

Rebecca Strang

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SUMMARY

- 2 years of experience in Youth Services: reader's advisory, program development, curating seasonal/topical book displays, and board game collection development and programming
- Proponent of educational gaming and blending play with storytelling
- Passionate about providing personalized learning tools to meet individual learning needs
- Self-sufficient on solo projects and highly collaborative in team environments
- Aptitude for research and resource building
- Software: SirsiDynix Workflows, Sierra, Circa, Gimlet, Communico, Evanced, BLUEcloud Analytics

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Library and Information Science

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, iSchool

Expected 2020

Champaign, IL

- Track: Youth Services
- Coursework: Youth Service Librarianship, Media Literacy for Youth, Youth Digital Citizenship, Reviewing Children's Literature, Literature and Resources for Youth

Bachelor of Arts in Film and Digital Media, concentration in Digital Media

Loyola University Chicago, School of Communication

Dec 2016

Chicago, IL

- Minors: Marketing, Photography
- Coursework: Observing and Measuring Communication Behavior, Game Studies, Critical Ethnography, Consumer Behavior, Market Research, R/Evolution of Communication Technology
- Nominated by faculty for Top Outstanding Student of the Year in the School of Communication 2016
- Nominated by faculty for Undergraduate Women's Leadership Award 2017

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Paraprofessional Educator

Illinois State Board of Education

Expires: 06/30/2022

Springfield, IL

- IEIN: 1190827
- License ID: 2379609

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Library Service to Children (Division of ALA)

Since 2018

- Member ID: 2109456

American Library Association (ALA)

Since 2016

- Member ID: 2109456

Illinois Library Association (ILA)

Since 2016

- Member ID: 15929

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Children's Services Associate (20hr.)

Naperville Public Library

Nov 2018 – Present

Naperville, IL

- Provide reference and reader's advisory assistance for customers including topical research and material location
- Develop and implement new concepts and themes for children's programs; plan and conduct programs for children in the library; examine new and existing materials for program applications
- Assemble and arrange bookmarks and displays of public information for award list books (Caudill, Monarch, etc.)
- Select and evaluate materials for replacement, repair, or withdrawal from the library collection under established guidelines; complete and analyze periodic reports to maintain collection
- Order office and program supplies, maintain supply budget records, and organize supplies in the workroom
- Use library-related software: Sierra, Circa, Gimlet, Evanced

Youth Services Assistant (part-time) Jan 2017 – Nov 2018
Hinsdale Public Library Hinsdale, IL

- Pulled and processed quarterly collection reports for circulation statistics and weeding purposes using BLUEcloud Analytics to pull data; used SirsiDynix Workflows to charge/discharge, hold, and search collection titles
- Curated circulating board games collection; planned and presented gaming-related programs
- Developed, implemented, and evaluated craft and STEM programs for children, young adults, and families
- Worked the youth services desk, providing basic reference, reader's advisory and technology assistance to patrons
- Instructed patrons in the use of Library resources, including: online databases, recommended web sites, and downloadable media

Special Education Paraprofessional Educator (summer/regular year substitute) Jun 2017 – Aug 2017
Plainfield School District 202 Plainfield, IL

- Assisted students within the Special Education program, one-on-one and in small groups, with coursework in a classroom setting while monitoring student behavior and safety; under direction of a classroom teacher

Student Research Assistant Jan 2016 – Dec 2016
SIMLab (Loyola School of Communication) Chicago, IL

- Conducted interdisciplinary research examining gaming (board games, miniature war games, and video games) and society: gaming culture and communities, gender studies; observed how people learn and interact via games

Special Operations Assistant Jan 2014 – Apr 2015
SmithBucklin Chicago, IL

- Provided frontline customer service to nursing association members by answering phone calls and emails
- Processed invoices daily by posting checks received in Lockbox to client database

Career Services Evaluator Mar 2011 – Sep 2012
American InterContinental University (Career Education Corporation) Schaumburg, IL

- Contacted students prior to graduation to evaluate their employment status and explain career services benefits
- Consistently met and exceeded performance metrics for outreach, quality assurance and accuracy, and budgets
- Developed guides used by coworkers as the department went through several policy and procedure changes

Employment Advisor/Career Services Advisor Jan 2008 – Mar 2011
American InterContinental University (Career Education Corporation) Schaumburg, IL

- Researched current career industry trends and wrote career resources for students and alumni
- Consistently met budgeted goals and contact criteria
- Provided students and alumni individual consultation for: Career Development Strategy, Resume/Cover Letter Assistance, Job Searching Strategy, and Interview Preparation
- Participated in Committees: Team Leader, staff magazine Layout Team for 2 years; Member, Institutional Effectiveness Subcommittee for Career Services for 1 year; Member, Alumni Board for 1 year

Studio Manager/Photographer Oct 2006 – Jan 2008
Studio One to One Photography Schaumburg, IL

- Managed retail portrait studio which employed 8-15 staff (photographers, make-up artists, sales persons)
- Interviewed, hired, and trained staff
- Organized the sending/receiving/shipping of client portrait orders
- Maintained Excel workbooks for sales, payroll, scheduling, expense reports, and tracking of staff goals

VOLUNTEER WORK

Shelving Volunteer (Page) Nov 2012 – Jul 2013
Huntley Area Public Library Huntley, IL

- Sorted and shelved DVDs
- Assisted library patrons with finding DVDs
- Helped prepare for events by organizing informational folders