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How long have you been working in libraries?
44 years.

What was your first job?
Sampling and testing freshly poured concrete.

Describe your first library job.
Searching the card catalogue and, subsequently, bibliographic resources prior to determining if items should be ordered.

If you weren’t a librarian/library worker, what would you be and why?
An accountant, because I have a facility in making calculations based on the interpretation of rules.

What do you like best about your current job?
The evolution in the use of the keyboard from manually created and sorted products to the virtual environment of today.

Describe your favorite conference experience.
Attending receptions at the Blackwell’s suites.
What do you do for fun?

Reading, choral singing, hiking.

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

Glenn Gould, because his recorded performances are so well thought out.

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

You may not expect to work for one institution for 40 years but you should hope for as much variety.

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

George Orwell essays, because his style is so clear and his subject matter so eclectic (e.g. "The Moon Under Water", "A hanging", "Inside the whale").