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Employment

COLLECTIONS AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIBRARIAN (Term position)
WAC Bennett Library, Simon Fraser University September 2008 –

Working under Associate University Librarian for collections, liaise with vendors, publishers, distributors and providers of both physical and electronic materials. Troubleshoot access problems, maintain link resolver and database of databases, advise subject librarians of acquisitions targets, and assess new university course offerings for their impact on library purchases. Make bindery, gift book, and suggested purchase decisions.

DIGITAL INITIATIVES LIBRARIAN (Term Position)
WAC Bennett Library, Simon Fraser University September 2007 – May 2008

Worked on a team to create and maintain library digital collections and to enhance access and usability. Liaised with internal and external partners. Hired, trained and supervised digitization staff; coordinated workflows, schedules and equipment resources. Performed quality control and monitored project progress. Worked extensively on large web repository of primary materials from multi-ethnic communities, www.multiculturalcanada.ca.

ADJUNCT FACULTY
School of Library, Archival and Information Studies
University of British Columbia September – December 2007

Taught “Public Libraries” (LIBR 576) in graduate program training future librarians.
Developed original curriculum and created class blog (weblogs.elearning.ubc.ca/overdue/).

SUPERVISING LIBRARIAN, LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE UNIT
Mid-Manhattan Library
The New York Public Library February 2005 – July 2007

Supervising five professionals and a team of clerical and paging staff, managed a large collection which serves as the central lending collection for the NYPL system for fiction, world literature in English, literary criticism, linguistics, and language learning. Also held small collections in French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese. Primary users were high school and college students, ESL learners and adults who work in midtown Manhattan. Oversaw budget, personnel, collection development and public service in the unit. Established priorities, trained staff and directed projects. Established and chaired Mid-Manhattan’s Web Committee through a major redesign (<http://www.nypl.org/branch/central/mml/index.html>). Sat on the User Experience Task Force of the committee choosing a new ILS. Wrote monthly and annual reports, and maintained statistics. Worked with other units to enhance reading room service, share resources, provide optimal staffing levels, and re-design floor layout. Created new weeding and retention guidelines. Wrote help sheets for print and the web. Staffed reference desk and participated in online reference program. Programmed speakers and events, and taught both in-service and public classes. Participated in monthly management meetings. Sat on the Library’s Books to Remember committee for 2005, a book award for adult titles.

YIDDISH BIBLIOGRAPHER, DOROT JEWISH DIVISION
The New York Public Library

May 2000 – February 2005

Performed all aspects of library service in Judaica, including reference, cataloguing, collection development, programming, and special projects. Had particular responsibility for incorporating new technologies into the working of the division, working with the Library's centralized digital collections staff as well as supervising in-division projects. Investigated metadata issues for digital conversion projects; created finding aids in appropriate electronic formats. Served as Project Manager for the *Yizkor Books Online* (<http://yizkor.nypl.org>) digital repository, winner of the ABC-CLIO Online History Award given by the American Library Association—Reference and User Services Association. Sat on the Library's Digital Sound Preservation committee which created standards for library-wide preservation of both born-digital and analog sound. Supervised Technical Assistants, temporary project staff, and pages.

LIBRARIAN
Vancouver Public Library

September 1999 – April 2000

Worked at three reference divisions in the central library (Social Sciences, Newspapers & Magazines, and Language & Literature) as well as in the Popular Reading Library, a recreational fiction and non-fiction collection. Filled in as needed at neighbourhood branches.

LIBRARIAN
Vancouver Peretz Institute

January 1997 – April 2000

Managed a special library of Yiddish literature.

STUDENT LIBRARIAN
Education Library, UBC

September 1998 – May 1999

Performed reference duties and user instruction. Taught daily database classes in 20-seat computer lab. Worked in four-person team planning and implementing a faculty instruction campaign aimed at weaning faculty from their dependence on superceded print sources. Assisted in cataloguing unique collection of locally-used historical textbooks.

Community Service

Board Member, Isaac Waldman Jewish Public Library 2007 – present
Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver

Editorial Board Member, *Bridges* 2003 – present
Editor for Yiddish literature for a Jewish feminist literary journal published by Indiana University Press. Maintain web site at www.bridgesjournal.org.

Organizing Committee Member, 2007 – 2008
Association of Canadian Jewish Studies 2008 Conference
Planning, programming, and managing logistics for an upcoming academic conference to take place in Vancouver in June 2008.

Board Member, 2005 – 2006
Reference and Adult Services Section, New York Library Association

Board Member, Yugntruf Youth for Yiddish 2002 – 2005
Supervised staff, developed programs, oversaw budget, applied for grants, and developed long-term plan for organization devoted to involving young people in Yiddish culture.

Education

Non-degree study

- Advanced Research Seminar in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, 2002.
- Uriel Weinreich Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture, Columbia University, 1999, 2000, and 2001.

University of British Columbia, Vancouver M.L.I.S. 1999

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver B.A. 1995

Languages

Yiddish: reading and spoken fluency; writing at a high-intermediate level

Spanish, French: reading and basic spoken skills

German, Hebrew: some reading abilities

Selected Recent Publications

Entries for Celia Dropkin (co-authored with Samuel Solomon) and Anna Margolin in the *Dictionary of Literary Biography* Vol. 333 Yiddish Writers. (Detroit: Gale, 2007).

“The Fate of Yiddish Dictionaries: Zalmen Zylbercweig and the *Leksikon fun Yidishn Teater*.” *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies* Vol. 5 no. 3 (November 2006).

“A Chimney on the Canadian Prairies: Yiddish-Language Libraries in Western Canada, 1900 to the present.” *Judaica Librarianship* Vol. 11 (2006).

“Yizkor Books as Grey Literature.” *Publishing Research Quarterly* Vol. 22 no. 1 (Spring 2006): 52-62. (Co-authored with Gretta Siegel).

Bibliography of works by and about Esther Kreitman. *The Mendeley Review* (electronic journal), Volume 8, no. 9 (September 1, 2004). <http://shakti.trincoll.edu/~mendeley/tmrarc.htm>.

“‘Wandering is Your Fate’: Esther Shumiatcher-Hirschbein Writing Across Boundaries.” *Canadian Jewish Studies* Vol. 11 (2003).

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