

Librarian Professional Identity Statement Essay

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### **Librarian Personal Mission Statement**

As a library aid for special collections and archives, I will do my best to support the preservation of rare materials as well as the upkeep with meticulous organization. In doing so, I not only allow for the materials to be maintained and preserved as best as possible but allow for future patrons to research the same materials. I will also do my best to help adults develop literacy skills as well as children.

### **Personal Identity Statement**

When I was younger, I wanted to be in the medical field, more specifically in the field of psychology; it wasn't until I was in my second year of undergrad that I realized how much I loved the library and books, that I wanted that to be my job instead. Growing up in an immigrant household, I was always the one being pushed to excel in literacy, as my family didn't have the same opportunity to do so in Mexico, with both my grandparents not learning beyond the sixth grade and my parents beyond high school.

In middle school, my aunt and uncle from Mexico stayed with us for a year. That was the first time that I played teacher. I ended up teaching them basic English, assigned them homework, and gave them quizzes. I realized then that I liked writing and reading but not so much teaching. I didn't hate it, but I did love the feeling that it gave me, knowing that I had helped someone better communicate with others.

Over the last year I started volunteering at my local bookstores to help them upkeep with their inventory as well as shipping out books to different states when ordered. As I continued to become more involved with the organizations, I realized that I love being around books and helping people who share the same love of literacy as me. It gave me a sense of joy knowing that it might have been someone's first book or first introduction to the genre; whatever the reason

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may be, sharing literature is a feeling I crave. Most of the time, parents would bring in their children to get books they were interested in, and watching the faces light up was one of my favorite parts about volunteering.

Over the last few months, being a library aid in special collections has made me realize that I did, in fact, choose the right field for me. It not only makes me excited to converse with patrons about their research but also know that my help allows for history to be known and not disregarded or disappear. There is more to working there than just putting books and materials away; it allowed me to learn the ethical practices within the library as well as an inside look at the many things the job has to offer, like cataloging, preserving, and referencing materials that one might be looking for.

Being a librarian allows me to uphold the principle of literary freedom as well as fight back against literary censorship. This is a core value as, in most recent years, the United States government has tried to censor books and issue “banned books.” This allows for history and important materials not to be hidden or hard to access. Another important value as a librarian is allowing for these materials to be accessible, unbiased, and accurate, meaning that one must accept the material/ collection without bribe or unjust reason of wanting to gain or remove material within the library.

As a librarian It would be my job to advocate for the growth of literacy but also ensuring for the upkeep of rare materials that give people a look into history. It is important to me as a librarian and a child of immigrants that I would be able to help people tackle their issues and help them in their research journey. It is also important that I continue to follow and practice ethical practices within the library. Finally, whether that be academically or for work, ensuring that history is being remembered and understood is always a must.

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