

Kari R. Mitchell

Public Adult Librarian / Public School Librarian

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Statement of Professional Concerns:

Since becoming a librarian, I have been an advocate for both Urban Libraries as well as Rural and Tribal Libraries. A product of the great state of North Dakota, I was raised without a public library or even a school librarian. After electing to re-locate back to rural Midwest, I have become reacquainted with the struggles of libraries in rural areas both in the public libraries as well as the school libraries. I have experienced first hand the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in rural communities and how it is currently affecting school libraries as well as public libraries in communities that already face the struggle of not having access to libraries in their communities, the money to hire librarians, or the educated staff to provide the library experience that is the right of all people.

Previous Positions:

School Librarian (2018-2019) District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington, DC Powell Bilingual Elementary School

Adult Librarian (2013-2018) District of Columbia Public Library, Washington, DC Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library (2013-2017) Northeast Neighborhood Library (2017-2018)

Adult and Teen Services/Reference Assistant Intern (2013) Monroe County Public Library, Bloomington, IN

Coder (2012-2013) The Algernon Charles Swinburne Project Indiana University, Bloomington, Digital Library Program

Master of Science	Indiana University, Bloomington
Library Science	July 2013
Post-Graduate Studies English	University of North Dakota

Bachelor of Arts	University of North Dakota
English	May 2003
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History	May 2003

ALA and/or ALA-APA activities:

American Library Association

Council Counselor-At-Large Candidate (2016-2019; Current) Committee on Legislation Copyright Subcommittee (2015-2020) Committee on Legislation Liaison to Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee (2015-2018) Committee on Legislation (2014-2018) Committee on Legislation LSTA Re-authorization Subcommittee (2014-2015, 2017-2018) Intellectual Freedom Roundtable (2014-2017) Committee on Legislation Liaison to Intellectual Freedom Committee Privacy Subcommittee (2014-2015)

Public Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee (2016-2017)

Major Accomplishments:

District of Columbia Public Library "Uncensored: Banned Books Week" Chair; 2016, 2017 Lead in the Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Library preparation for closure/renovation Co-creator of "Public Libraries 101", DCPL required training for non-professional library staff

Publications:

Electronic Text: "<u>The Nuremberg Trial Hostage Case: Norwegian Occupation</u>." University of North Dakota Chester Fritz Library Special Collections and Department of Genocide and Human Rights (2008).

Electronic Text: "<u>University of North Dakota Board of Regents Minutes</u>." University of North Dakota Office of the President and Chester Fritz Library Special Collections (2007).

Book Review: *Gang of One: Memoirs of a Red Guard* by Fan Shen. *HighPlains Reader*. Fargo, North Dakota (March 2006).

Book Review: A Tortoise for the Queen of Tonga by Julia Whitty. HighPlains Reader. Fargo, North Dakota (March 2003).

Presentations:

2016 *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*. "Coffee to Wine: Cafes Bridging the Morning to Evening Crowds." March 2016.

Number of Years as an ALA Member: 8