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How long have you been working in libraries?

About 20 years.

What was your first job?

My very first job was weeding gardens.

Describe your first library job.

I was a volunteer church librarian before I became a library technician. My first paid library job was also as a church librarian.

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

I would probably work in a bookstore, own a bookstore or sell books online, because I love books. I've considered working in a museum, a forensic lab, or in archaeology. Actually there are a lot of other things I could do if I didn't like my present job so much.

What do you like best about your current job?

I love working with medical students and enjoy the great sense of community in this workplace.

Describe your favorite conference experience.

I always enjoy the sessions: learning ways to enhance dissemination of health information and work creatively and effectively in the academic environment.

What do you do for fun?

Read, read, read,... sudoku, crosswords, gardening, needlework, bellydance.

Name one person you admire, and explain why.

My brother, Aaron, who is more than the narrow definition of a renaissance man. He is a doctor of clinical psychology, an athlete (cyclist, skis water and snow), artist, fabulous chef, great father, outdoorsman, skilled in home renovation (design and practical), landscaper/gardener, boat designer/builder, musician... The man can accomplish more in one day than many people do in a week. My hat is off to him.

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

Your career is what you make it. Keep on learning, stretching your limits, stepping out of your comfort zone. This is rewarding work limited only by your imagination and desire.

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

Anything with words... Even dictionaries can be fun! Actually I'd probably want a mystery novel by Kathy Reichs or true crime book to read, because I like forensics.