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## Experience

### **INTERIM DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES**

#### **ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY | ELKHART, IN | JULY 2025 – PRESENT**

- Manage and represent the library's services and resources to advance the mission of AMBS
- Discern and implement new and improved ways to serve the information needs of the AMBS community
- Oversee the development of the library collection in multiple forms
- Direct the activities of library staff and writing services staff
- Lead instructional programming
- Administer the library budget
- Plan collaborative ventures with other libraries and information agencies
- Assess the effectiveness of the library in fulfilling its mission

### **INTERIM COORDINATOR, INSTITUTE OF MENNONITE STUDIES**

#### **ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY | ELKHART, IN | MAR 2025 – JUNE 2025**

- Assisted with the transition toward a collaborative open access online Mennonite publishing hub

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | ELKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY | ELKHART, IN | AUG 2014 – JAN 2025**

- Oversaw services, programs, collections, and operations for a library district of approximately 96,000 residents
- Managed 100 employees (76 FTE) with five executive-level direct reports
- Planned and administered a \$9 million operating budget in addition to funds for gifts, bond repayment, library improvement reserves, and Rainy Day
- Ensured compliance with statutes and regulations administered by the State Board of Accounts, Department of Local Government Finance, and the Indiana State Library
- Led the strategic planning process and ensured implementation of the plan
- Reviewed, wrote, and revised policies concerning personnel, library operations, and patrons' usage of the library
- Wrote reports and prepared packets and presentations for monthly Board of Trustees meetings
- Directed, planned, and secured bond funding for space improvements at the main library and all four branches, including upgrades to the downtown atrium, circulation desk, and meeting and conference rooms; downtown elevator replacement; and renovation and expansion of branches

### **LIBRARY DIRECTOR | GOSHEN COLLEGE | GOSHEN, IN | AUG 2000 – JUL 2014**

- Hired, supervised, and evaluated performance of library faculty and staff
- Managed the library's operating budget, restricted funds, and grants
- Wrote and administered library policy and ensured that processes and practices effectively and efficiently carried out the library's mission and goals
- Taught Identity, Culture & Community and Learning Community courses for first-year students
- Participated in reference, instruction, and departmental liaison activities
- Oversaw the usage, reconfiguration, and enhancement of library facilities
- Directed library outreach and advocacy to campus and community members
- Compiled and presented evidence to support re-accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission and discipline-specific accrediting bodies
- Served as Chair/President, 2010-11 of PALNI, the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana

## **CO-LEADER | NICARAGUA STUDY SERVICE TERMS | APR – JUL 2009, 2011, 2014**

- Led three 12-week immersion programs for Goshen College students in cohorts of up to 23 students
- Designed, taught, and graded 13-credit curriculum in language, culture and history, intercultural communication, arts and literature, and the natural world
- Arranged host family housing and six-week service placements throughout the country for students

## **CORPORATE LIBRARIAN | HIGHSMITH, INC. | FORT ATKINSON, WI | APR 1991 – JUL 2000**

- Designed and managed executive environmental scanning program
- Supervised library operations, staffing, and budget
- Consulted on company-wide information needs, e.g. indexing, Internet usage, and database searching
- Compiled actionable reports and research in business, industry, and education

## **LIBRARIAN | MCLANE, GRAF, ET AL., P.A. | MANCHESTER, NH | 1985 – 1989**

- Developed and implemented library budget, policies, staffing, and systems for the main library and two branch office libraries
- Provided reference, legal research assistance, and LEXIS/Westlaw training
- Designed, created and maintained online library catalog, specialized in-house indexes, and administrative databases

## **Education**

**M.S. IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE | SIMMONS COLLEGE, BOSTON, MA**

**B.A. IN MUSIC, MINOR IN ENGLISH | GOSHEN COLLEGE, GOSHEN, IN**

## **Selected Accolades and Recognition**

- Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce: Business Diversity Initiative Nonprofit Leader of the Year Award, November 2022
- Goshen Arts Council: [Artist Profile](#), February 9, 2021
- Good of Goshen: [Good of Goshen feature](#), by Scott Weisser, September 2020
- Elkhart City Bar Association: Liberty Bell Award, May 2018
- Vibrant Communities: [“Love Where You Live,”](#) by Marshall King, May 2018
- *Bulletin* (Goshen College): “Through Changing Lenses: Back in Search of Equality and Progress,” by Dustin Combs, Winter/Spring 2007
- *Inc.* magazine: Subject of cover story, [“The Smartest Little Company in America.”](#) January 1999
- Special Libraries Association: Member Achievement Award, 1999; International Special Librarians Day 1997 Public Relations Award

## **Recent Civic and Community Involvement**

- Community Foundation of Elkhart County Placemaking Grant Committee, 2021-present
- Elkhart Rotary Club member, 2016-2025; Board, 2021-2024
- Horizon Education Alliance Board, 2021-2025; Finance Committee, 2022-2025
- Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce Business Diversity Initiative, 2017-2019
- Vibrant Communities Steering Committee, 2017-2018
- Ignite Elkhart, featured speaker, 2017
- Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce Economic Development/Legislative Affairs Council, 2016-2017
- Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce Education Council, 2015-2016
- Friends of the Elkhart Public Library, 2014-present