

2021 OLASC Career Centre MENTOR BIOS

1. Alessia Barzetti, Mississauga Library System

Public libraries, Archives

In my role as Senior Librarian, I am responsible for daily branch operations, branch activities, scheduling, and library leadership. I have worked in previous roles, library customer service, public programming, outreach, Community Librarianship, Program Development & Training, & archives.

2. Ali Versluis, University of Guelph

Academic libraries

2013-2014: Coop student at McMaster U

2014: MLIS from UWO

2014-2015: Liaison Librarian at Ontario Technology U / Durham College (contract -> permanent)

2016-2017: Scholarly Communications Librarian at UGuelph (contract)

2017-present: Open Educational Resources Librarian at UGuelph (permanent)

3. Andrew Colgoni, Brock University

Academic libraries

I currently provide leadership as Associate University Librarian, Student Success in the areas of library services, instruction and spaces at Brock University Library. I formerly worked at McMaster University Library for >10 years as an embedded instructor and services manager.

4. Beckie MacDonald, Oshawa Public Libraries

Public libraries, Other: Non-profit organizations

I have been an interviewer & interviewee & bring a wealth of experience from both sides of the table. I work in public libraries, and worked in the OLA office for years. I am an active mentor, mentee, volunteer, committee member and networker.

5. Carolynn Pecoskie, McGill University

Academic & **Special** libraries

I have a Master of Information (MI), University of Toronto (2016). I worked as a librarian at the Trillium Health Partners hospital system in Mississauga from January 2017 to December 2019. Since February 2020, I have been working as a Metadata & Electronic Resources Librarian at McGill University.

6. Chantale Boileau, Barrie Public Library

Public libraries

I've worked in small to mid-sized public libraries for 10 years, volunteering for many of those with OLA and my Union. What is it like to enjoy progressing slowly through your career as a Librarian and how can you set career goals and move up in your organization? Get networking tips.

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7. Chelsie Lalonde, Ontario Tech University

Academic & Public libraries

I'm the Social Science, Humanities and Education Librarian at Ontario Tech University. I am the coordinator of a branch library, and provide copyright support at my institution. I have previous experience as a Business Librarian (Academic) and a Collection Development Librarian (Public Library).

8. Elizabeth Yates, Brock University

Academic libraries

I am a Liaison and Scholarly Communication Librarian at Brock University. My expertise includes leading library support for evidence synthesis reviews, health sciences librarianship, and scholarly publishing and open access. I have served on several academic library search committees.

9. Emily Carlisle-Johnston, Western University

Academic, Other: non-library, non-profit

I am an early career librarian. Since graduation, I've worked as an academic librarian in the areas of liaison librarianship and scholarly communications, and at a non-profit focusing on emerging and educational technologies. I can support students seeking employment post-graduation.

10. Erika Heesen, Perth Public Library

Public libraries & Archives

I graduated from the University of Toronto with my MIST in 2010 and have been working in public libraries since 2012. I've been the CEO of the Perth Union Library in Eastern Ontario since 2015. We're a small library and I wear many hats - from Human Resources to IT to marketing and collections.

11. Faye Arends Stein, York Region District School Board

School libraries

I'm a Registered Graphic Designer as well as Registered Library Technician. Both of these skills have combined together for a successful and rewarding career as a Library Technician in a Secondary School!

12. Jan Guise, University of Toronto Music Library

Academic libraries

I have worked in academic libraries since 1999. I've worked in several provinces and in the US, at large and small institutions. I've been active in professional associations at the provincial/state, national, and international levels. I also have experience with special collections (music).

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13. Joanna Aegard, Bruce County Public Library

Public libraries

After working at the Thunder Bay Public Library in a variety of middle-management positions for 18 years I recently made a big move (in many ways!) to the Bruce County Public Library where I have been the Assistant Director for a few months. I was proud to serve as OPLA President in 2013.

14. Jo-Anne Petropoulos, McMaster University

Academic & Special libraries

Over a decade of experience working closely with the McMaster Faculty of Health Sciences and McMaster Children's Hospital, Hamilton Health Sciences. Jo-Anne provides one-on-one support, develops library tools and resources to support learning, and offers orientation sessions and workshops.

