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Professional Profile

I am currently the E-rate Coordinator for the State of Alaska, assisting libraries in creating successful E-rate applications, having served in this capacity for the past 8 years. I come to this position as a 24 year career as a retired librarian and educator for the largest school district in Alaska. As E-rate Coordinator I assist libraries across the State of Alaska in obtaining Universal Service Funds (USF) to support their phone and Internet connectivity. I also work with service providers on issues regarding USF procurement, implementation and eligibility. I provide annual training to applicants and service providers within my state and maintain an E-rate list serve and, and respond to phone and e-mail inquiries throughout the year. I speak at state-wide meetings and conferences, provide assistance to the State of Alaska school technology coordinator, and am the technology plan approver for Alaska libraries.

I am a part of the OWL Broadband team which has leveraged E-rate funds to bring videoconferencing equipment, connectivity, training and programming to libraries across the state. I file the Alaska State Library E-rate forms for this project as well as all E-rate forms for 58 individual library applicants. On the national level I follow and supply comment on USF/E-rate issues and represent my state's interests in library and school national E-rate coordinator's meetings, list serves, and working groups.

Professional Associations, Activities & Accomplishments

Current Associations and Committees

- Alaska OWL (Online with Libraries) Project Development & Leadership Team
- Library Development Committee for the Alaska State Library
- Alaska Library Development Committee
- ALA E-Rate Library E-rate Coordinator's Working Group
- American Library Association & American Association of School Librarians Roundtable member
- Alaska Library Association member, and conference presenter
- Alaska Telephone Association
- Alaska Association of School Librarians (AkASL)

Librarianship Awards and Appointments

- Alaska State Library BTOP Award for Public Libraries in Alaska 2010
 - Gates/E-rate Grant Award 2010
 - Recipient of the Linda K. Barrett Service Award, 2007
 - President of Alaska School Librarians Association, 2006-2007
 - C.L.I.A. Center for the Book Award, 2005
 - Controversial Issues Committee 1998-2002
 - National Board Certified K-12 Library Media Specialist 2003-present
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Professional Work History

Research Toxicologist	Independent Research and Development Corp, Mattawan Michigan	1979-1980
Secondary Science Teacher	Anchorage School District, Anchorage Alaska	1982-1994
School Librarian	Anchorage School District, Anchorage Alaska	1994-2005
Alaska E-rate Coordinator	Alaska State Library, Anchorage, Alaska	2005-2013

Education

Bachelors of Science	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor Michigan	1979
Bachelors of Arts	University of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska	1982
Masters of Library Science	University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona	1994

References

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