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EXPERIENCE

2004-Present

EDUCATION CONSULTANT

- Develop training materials and deliver workshops to educators based on digitized primary source materials from the Library of Congress collections (see sampling below).
- Consult in a variety of capacities with the “Teaching with Primary Sources” program at Metropolitan State College of Denver (formerly “An Adventure of the American Mind”) in both Colorado and Western Regional programs.
- Promote programs and primary sources of the Library of Congress via Twitter (@johnsonmaryj) and *The Primary Source Librarian* blog (<http://www.maryjjohnson.com/primarysourcelibrarian>).
- Develop training materials and present workshops for Colorado’s Historic Newspaper Collection and the Heritage Colorado Digitization Project, now a part of the Colorado State Library. Formerly served as Advisory Board member.

2007-Present

SAMPLING OF RECENT “TEACHING WITH PRIMARY SOURCES” WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher Librarian Day, Metropolitan State College of Denver, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.
- “REVOLUTIONary Learning: Inquiry and Critical Thinking Using Primary Sources,” Academy District 20, Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 18, 2011 and July 28-29, 2011.
- “The Hispanic Experience in Colorado, Parts I and II,” Metropolitan State College of Denver, Denver, Colorado, Feb. 17 and June 30-July 1, 2011.

- “Teaching with Primary Sources Institute,” Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas, July 25-27, 2011.
- “Teaching with Primary Sources,” University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Feb. 4-5, 2010.
- “Teaching with Primary Sources,” St. Edward’s University, Austin, Texas, June 1-2, 2010.
- “The Veteran Experience,” video production demonstrating Annotated Resource Set development, Teaching with Primary Sources at Metro State, 2010.
- “Primary Source Teaching the Web 2.0 Way,” Encyclo-Media Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Sept. 17-18, 2009.
- “Picturing America,” Grand Junction School District, Grand Junction, Colorado, Winter, 2009.
- “When History Happens,” Academy District 20, Colorado Springs, Colorado, July 1-2, 2008.

2002-Present

AUTHOR AND PROJECT MANAGER

- Books on the topic of using primary sources:
 - *Your Fascinating Family History*. Ann Arbor, MI: Cherry Lake Publishing, 2012.
 - *Primary Source Teaching the Web 2.0 Way K-12*. Columbus, OH: Linworth Publishing, Inc., 2009.
 - *Primary Sources in the Library: A Collaboration Guide for Library Media Specialists*. Columbus, OH: Linworth Publishing, Inc., 2003.
- Professional school library journal articles:
 - Series of four articles entitled “InfoText” about the library’s role in the teaching of expository reading, *School Library Monthly*, Vol. 28, 2011.
 - Series of eight articles entitled “Online with Primary Sources,” *School Library Monthly*, Vol. 27, 2010.
 - “Primary Sources and Web 2.0: Unlikely Match or Made for Each Other?” *Library Media Connection*, Jan/Feb 2009: 26-30.
- Linworth Advisory Board Member, 2002-2010.
- Project Manager for Linworth Publishing, Inc., 2004-2006. Work with authors to develop professional library book ideas, organize writing, provide feedback regarding drafts, edit proofs, and coordinate handoff to printer.

1992-2005 **Eagleview Middle School** **Colorado Springs, CO**

LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST/TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR

- Administer a library/technology program in a school of 1,100 students.
- Collaborate with teaching staff to deliver resource-based instruction, incorporate information literacy skills, advance student technology skills, integrate primary sources into the curriculum, and evaluate the student research process.
- Manage a staff of five, including a Technology Technician, a Computer Paraprofessional, an Audio-Visual Paraprofessional, a Circulation Paraprofessional, and a Clerk/Typist.
- Head an active school technology committee of 20+ volunteers, making decisions about purchasing and distribution of hardware and software, advising the school's web development team, writing technology plans, leading staff in incorporating technology into the curriculum, and offering technology training.
- Serve on numerous school, district, and state committees.
- Offer in-service classes and workshops on a regular basis.

1987-1992 **Liberty High School** **Colorado Springs, CO**

FRENCH TEACHER

- Taught five French classes, Levels I-IV.
- Sponsored International Club and French Club.
- Received Colorado Outstanding Foreign Language Teacher in French Award, 1992, from the University of Northern Colorado.
- Nominated U. S. West Outstanding Teacher by Liberty High School, 1991.
- Sponsored student trips to Western Europe, Egypt, Greece, and Turkey.

1984-1987 **Rampart High School** **Colorado Springs, CO**

FRENCH TEACHER

- Taught five French classes, Levels I-IV. Taught one year of German I.

1981-1984 **Munich International School** **Starnberg, Germany**

FRENCH TEACHER

- Taught Beginning French and tutored ESL students in middle and upper school.

1972-1981 **Greene Community School** **Greene, IA**

- Taught French I-IV.
- Fullbright-sponsored Assistante d'Anglais, Paris, France, 1974-1975.

- Wrote rationale, key beliefs, features and characteristics of key beliefs for future library planning and evaluation in District 20.
- Presented concept paper to various constituent groups: District 20 librarians, Technology Information Services leaders, K-12 Principals, Teacher Sounding Board, Executive Cabinet, and Board of Education.
- Presented Library Program Plan and process at 2001 Colorado Association of School Executives convention in Breckenridge, CO.
- Offered the concept paper as a guide for a state-level committee engaged in rewriting “Colorado Information Power,” a Colorado Department of Education guide to library planning and evaluation.

1993-1996. Served on Library Task Force, Academy School District 20.

