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Professional career and activities: I've served in the public, special, and academic library sectors during my career. My first job after library school was as Automation Services Coordinator at Yellowhead Regional Library in Spruce Grove, Alberta. In this role, I worked to bring the region's libraries online to a shared system. It was challenging! Every library used a different system, and many of the smaller libraries were not automated at all. I still enjoy hearing about how all those little libraries and Yellowhead as a system are faring.

I then worked as a Library Intern at the University of Alberta Health Sciences Library. This was an important year for me, as I learned a lot about both health libraries and academic libraries. It was great preparation for my next role, Client Services Librarian at the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. This was a very rewarding position, as I provide reference, instruction, collections and other services for the region's physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, and others. I really felt like I was making a difference to patient care. Alas, I turned out to be a bit too much of a hypochondriac to stay in this role forever!

I've worked at the University of Regina Library since 2005 in a variety of roles, including Distance Education Librarian, Teaching and Learning Librarian, and Liaison Services Coordinator. In all of these positions, my role and greatest satisfaction has been working with students and faculty on their teaching, learning, and research goals.

I've also developed my own research program, and have published articles on topics including information literacy in various academic disciplines, information literacy and policy development, as well as a book on educating students about plagiarism. I'm currently collaborating with another Canadian librarian and a few U.S. colleagues on a book about the scholarship on teaching and learning in librarianship, which will be published by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) in 2018.

I'm a career-long SLA member and have served on the Board and various committees over the years. I really value SLA for the community-building it does among the province's library workers.

In my spare time: I read (surprise!) and I am also an avid gardener. I also love to travel and have visited nearly 20 countries.

Favorite books:

Two come to mind:

By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept, by Elizabeth Smart. This book is "poetic prose" and, as such, I'm sure that it isn't everyone's cup of tea. Smart published it in 1945 and the passion behind it and her facility with language captivated me in my late teens. At one point, I could recite much of it from memory. I love love love this book.

I also really like Carl Honoré's 2004 book, *In Praise of Slow: How a Worldwide Movement is Challenging the Cult of Speed*. This book was important to me in that it expressed and validated thoughts I had long had about how I want to live my life and what I value. I'd never been able to really describe a life philosophy, and this book really led me to something along those lines.

I'm currently reading: *Mad Enchantment: Claude Monet and the Painting of the Water Lilies*, by Ross King. Ross is my brother-in-law, so I'm always eagerly awaiting his next book.

Long-term career goals:

I'm pretty happy with my career right now, and see myself continuing along the same path. I like working directly with students and faculty and it is important to me to continue doing so.