Conference, 2004.

"Sharing the Best: Successful Middle School Reading Programs." Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Conference (VT), 2004.

"Boys Read? It's No Laughing Matter." Connecticut Library Association Conference, 2004.

"Programming for Boys: Closing the (Gender) Gap." Public Library Association Conference, 2004.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Children's Librarians of New Hampshire Fall Conference, 2003.

"Working as a Team: Trustees & Directors." New Hampshire Library Trustees Association Conference, 2003.

"Loins and Garters and Bares, Oh My!: the Ten Dirty Books Every Public Library Should Own." New Hampshire Library Conference, 2003.

"Omens, Oracles, and Crystal Balls: The Fragile Future of Public Libraries." New Hampshire Library Trustees Association Conference, 2002.

"How to Make the Car Go: Director/Trustee Relations." New Hampshire Library Association Conference, 2002.

"Why Do We Need Those Books?: Gay and Lesbian Titles for Libraries.", New Hampshire Library Association Spring Conference, 1998.

"Book Talk - For Adults Only!", New Hampshire Library Association Spring Conference, 1996.

"Canon Fodder: The Twenty Books Every Public Library Should Own." New Hampshire State Library Conference, 1995.

### **Staff Training/Workshops:**

"Connecting Boys With Books." GST BOCES, Corning, NY, 2008.

"Saving Kids From Lives as Non-Readers." Martin DePorres School, Queens, NY, 2008.

"The Power of Children's Services." Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority, Indianapolis, IN, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Dutchess BOCES, Poughkeepsie, NY, 2008.

"Connecting Kids With Stories." ULSTER BOCES, New Paltz, NY, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, Charlotte Hall, MD, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." State Library of Michigan Beginning Workshop, Petoskey, MI, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Alquippa & Pittsburgh District Library Centers, Mars, PA, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Orange/Ulster BOCES, Goshen, NY, 2008.

"Bridging the Gender Gap in Reading." Orange/Ulster BOCES, Goshen, NY, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Eastern Suffolk BOCES, Bellport, NY, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Northeast Maine Library District, Brewer, ME, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Tampa Bay (FL) Library Consortium, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Beekmantown Central School District, West Chazy, NY, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Schenectady (NY) County Public Library, 2008.

"Breaking All the Rules." Upper Hudson Library System, Albany, NY, 2008.

"Connecting Kids With Stories." Southeastern Massachusetts Library System, Lakeville, MA, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Southeastern Massachusetts Library System, Lakeville, MA, 2008.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, Yorktown Heights, NY, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Randolph School District, Randolph, VT, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." MSAD 60, North Berwick, ME, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Rockland BOCES, Thiells, NY, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Scranton Library District, Scranton, PA, 2007.

"Connecting Kids With Stories." Northeast Florida Library Information Network, Jacksonville, FL, 2007.

"The Power of Children's Services." Northeast Florida Library Information Network, Jacksonville, FL, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Upper Hudson Library System, Albany, NY, 2007.

"Boys, Reading, and the Culture of Literacy." Mid-Hudson Library System, Poughkeepsie, NY, 2007.

"Connecting Boys and Girls With Books." Mid-Hudson Library System, Poughkeepsie, NY, 2007.

"Connecting Boys and Girls With Books." Epping (NH) Elementary School, 2007.

"Making Connections: Language, Story, and Reading in the Classroom, Grades 3-12." York Summer Institute, York, ME, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Community Unit School District, Barrington, IL, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Metrowest Regional Library System, Waltham, MA, 2007.

"The Power of Children's Services." Metrowest Regional Library System, Waltham, MA, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." North Suburban Library System, Wheeling, IL, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Natrona County Public Library, Casper, WY, 2007.

"Connecting Kids With Stories." Hyde Park School District, Hyde Park, NY, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Hyde Park School District, Hyde Park, NY, 2007.

"Tales Told Tall: Connecting EVERYONE With Books." DuPage Library System, Geneva, IL, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Randolph Academy, Randolph, NY, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Champlain Valley Educational Services, Plattsburgh, NY, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Bellows Falls Central School, Bellows Falls, VT, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Kent District Library, Comstock Park, MI, 2007.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, Yorktown Heights, NY, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Kingston City Schools, Kingston, NY, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Brauinwaves Learning Center, North Hampton, NH, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Montgomery County Public Library, Norristown, PA, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES, Olean, NY, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES, Fredonia, NY, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Anchorage School District, Anchorage, AK, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Red Hook School District, Red Hook, NY, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." York High School, School, York, ME, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Dauphin County Library System, PA, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Mid-Hudson Library System, Poughkeepsie, NY, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Village Elementary School, York, ME, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Prince George's County Memorial Library System, Laurel, MD, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services, Warwick, RI, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." North Suburban Library System, Wheeling, IL, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Carroll County (MD) Public Library, 2006.

"The Reading Interests of Boys and Girls." Downington East & West High Schools , Exton, PA, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Cambria County Library, Johnstown, PA, 2006.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Northeast Massachusetts Regional Library System, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Wilton (CT) Public Library, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." North Country School, Lake Placid, NY, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Syracuse (NY) OCMBOCES, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Delaware County (PA) Library System, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Oklahoma Library Association, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, MD, Staff Development Day, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Ventura County (CA) School District, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Genessee Valley (NY) BOCES, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Southeastern Massachusetts Library System, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Madison (CT) School District, 2005.

"Boys and Girls and Keeping Up With Peers." Boston (MA) Regional Library System/Boston Public Schools, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Queen Anne's County (MD) Library System, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Altoona County (PA) Public Libraries, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Berks County (PA) Public Libraries, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Metropolitan Library System, Chicago, IL, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Nicolet Federated Library System, Green Bay, WI, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Indianhead Federated Library System, Eau Claire, WI, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." South Central Library System, Madison, WI, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Vermont U-32 Schools, Montpelier, VT, 2005.

"Connecting Boys With Books." BOCES School System, Saratoga Springs, NY, 2004.

"Connecting Boys With Books." North Country Schools (NH) Staff Development Day, 2004.

"Storytelling for the Classroom Professional." North Country Schools (NH) Staff Development Day, 2004.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Moheremet Elementary School, Madbury, NH, 2004.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Durham Public Library, Durham, NH, 2004.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Oyster River Middle School, Durham, NH, 2004.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Northern Ohio Library Association, 2004.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Mid-Ohio Library Organization, 2004.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Indianapolis/Marion County Public Library, Indianapolis, IN, 2004.

"Connecting Boys With Books." Central Arkansas Library System, Little Rock, AR, 2004.

"Storytelling for the Classroom Professional." School Administrative Unit 50, Rye, NH, 2002.