

KAREN G. SCHNEIDER

EDUCATION

- 2006 University of San Francisco, *M.F.A., Creative Writing*
- 1992 University of Illinois, Urbana, IL *M.S., Library and Information Science*
- 1982 Barnard College, New York, NY *B.A., English*

LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

12/2006 – 4/2007 **Florida State University Libraries**

Acting Associate Director for Technology and Research

- Managed five departments and 16 information technology personnel with a budget of over \$600,000, providing system, server, Web, ERM, media lab, and digital library support for a university library serving 38,000

2001 – 2006 **Librarians' Internet Index (LII)**

Director

- Managed and lead a popular librarian-based, state-funded Web portal, lii.org
- Supervised "virtual office" of 7 part-time librarian-editors
- Developed alternate revenue streams, implemented RSS feeds, lead site development

1999 – 2001 **Shenendehowa Public Library**

Clifton Park, NY

Director of Technology

- Introduced Web and remote databases, staff training, wireless technology, and e-books
- Hands-on support for NT Server and related applications; supervised technical services

1998 – 1999 **Brunswick Community Library**

Brunswick, NY

Director

- Automated small-town library from the ground up in 14 months

1996 – 1998 **Garcia Consulting, Inc.**

New York, NY

Director, U.S. EPA Region 2 New York Library

- Turned little-used eyesore into well-used, highly-regarded flagship unit

1994 – 1996 **Blue Highways**

Wayne, NJ

CEO

- Ran successful Internet training business for 18 months; traveled, taught, and wrote

1992 – 1994 **Queens Borough Public Library, Newark Public Library**

Children's Librarian, Electronic Resources Librarian, Reference Librarian

- Science and business reference; helped write NTIA grant
- Developed one of the earliest Internet training programs

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2002 – 2003 **San Jose State University** San Jose, CA
Adjunct instructor, School of Library and Information Science

- Subject: Organization of Information on the Internet (taught online through Blackboard)

1998 – 2001 **SUNY Albany** Albany, NY
Adjunct instructor, Department of Information Studies

- Subject: Internet services in public libraries

1993 – present **Various** Various
Trainer and presenter

- Short workshops and presentations across the country on various topics pertinent to library services, including intellectual freedom, Internet content filtering, technology trends, and social networking software

OTHER SIGNIFICANT WORK EXPERIENCE

1983 – 1991 **United States Air Force** Worldwide
Aircraft maintenance specialist. Highest rank: captain

- Engine mechanic, later commissioned as maintenance officer; served 5 tours, 3 overseas

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Essay selected as University of San Francisco's 2005 nonfiction submission to the annual "Intro Journals Project" competition of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs
- Accepted Electronic Frontier Foundation 2000 Pioneer Award for library profession
- 1998 Leadership Award, U. Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science
- Article, "Tao of Internet Costs," selected as one of best of the year, The Bottom Line, 1998
- Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT (A SAMPLING)

- Member, ALA Special Task Force on Member Participation, 2006 – present
- Trend Expert, LITA Top Technology Trends panel, 2004 – present
- Founding co-chair, LITA Blogging/Wiki Interest Group (BIGWIG), 2005 – 2006
- Member, ALA Web Advisory Committee, and Chair, Design Subcommittee, 2003 – 2005
- Chair, California Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee, 2002 – 2003
- Chair, New York Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee, 2000
- Councilor, American Library Association, 1997 – 2001, 2002 – 2004, 2004 – 2006
- Expert witness for 1999 First Amendment case, Mainstream Loudon vs. Board of Trustees
- Editorial board member, Web4Lib discussion group, 2002 - present
- Co-moderator, PUBLIB, discussion list for public librarians, 1996 – present
- Founding member, New Jersey Library Association Gay and Lesbian Roundtable

Essays (literary):

- “Chow,” forthcoming, late 2007, *Gastronomica*
- “David, Just as he was,” forthcoming summer 2007, *White Crane*

Book: *A Practical Guide to Internet Filters*, Neal Schuman, 1997

- This book, based on an six-month team-led evaluation of Internet software filters, received positive reviews and was instrumental to the author’s selection as an expert witness for the Mainstream Loudoun First Amendment case.

Book: *The Internet Access Cookbook*, Neal Schuman, 1996

- A librarians’ guide for connecting personal computers to the newfangled Internet.

Column: American Library Association, “Techsource,” 2005 - present <http://techsource.ala.org>

- A wide-ranging online column written by a team of five contributors; topics have included the fundamentals of search technologies, folksonomies, technology lessons from Hurricane Katrina, and a three-part critique of online public access catalogs

Column: “Internet Librarian,” *American Libraries*, 1995 - 2002

- Over eighty monthly columns on technology topics, including E-Rate, filtering, intellectual freedom, new technologies, dead technologies, interviews, the Patriot Act, humor, and much more.

Articles (library technology, general interest): *American Libraries*, *Library Journal*, etc.

- At least one dozen articles (beyond the two columns noted above) in library publications
- Guest editor, *American Libraries*, special issue on library finances
- Short humor piece: “Yo! Guys! Great Shopping!” *The New York Times*, Jul 21, 1996
- Short “reader” piece: “The Librarian’s Image, Unrevised: A profession without a trace of six-figure angst.” *The New York Times*, Oct 29, 2000
- Nonfiction film reviewer, *Video Librarian*, ca. 1999
- Doctoral work developed into published paper: “Children and information visualization technologies,” *Interactions*, vol. 3, no. 5, Sept./Oct. 1996, pp. 68-73.
- “Four Librarians of the Apocalypse; Or, What Part of the Paradigm Don’t You Understand?” *Wilson Library Bulletin*, vol. 69, no. 2, Oct 1994, p35-38
- “Train for the Mission: Librarians vs. Top Guns.” *Library Journal*, February, 1994: 21-22.

Blog: *Free Range Librarian*, 2003 – present <http://freerangelibrarian.com>

- A personal blog on topics ranging from cutting-edge technology to quotidian reflections. Cited in *Pattern Recognition*, the first of several key OCLC reports on libraries and technology. 216,479 page requests for July, 2006.
- Post on user-friendly services, “The User is not Broken,” translated into four languages.

Thesis: *Departments of Defense*, University of San Francisco, 2006

- Personal essays about the internal battlefields of daily living.