

**Name**

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Current Job:

Information Resources Director for a global oil company (BP)

Years in the field:

25

Graduated:

Dominican University (formerly Rosary College)
1982

What are the most valuable skills and abilities you bring to your job?

I readily embrace change and I work to always provide “surprise & delight” for my customers.

What is your proudest professional accomplishment?

Back in the dark ages – before the graphical Internet – I worked with my hospital system's IT/IS department to roll out the Internet system-wide. I served as the first trainer and promoter of the use of the Internet to provide vetted consumer health information for patient care purposes. I had back-ups of canned training sessions because the Internet connection was “down” so often in the beginning. I quickly had our videoconferencing room connected to the Internet, but the bandwidth at that time was not sufficient enough to handle the video, along with the regular Internet traffic, so I had to revert back to 3 ISDN lines for videoconferencing. Those were fun times!

In my former profession I was:

There is another profession? I thought librarians were everywhere – and they certainly are! I have been many ‘flavors’ of librarian from a solo hospital librarian to a virtual librarian. I have worked in both allopathic and osteopathic medical libraries; I have served fifteen years as a public library trustee, I have served in academic, paper chemistry, technical, business, consulting, petroleum and banking libraries. I hope to one day tackle law libraries!

Before I went to library school I:

I went to nursing school and found that I liked working with the healthcare professionals, but not with the patients. Therefore, in library school I specialized in medical libraries, but I have since branched out.

My passion is:

Service – I serve my community as a volunteer for many village events, including serving on the community emergency response team [CERT], I serve my church in the women’s council and the administration council, and I serve the Scouts, both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts as various committees chair, assistant leader, and charter organization representative. For libraries, besides serving as a public library trustee, I have served SLA Illinois as vendor relations chair and I am presently serving the Petroleum & Energy Resources SLA Division as the treasurer. Recently, I was elected and I sit on the board of directors for the DuPage Library System in Illinois.

Words of wisdom to pass on:

Determine the skills you need to do the job you will love – then go out and obtain those skills! Don’t hesitate to volunteer, both professionally, for your community, and wherever you find spiritual enlightenment also. You never know who you might partner with and what you will learn that will help you with your career.

Anything else you want anyone to know about you, your job, trends or the profession? If- so, speak your mind here!

Take chances, leap into the unknown -- feet first -- and don’t look back! This will keep you young forever.