



**Kari R. Mitchell**

**Public Adult Librarian / Public School Librarian**

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**Statement of Professional Concerns:**

Since becoming a librarian, I have been an advocate for both Urban Libraries as well as Rural and Tribal Libraries. A product of the great state of North Dakota, I was raised without a public library or even a school librarian. After electing to re-locate back to rural Midwest, I have become reacquainted with the struggles of libraries in rural areas both in the public libraries as well as the school libraries. I have experienced first hand the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in rural communities and how it is currently affecting school libraries as well as public libraries in communities that already face the struggle of not having access to libraries in their communities, the money to hire librarians, or the educated staff to provide the library experience that is the right of all people.

**Previous Positions:**

School Librarian (2018-2019)

District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington, DC  
Powell Bilingual Elementary School

Adult Librarian (2013-2018)

District of Columbia Public Library, Washington, DC  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library (2013-2017)  
Northeast Neighborhood Library (2017-2018)

Adult and Teen Services/Reference Assistant Intern (2013)

Monroe County Public Library, Bloomington, IN

Coder (2012-2013)

*The Algernon Charles Swinburne Project*  
Indiana University, Bloomington, Digital Library Program

**Education:**

Master of Science Library Science	Indiana University, Bloomington July 2013
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Post-Graduate Studies English	University of North Dakota
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