

STEPHANIE LEWIN-LANE

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Career Overview

Librarian, historian, and civic energizer who believes libraries should be alive with curiosity, connection, and community. Brings creative vision and strategic leadership to program development, with a knack for delivering high-impact, immersive experiences on limited budgets. Recognized for building empowered teams that embrace experimentation, collaboration, and bold new ideas.

Education

UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
Master of Library and information
Studies
Master of Music History and
Literature
Bachelor of Arts in Music

Grade I Wisconsin Library
Director Certification- current

Relevant Skills

- Strategic leadership & organizational management
- Community engagement & partnership Building
- Staff development & team building
- Innovative program development
- Technology integration & digital literacy advocacy
- Successful grant writing & oversight
- Experience leveraging creativity, vision, & motivation to make the “impossible” possible

Experience

Feb 2022 - Present

LIBRARY DIRECTOR: *Hales Corners Library, WI*

- Direct all facets of library operations, fiscal planning, and strategic development with a focus on serving community needs and institutional goals
- Build genuine, lasting connections with local organizations, stakeholders, and patrons to boost the library’s presence and impact beyond its walls
- Mentor and uplift a diverse team, creating a workplace culture where people feel supported, valued, and proud of their work
- Spearhead the creation of educational, cultural, and outreach programs that are responsive, forward-thinking, and position the library as a vibrant hub for learning and discovery
- Embrace and implement emerging technologies to expand access, simplify services, and champion digital equity for all

Jan 2020 – Feb 2022	BRANCH MANAGER, SIMMONS & UPTOWN LIBRARIES: <i>Kenosha Public Library, WI</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-led a blended team across two locations and three service desks during the COVID-19 pandemic and Kenosha unrest, supervising direct and shared staff to ensure consistent service, ensure staff well-being, and operational adaptability in a rapidly evolving environment • Oversaw information and research support through direct and virtual means • Responsible for training, managing, mentoring, and evaluating the performance of exempt and non-exempt team members
Sep 2018 - Jan 2020	INSTRUCTION LIBRARIAN: <i>Kenosha Public Library, WI</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and delivered instructional programs and classes with an emphasis on digital, civic, health, information, and financial literacies • Offered self-directed learning experiences by providing instruction through print and online tutorials • Coordinated and participated in collaborative programs and classes presented by patrons or other community members with skills and knowledge to share
Jul 2014 - Aug 2018	COORDINATOR OF THE MUSIC LIBRARY: <i>University of Houston Libraries, TX</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned and administered access and public services and daily operations of Music Library branch • Set goals, created and implemented policies and procedures, and created reports related to library operations and based on data gathered from various resources • Developed and taught information literacy classes and special events and programming
Jan 2013 - Jun 2014	MUSIC LIBRARIAN: <i>G.R. Little Library, Elizabeth City State University, NC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created and maintained new Music Library as satellite location in Fine Arts Building • Cataloged music-specific items; copy and original • Provided general and specialized reference services and information literacy instruction • Editor and contributor of G.R. Little Library and Music Department newsletters
Jan 1985 – Present By appt	MUSICIAN, HISTORIAN, DIRECTOR, AND PRODUCER: <i>Self-Employed, WI</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide specialized, professional performances based defined through diligent client consultation • Organize and promote small and large events using print and online resources • Manage and schedule multiple local performance groups and facilitate performance contract negotiation

Technical Skills

Proficient in: Microsoft Office Suite; Adobe Products; Library Management Systems- SirsiDynex Symphony/Workflows, Sierra, EOS, KOHA, SFX and Voyager; Cataloging- copy and original; Instruction Tools- Google Classroom, Blackboard; Project management tools- Basecamp, Google Keep, Notion, Slack, Trello; Marketing & social media; Website, blog, and LibApps creation and maintenance

Professional Service

Jan 2024-Present Wisconsin Library Association Foundation Board
 • Vice President 2025-Present

Mar 2022-Present Hales Corners Chamber of Business Board
 • Programs Coordinator 2023-2024

Professional Development (selected)

WI Dept. of Public Instruction, "Changing Leadership Styles," Webinar, Winter Web Conference, January 11, 2025.

WI Dept. of Public Instruction, "2023 New Public Library Director Bootcamp," StayBridge Suites-WI Dells, November 7-8, 2023.

WI Library Association, "2023 Leadership Development Institute," six-month, 12 session hybrid course, April 26-October 24, 2023.

WI Library Association, "Mentorship Program," with Nyama Reed, Director- Whitefish Bay Library, one-year program, January-December 2023.

WI Trustee Training Week, "Effective & Efficient Meetings: Parliamentary Procedure," Webinar, August 24, 2022.

United Way of WI, "21 Week Equity Challenge," February 1-June 21, 2021.

YWCA SE WI, "Unlearning Racism" 6 week workshop, Sienna Center Racine, September 19-December 5, 2019.

National Alliance on Mental illness (NAMI), "Crisis intervention Partners Training (CIP)," Gateway Technical College, September 29-30, 2018.

University of Houston Diversity institute, "Intersectionality: A Framework for Socially Just Communities," April 6, 2017.

National Seminars Training, "Creative Leadership Seminar," Houston, TX, February 13, 2017.

National Seminars Training, "How to Deliver Grand-Slam Customer Service," Houston, TX, August 20, 2015.

National Seminars Training, "The Complete Course on How to Supervise People," Houston, TX, July 9, 2015.

DeEtta Jones Workshop, "Managing Change," University of Houston Libraries, January 13-14, 2015.