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EMPLOYMENT

2016 - present

PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN – San Diego County Library

- + Plan, develop and administer library services for a large branch library
- + Supervise and evaluate the work of library staff
- + Collaborate on and implement system-wide services

2014 - present

LEARNING EXPERIENCES MANAGER – Skokie Public Library

- + Manage all public programs serving children, families, teens, adults and seniors
- + Supervise team of 9 staff with 3 direct-reports
- + Oversee \$70,000 annual program budget
- + Collaborate across library departments and with community partners to deliver high-quality, innovative and community-driven programming
- + Collect and report program statistics and outcomes
- + Participate in library-wide initiatives and special projects

Accomplishments include:

- + 2016 ALA Excellence in Library Programming Award for our Voices of Race series
- + Implementing outcome-based program measurement using PLA's Project Outcome
- + Increasing public program offerings by 50% to deliver over 2500 events annually engaging nearly 60,000 patrons
- + Leading the creation of the Learning Experiences Department including developing and hiring 3 new positions
- + Leading the creation of a library-wide Equity, Diversity and Inclusion committee to promote a race-conscious and equitable culture among staff
- + Developing and implementing the Civic Lab – a mobile learning space for civic literacy

2010 - 2013

ADULT PROGRAMS COORDINATOR – Skokie Public Library

- + Coordinated 300 adult education programs annually
- + Identified and managed hired presenters; coordinated staff to deliver programs
- + Solicited and managed program grants including:
 - In a Nutshell: The Worlds of Maurice Sendak* (2012)
Nextbook Inc. and ALA Public Programs Office
 - Building Common Ground* (2012)
Fetzer Institute and ALA Public Programs Office
 - America's Music* (2013)
Tribeca Film Institute, National Endowment for the Humanities, and

ALA Public Programs Office

- + Led discussion-based programming and provided individual and group technology instruction
- + Provided comprehensive reference and media advisory services

2009 - 2010

ADULT REFERENCE LIBRARIAN – Chicago Heights Public Library

- + Provided comprehensive reference, technology and advisory services
- + Provided individual and group technology instruction; developed curriculum and resource guides to support instruction
- + Coordinated monthly adult programming events
- + Maintained and reported department statistics

COMMITTEES

2017 - present

PLA Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, Co-chair

2016 - present

LIBRARIES 4 BLACK LIVES Founder

2015 - present

ALA Public and Cultural Programs Advisory Committee

2014 - present

PLA Continuing Education Advisory Group

EDUCATION

2008 – 2009

MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

1998 - 2002

BACHELOR OF ARTS Environmental Studies

Oberlin College

AWARDS

2016

LIBRARY JOURNAL

Mover and Shaker, Advocacy

2016

YWCA EVANSTON/NORTH SHORE

Young Woman of Promise

2008 - 2009

INSTITUTE FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Community Informatics Fellowship

PUBLICATIONS

Lonial, Amita. (2015). Challenging Ourselves to Talk About Race. *ILA Reporter*, 33 (5), 13-14.

Koester Amy., Lonial, Amita. (2015). About Race. *School Library Journal*, 61 (6), 34-36