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Professional Experience

Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI)

Senior Director

July 2016-present

Responsible for all aspects of administration and planning for CARLI

Duties include:

- Provide vision and strategic leadership for CARLI, the membership organization of 128 research and academic libraries throughout Illinois
- Ensure the quality and value of the services and programs provided by CARLI to its members
- Seek the necessary financial resources and identify new funding resources to support the programs of CARLI
- Sustain the provision of outstanding service to member libraries
- Oversee the development of CARLI's budget and financial management
- Manage a staff of 26, fostering a strong sense of teamwork
- Identify and guide the development of new services and programs to meet the evolving needs of the membership
- Consult and communicate regularly with the CARLI Board of Directors and membership, and provide timely and comprehensive reporting on the activities of the consortium
- Develop and maintain relationships with other consortia, with the leadership of key state agencies and organizations, with potential funding sponsors, and other interest groups or constituencies
- Represent the needs of Illinois' academic libraries and their users to state officials and agencies, the higher education community and other stakeholders

Major accomplishments:

- Secured the 2021 \$2 million Open Textbooks Pilot Grant from the US Department of Education, "Illinois SCOERs: Support for the Creation of Open Educational Resources"
- Establishing the "Open Illinois" effort that promotes the consortium's activities around affordable learning resources
 - Established the Open Educational Resources Task Force and CARLI's membership in the University of Minnesota's Open Education Network
- Oversaw the migration of 89 members from ExLibris Voyager to Alma/Primo VE, 2018-20
- Oversaw a \$800,000 program to purchase consortially shareable e-books for CARLI members
- Oversaw the consortial purchase of OpenAthens identity service for all members for three years
- Secured the 2018 \$243,885 IMLS four-year Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program Grant, "CARLI Counts: Analytics and Advocacy for Service Development"
- Initiated and completed the strategic planning initiative, "CARLI 2020"
- Inaugurated a CARLI Scholarship for staff of CARLI member libraries to attend the iSchool at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

- Launched “Listening Sessions” initiative to interview small groups of directors about opportunities that could be leveraged for CARLI
- Reconstituted the New Directors’ Institute; added a mentors’ network
- Instituted the Digital Public Library of America Service Hub, with the State Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the Chicago Public Library

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign iSchool Instructor, “Grant Writing for Libraries,” 2017-present

Teach grant writing to students pursuing their MS in Library and Information Science

Illinois State Library

Director

Office of the Secretary of State & State Librarian Jesse White

May 2005-June 2016

Responsible for all aspects of administration and planning for the Illinois State Library

Duties included:

- Administered a budget of \$40 million in state grant funds and \$6 million federal funds
- Coordinated the activities of the major divisions of the library, including the Library Development/Literacy Group, Operations, Automation and Technology, Talking Book and Braille Service, and Accounting and Budget
- Oversaw the work of 80 employees, including all aspects of personnel administration
- Developed and implemented strategies and programs that fostered technological expertise and partnerships in libraries
- Spearheaded grant opportunities for the State Library to pursue
- Administered resource sharing among all types of libraries through grant programs and innovative services
- Advised the Illinois Secretary of State on all matters relating to the library and library grants; implemented directives; represented the Secretary at official events

Major accomplishments:

- Authored a successful 2015/2016 application to become a Digital Public Library of America Illinois Service Hub
- Administered and/or authored successful national grant applications:
 - 2016: \$523,000 Institute of Museum and Library Services, Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant, “Targeting Autism: A Comprehensive Training and Education Program for Librarians”
 - 2014: \$100,000 Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Leadership Forum Grant, library services for individuals on the Autism Spectrum, “Targeting Autism”
 - 2014: \$500,000 Institute of Museum and Library Services, Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant, “ILEAD USA,” (Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover), includes implementation of Illinois’ program for nine other state libraries
 - 2012: \$400,000 Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, “Eliminate the Digital Divide”