- Studied district automation needs and resource sharing options.
- Implemented Dynix Scholar Library Automation System.

1994. Attended Institute for Information Literacy Guidelines sponsored by the Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado State Library.

- Certified as an Information Literacy Guidelines Supertrainer.
- Conducted Information Literacy training at CEMA Fall Leadership Conference and in Academy School District 20.

1996-2000. Published articles in *Colorado Libraries*, a publication of the Colorado Library Association, and in *The Medium*, a publication of the Colorado Educational Media Association.

PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS PRIOR TO 2006

Aug. 1, 2005. “Best Practices in the Primary Source Classroom.” Learning Activities Development Workshop, An Adventure of the American Mind, Denver, CO.

June 25, 2005. “Yesterday’s News, Today’s Lessons.” Colorado’s Historic Newspaper Collection Educator Forum, Denver, CO.

Apr. 25, 2005. “Collaborating with Your Library Media Specialist.” Presentation to members of graduate-level class in “Teaching Reading and Writing in the Content Areas,” University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Dr. Peg Bacon, Professor.

Jan. – Apr., 2005. “Colorado’s Historic Newspaper Collection.” In-district workshop.

Apr. 14, 2005. “Collaboration and Its Relationship to Inquiry.” In-district workshop.

Oct. 23, 2003. “How to Become Your School’s Primary Source Expert.” Pre-conference half-day workshop. American Association of School Librarians, Kansas City, KS.

Nov. 20, 2001. "Helping Your Children Research through Online Databases." Presentation to Parent Partners at Eagleview Middle School on how to use the GALE and EBSCO online subscription databases.

Oct. 25, 2001. "Where Do We Begin? Creating a Vision for Libraries in the 21st Century." How to build a vision for library services to assure our future as vital institutions in the digital age and how to build support for that vision through all levels of an organization. CLA Conference, 2001.

Sept. 18, 2001. "Who Moved My Cheese?" Panel discussion of multi-type library directors on how they lead and adjust to changes within their library organizations. Presented at Plains & Peaks Regional Library Service System Fall Membership Meeting.

Aug. 2, 2001. "From Information Power to School Power: Building a Library Media Program that Builds Student Achievement." Presented at the 2001 convention of the Colorado Association of School Executives (C.A.S.E.) An introduction to information literacy standards, an overview of research on the impact of strong school library programs on student achievement, and a guide to what principal's actions can empower the school librarian to lead change.

Aug. 6-7 and 9-10, 2001. Two "Primary Sources Workshops" co-presented with two experts from the Library of Congress and sponsored by the Plains and Peaks Regional Library Service System. An introduction to integrating primary sources from the historical collections of the National Digital Library (American Memory) into the curriculum.

2001. "S.O.S. – Strategies for Online Searching." A day-long workshop presented three times to school and public librarians in southern Colorado, supplemented by a follow-up online tutorial. Funded through a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant, designed to provide training for librarians to become more proficient at formulating online search strategies and to train additional staff as well as patrons.

April 5, 2001. "American Memory" workshop presented at the annual Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System Institute.

April 4, 2001. Keynote speech, "Under Our Noses: Allies on the Road to Technology Integration," presented at the 5th Annual Education Summit of the University of Southern Colorado.

1998-2001. Frequent guest presentations designed to explain the relationship between strong school library programs and student achievement to principal and teacher candidates. Examples: University of Phoenix classes in school administration, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs classes in "Technology for Administrators," University of Colorado at Colorado Springs classes in "Reading and Writing in the Content Area," and University of Colorado at Colorado Springs classes in teacher education.

1995-2001. Teacher Technology Training sessions too numerous to detail, but including PowerPoint training, online search training, curriculum software, and more.

April 6, 2000. "Libraries: A Collaboration for Lifelong Learning." Speech delivered at Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System Annual Institute.

April 20, 1999. "PERKS: Partners in Electronic Research with Kids." A two-hour workshop for parents who want to help their children become more successful Internet searchers. Basics of subject directories, search engines, Boolean logic, and search strategies.

Nov. 20, 1998. "Educational Standards and the Library Media Program." A two-hour workshop presented to a Colorado Springs School District 11 elementary school faculty. Topics included collaboration between teachers and librarians, and integrating information literacy standards throughout the curriculum.

July 1998. "Meeting in the Middle: Teachers and Librarians Creating Curriculum." A three-day workshop to encourage collaboration between middle school teachers and librarians. Participants created lesson plans addressing curriculum standards, information literacy guidelines, and assessment rubrics.

Nov. 7, 1996. "The Evolving School Media Center: Making the Transition to the 21st Century." Presentation at "LEAD, The Four Letter Word for Success," a multi-type library leadership seminar.

Aug. 16, 1996. "Setting Up an Interactive Web Site." The design, planning, setup, and management of a library web site. Presented at a joint CEMA/CLA Conference.

Aug. 16, 1996. "Making the WWW Work for Your Library." Topics included locating alliances, using the web to develop a strong information base, and understanding the influence of technology on information science. Presented at a joint CEMA/CLA Conference.

Aug. 18, 1996. "Beginning Document Design." How to produce well-designed memos and newsletters to promote library media programs to teachers, administrators, and peers. Presented at a joint CEMA/CLA Conference.

Oct. 15, 1995. "The Information Literate Student." Presentation at the Colorado Information Literacy Seminar at the El Pomar Center in Colorado Springs. Also served on the planning committee for this 1-day seminar.

Feb. 18, 1995. "Projecting Professionalism." A two-hour workshop at the annual CEMA Conference on communicating the professional nature of a librarian's work to the school community.