15. Jorge Cardenas, Burnaby Public Library

Public libraries

Community Development Manager at Burnaby Public Library, focusing on library services in the community, social justice, EDI approaches, anti-racism, and services for immigrants. He teaches the Community-Led libraries class at the UBC School of Information. Person of colour, he/his.

16. Karen McGrath, McGrath Mentor Services

Academic, Public, Other: International Contracts

Extensive senior management experience: public, government, academic libraries. Led team of executive coaches at vocational college, Saudi Arabia. Skilled in community partnership and development, nonprofit organizations, executive coaching and mentoring, facilitation, fundraising. Past Prez OLA

17. Karen Nicholson, University of Guelph

Academic libraries

I'm an academic librarian with 20 years of public service experience. I've been a manager since 2012, and I also teach MLIS students at Western. I completed my PhD part-time while working full-time, so I'm happy to talk about balancing career/studies or pursuing further education.

18. Karolina Roussakis, St Lawrence College

Academic, Public, School libraries

I have my Library and Information Technician diploma and my Masters in Library and Information Science. My current role is as supervisor of the St. Lawrence College Cornwall campus library where I oversee all library operations for that branch. Before that I worked in public libraries.

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19. Lisl Schoner-Saunders, Algoma University

Academic libraries

Since graduating from UofT's MI program, I have worked at the National Ballet's Archive, and at Scholars Portal. Currently, I am an Academic Librarian at Algoma University, where I wear many hats and cover this, that, and anything that arises.

20. Lisa Radha Weaver, Hamilton Public Library

Public & School Libraries

Passionate about facilitating diverse and accessible collections, programs and partnerships.

21. Lydia Thorne, Ontario Tech University

Academic & Special libraries

Lydia Thorne is the Health Sciences Librarian at Ontario Tech University and Durham College. An early career librarian and former graduate of Western's MLIS program, she has worked in academic and special health sciences libraries since graduating in 2016.

22. Lynne Serviss, McMaster University

Academic libraries

I have worked in both the college and university libraries - my positions have focused on Liaison Librarianship, Instruction, Collections, Outreach, Reference and now Head of Public Services. Current interests are Community Engagement, leadership and conducting a review of Library Services.

23. Meg Ecclestone, University of Guelph

Academic libraries

I've worked in academic libraries, mostly focusing on business and social sciences liaison roles, and spend a couple of years on the dark side, working for library vendors. I currently work as a collections librarian at U of Guelph.

24. Michelle Goodridge, Wilfrid Laurier University

Academic libraries

Michelle has over 9 years of experience working in academic libraries. Michelle focuses on outreach and seeks to non-traditional partnerships. Other interests include active-learning, assessment, non-traditional library collections, game-based teaching, and using technology in IL instruction.

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25. Nancy Birch, University of Guelph

Academic, Public, Special, School libraries

Nancy Birch is an associate librarian and former university library administrator. Over a 22-year career, she has held librarianship and leadership positions in special, public, and academic libraries and has additional certifications in education, leadership, coaching, and instructional design.

26. Natalie Colaiacovo, Centennial College Libraries

Academic & Special libraries, Other: education library & non-profit health

I've worked at a non-profit health promotion organization and as Digital Resources Librarian in the TDSB's library for teachers. I'm currently the Librarian for Engineering & Emerging Technology at Centennial College and for the past year have been filling in as Acting Manager of Library Services.

27. R. Antonio Munoz Gomez, University of Waterloo

Academic libraries

I am a Cataloguing and Metadata Librarian at the University of Waterloo, with experience working in other academic libraries as well. While my area of expertise is cataloguing and metadata work, I have also worked in other areas, including liaison, collection development, reference, and rare books.

28. Sarah Macintyre, Ottawa Public Library

Public libraries

I have been working in management roles in public libraries since 2013. I have been the manager of the IT department in a medium-sized library, and I am currently responsible for 4 branches at a large system. I would love to speak with anyone who has questions about management, recruitment, etc.!

29. Susan Kun, Museums of Burlington

Public & School libraries

A senior library manager with experience in supporting and mentoring staff. Extensive experience in library operations, collection development, measurement, management, leading strategic projects and initiatives.

30. Yvonne Patch, Retired Hamilton Public Library Manager

Public libraries

As a long time manager in both small and large urban public libraries and a mentor and OLA Mentoring committee member I can offer support for leadership, information services, professional accountability, partnerships and mid and late career transitions.