

Lib.Gig Profile



Name

Gene

Current Job:

Program Manager at a Government Agency

Years in the field:

10

Graduated:

2001

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

Science and technological experience at NASA; technological project management experience.

What is your proudest professional accomplishment?

Being part of a team that discovered that the Sun's brightness is variable over time; developing one of the first web sites at Goddard in 1993; managing the success of an internationally recognized project. Being able to complete library school while working full time.

In my former profession I was:

Scientific programmer/analyst on a number of science missions at NASA; task lead for the NASA Global Change Master Directory for 14 years.

Before I went to library school I:

Was working full time as the task lead for a NASA project (non-library, but information science-related).

My passion is:

Playing guitar in a Celtic band, family history and genealogy, anything related to history (especially military history), anything Ireland, and following the NY Yankees.

Words of wisdom to pass on:

Embrace technology. You don't have to be super-geek, but the more skills you have in using information systems, computers, and technology and applying those skills to the library and information field the better your chances are of long-term success. Libraries are changing from traditional print to digital, and the more knowledgeable we are as librarians, the better we can help our patrons.

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

I hold an MS in Physics and when I went to grad school, my intent was to become an astronomer. That didn't happen, but here I am in a management position in a library for NASA...how cool is that?