

KRISTEN SEIKALY

ABOUT ME

As a skilled researcher with an artistic background, I aim to make electronic resources clear and easy to use for patrons and staff alike. I believe that collaboration and following current technology trends is the best way to ensure that libraries meet their patrons' research needs. I have a strong interest in copyright and the future of academic technology including artificial intelligence.

EDUCATION

2021-2023 • Wayne State University
Master of Library and Information Sciences

2012-2014 • Westminster Choir College
Master of Music, Voice Performance and Pedagogy

2008-2012 • University of Michigan
Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance
Minor in French

EXPERIENCE

Widener University | Chester, PA
User and Access Services Assistant

November 2019 - Present

- Help patrons with library materials through check outs, check ins, and holds.
- Create and maintain library circulation training and usage guides, signs, and displays.
- Assist patrons with research questions and searching the discovery.
- Develop and maintain the circulating board game collection.

Thirsty Dice | Philadelphia, PA
Gametender

2018-2019

- Assisted customers in selecting and learning board games based on their interests.
- Provided a positive and entertaining experience for customers.
- Organized and maintained the game collection for easy selection and enjoyment.
- Recommended new games for the collection based on customer requests.

Philly Music Lessons, BridgeSet Sound | Philadelphia, PA
Voice Teacher

2014-2019

- Taught technical and musical skills to beginner through advanced voice students on a one-on-one basis through positive reinforcement and feedback.
- Provided information on music theory, genre, and pedagogy as needed.

Crossword Hobbyist, My Word Search | Remote
Web Content Writer

2017-2018

- Wrote articles and managed social media and SEO for Wordpress-powered sites.
- Promoted products to relevant audiences through email campaigns, social media posts, and link building campaigns.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Sierra

Dublin Core

XML and HTML

WordPress

LibApps

MARC

MySQL

Microsoft 365

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PRESENTATIONS

“Building Community Through Meditation at Your Academic Library.” Tri-State College Library Cooperative Spring Program, Philadelphia, PA, April 2023.

Panel Discussion Panelist. Tri-State College Library Cooperative Spring Program, Philadelphia, PA, April 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

Seikaly, K. (2021, November 15). Meditation in the academic library. *College & Research Division of Pennsylvania Library Association*. <https://crdpala.org/2021/11/15/meditation-in-the-academic-library/>

Seikaly, K. (2021, March 10). Imagining board game events in the academic library. *College & Research Division of Pennsylvania Library Association*. <https://crdpala.org/2021/03/10/imagining-board-game-events-in-the-academic-library/>

HONORS AND AWARDS

Margaret Hayes Grazier Endowed Scholarship	2022
Pennsylvania Library Association Conference Grant	2020

CONFERENCES

Association of College & Research Libraries Conference	2023
Tri-State College Library Cooperative Spring Program	2023
Innovative Users Group Virtual Conference	2021-2022
Pennsylvania Library Association Virtual Conference	2020

MEMBERSHIPS

Association of College & Research Libraries
ACRL Gaming Roundtable
Pennsylvania Library Association

EXTRACURRICULAR SERVICE

Soji Zen Center | Lansdowne, PA **2018 - Present**
Soji Zen Center provides teaching and meditation in the Japanese Zen Buddhist tradition. I took the Buddhist precepts in 2021 and have served as the chant leader since 2022.