Lauren Fitzgerald

Library Media Specialist

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SUMMARY

Certified library media specialist with 5 years in middle and high school libraries, teaching information literacy and research skills to 900+ students a year. Plans collaboratively with teachers, manages a 22,000-item collection and trains staff on instructional technology. Known for organizational skills and clear communication with students, parents and administrators.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Information Science 05/2021

University at Albany, SUNY Albany, NY

School Library Media

EXPERIENCE

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Guilderland Pines High School Guilderland, NY

Sole certified librarian at a 1,250-student high school.

- Plan research units with **18** teachers a year, teaching source evaluation and citation in English and social studies.
- Teach 160+ information literacy lessons a year on databases, search strategies and digital citizenship.
- Manage collection development for 22,000 print and digital items with a $28K budget, weeding 1,500 dated titles.
- Train teachers on Google Classroom, NoodleTools and the library databases in 6 after-school workshops a year.

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Hudson Crossing Middle School Rensselaer, NY

Library media specialist at a 650-student middle school.

- Raised student checkouts **35%** in 2 years with a graphic novel collection, book clubs and a reading challenge.
- Collaborated with 6th grade teachers on a research skills unit taught to 220 students each spring.
- Maintained circulation and cataloging in Destiny Library Manager and supervised 12 student library aides.
- Wrote 2 grant proposals that funded 400 new diverse titles for independent reading.

SKILLS

Information Literacy • Collection Development • Instructional Technology • Destiny Library Manager Google Classroom • Research Databases • Digital Citizenship • Cataloging • Organizational Skills Communication

CERTIFICATES

School Library Media Specialist (PreK-12) Professional Certificate

New York State Education Department

06/2021