Profile: Aingeal Stone
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How long have you been working in libraries?

I graduated from Seneca College's Library techniques program in 1985. Since then I have worked in public, academic, R&D, legislative and elementary school libraries.

What was your first job?

I worked in the kitchen of a tavern, bussing tables, washing dishes, restocking the beer cooler.

Describe your first library job.

I worked at the Brooklin Branch of the Whitby Public Library fresh out of college. It was a wonderful old Carnegie library, Children's in the basement level, Adult & Reference on the main level.

If you weren't a librarian/library worker, what would you be and why?

A professional genealogist perhaps. Because I love the research!
What do you like best about your current job?

I love the educational opportunities I have. My supervisor is very supportive of my educational goals, even allowing me work time to devote to it.

Describe your favorite conference experience.

The Whitby Public Library sent me to OLA one year, it was fantastic, to be among all these other library workers of every type!

What do you do for fun?

Sing, dance, act, read, travel, write.................

Name one person you admire, and explain why you admire them.

My husband Harry Jacobs is the most admirable person I have the great pleasure of knowing.

He was a 300 lb. train wreck when his doctor diagnosed him with diabetes. He changed his life around almost overnight. He began walking the block around his workplace at breaks, gradually he began running. In less than a year he lost almost 100 lb. and now you cannot tell he is a diabetic by his bloodwork. All that and suffering a chronic arthritic condition called DISH (diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis). He now runs races - from 5k to marathons - for fun! He is strictly disciplined with his diet and exercise regime, and takes no prescription medications at all!

He is my hero!

If you could say one thing to someone who is interested in a career in libraries, what would it be?

Go for it! It was all I ever wanted to do as a young person and that desire has never wavered!

If you were stranded at the airport, what would you want to have with you to read, and why?

Anything! My worst nightmare is to be without reading material. A newspaper, a magazine, (lately textbooks), or the Sookie Stackhouse novels by Charlaine Harris. I spent 2 weeks in England this summer backpacking and took 6 books just in case!