

Philip Neilson

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Innovative Youth Services Librarian with unique combination of MLIS degree, teaching expertise, and technical skills. Proven track record of expanding program participation and pioneering makerspace initiatives. Expertise spans collection management, educational programming, 3D printing/fabrication, web development, and community engagement.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Youth Services Librarian

June 2022 – Present

Octavia Fellin Public Library, Gallup, NM

- ▶ Manage 18,000-item youth collection including books, graphic novels, DVDs, and digital consortium materials
- ▶ Lead popular twice-weekly storytime programs serving 45+ children and families per week after expanding from single session due to demand
- ▶ Pioneered library makerspace program from weekly sessions to full-time educator position, implementing 3D printing, laser cutting, and fabrication technologies
- ▶ Established New Mexico Battle of the Books program in Northwest NM, growing participation to 75+ students across 15 schools

7th-8th Grade English Communications Teacher

August 2017 – May 2022

Rehoboth Christian School, Rehoboth, NM

- ▶ Developed reading and writing curriculum for diverse middle school students
- ▶ Collaborated across disciplines to create integrated learning units with Math, Science, and Social Studies
- ▶ Initiated independent reading program to foster literacy engagement
- ▶ Instructed digital media electives: Scratch programming, Google Workspace, video production

Middle School Language Arts Teacher

August 2012 – July 2017

John F. Kennedy Middle School, Gallup, NM

- ▶ Created standards-based instruction aligned with Common Core and district pacing requirements
- ▶ Differentiated curriculum to accommodate diverse learning needs and abilities
- ▶ Provided accelerated instruction for gifted and talented students
- ▶ Organized and advised school literary magazine and newspaper for three years

Substitute Teacher & Continuing Education Student

2009 – 2012

Minneapolis Public Schools & Metropolitan State University, Minneapolis, MN

- Provided substitute teaching across diverse K-12 classroom environments
- Completed prerequisite coursework for graduate teaching program
- Volunteered with after-school programming initiatives

Program Assistant Intern

July 2008 – May 2009

Uganda Studies Program, Mukono, Uganda

- Facilitated cultural integration for 30 study-abroad students into Ugandan university life
- Coordinated visa processes and documentation for international students
- Conducted support meetings for cross-cultural adaptation and academic success

EDUCATION

Master of Library and Information Studies

August 2019 – August 2021

University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

Master of Arts in Teaching

August 2012 – December 2016

Western New Mexico University, Silver City, NM

Bachelor of Arts

August 2004 – May 2008

Crown College, St. Bonifacius, MN

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

DIGITAL FABRICATION

- 3D printing & modeling (Tinkercad, Blender)
- Laser cutting & engraving
- 2D plot cutting, sublimation, & heat pressing

WEB DEVELOPMENT

- HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- WordPress & Wix platforms
- Custom web solutions

TECHNICAL SYSTEMS

- Linux administration
- Open source software implementation
- Custom scripting solutions

LIBRARY & PROGRAMMING

- MARC records editing & cataloging
- Collection development & metadata
- Musical program integration

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

New Mexico Permanent Professional Certification – New Mexico State Library (In Progress)