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Professional career and activities: I completed my MLIS at the University of Alberta, School of Library and Information Studies in 2015, and then went on to work for a year at Edmonton Public Library as a Community Librarian. In that capacity I did a great deal of work with incarcerated populations, planning and facilitating programs and services at the Edmonton Institute for Women, the Edmonton Young Offenders' Centre, and the Edmonton Remand Centre. I also did a great deal of work with Syrian Newcomers and other newcomer groups, planning community building, and language learning events and programs in collaboration with various community partners. After a year of this work, I felt ready to return to Saskatchewan and begin the next chapter of my career in public libraries.

In my spare time: I read a lot! I also enjoy attending sports events, baking, sewing, and playing with my dog.

Favorite books: I like books where the good guys aren't *too* good, and where the heroine saves herself, and usually everyone else. Good banter is really important. It would be great if Patrick Rothfuss finished the third book of the Kingkiller Chronicles sometime before I die of old age. I recently read *Juliet* by Ann Fortier, and it blew my mind—I loved every minute of it, her next book *The Lose Sisterhood* was equally entrancing.

I'm currently reading: *Absolute Darkness* by Kelly Armstrong and *Strange the Dreamer* by Laini Taylor.

Long-term career goals: When I retire I hope someone says, "She cared about people as much as she cared about libraries, and she made a tangible difference in her community. She had big ideas and the determination to see them come to fruit."