Regional Transit System Advisory Board

Applicant Package - Member

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Term:20 Oct 2022 - 30 Sep 2024

Positions Available: 2

Number of applicants in this package: 2

- Erekson, Sarah
- Scoville, Harrison

Name : Erekson, Sarah

Address :1520 NE 12th St, Gainesville, 32601

Email :sarah.erekson@ufl.edu

Board Name : Regional Transit System Advisory Board

In what city district do you live? :

District 4

Employer : University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries

Phone Number : 3123012321

Occupation : Regional Government Documents Librarian

Why are you interested in serving on this board? (Please answer separately for each board you are applying to.) :

I live on the northeast side of Gainesville and work on the University of Florida campus. The connection between these two areas by regional transit should be seamless. To use the bus system, I had to walked over a mile to downtown, caught a bus that drove another mile, and then walked the final half-mile to my home. We need a better system. As a specialist in government information, including data, maps, and planning documents, I believe I can be an asset to the board.

How many terms have you served on this board previously? : 0

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Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119? :

No

Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behaviour or another reason? :

No

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee? :

No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern? :

No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee? :

No

Some of the boards and committees appointed by the City Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement? :

Yes

Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within the City of Gainesville and Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all city and county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations? * :

Yes

Do you agree with the following statement? Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Advisory Board Handbook." * :

Yes

Do you agree with the following statement? I understand that this completed application is the property of the City of Gainesville, is subject to public record requests and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. :

Yes

Time of Submission :02/07/23 10:15:21 AM

Attachments:

- sarah-erekson-resum-rev.1-27-23.pdf

Sarah Erekson

(312) 301-2321 serekson@gmail.com

Senior Public Librarian

Government Documents | Project Management | Leadership

Senior Public Librarian with expertise in all facets of government information and managing a staff. Proficient in active listening, critical thinking, and in resolving complex problems. Skilled in collaborating with all members of the organization to achieve branch goals. Instrumental in streamlining and improving processes, enhancing productivity, and implementing technology solutions.

Strategic Partnerships	Training	Administer Programs
Outreach	 Collection Maintenance 	Conducts Research
 Project Management 	 Report Analysis 	 Mentoring

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida - Gainesville, FL *Regional Government Documents Librarian*

Serve as the Regional Coordinator for the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), for 36 selective libraries in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Liaise between Government Publishing Office (GPO) and Selective Depository Libraries to promote and protect access to government information collections. Service the general UF Ask-a-Librarian chat reference. Provide instruction to students, UF affiliates, and community members. Select and evaluate supporting government information resources for the general collection.

Develop an innovative and collaborative plan to share resources around government information access and use with counterparts in Georgia. Propose using networks and technology already in place to efficiently share stewardship of collections that occupy significant storage space: Georgia's topographical maps and Florida's fully cataloged Congressional Hearings.

Plan and implement outreach and student engagement activities at Library West. Cooperate across library branches to develop programs, tabling activities, and other events. Follow fiscal policies, coordinate with communications and social media, and community partners.

Chicago Public Library- Chicago, IL

September 2004–September 2018

Librarian II- Government Documents - Harold Washington Library Center, January 2006- September 2018

Researched and presented bibliographic instruction and government publications and several other reference sources. Served as subject matter expert in the areas of law, government publications, and local history. Nominated as Librarian of the Year in 2009 and 2010. Provided outreach, instruction, and training on historical research. Facilitated collaborative workshops, emphasizing the importance of government documents. Managed the collections of government publications and primary legal materials. Cataloged and assigned classification numbers for local, state, and federal monographs and serials. Coordinated website updates and promotional campaigns. Oversaw hiring for Librarian I and Library Associate positions. Trained and mentored reference staff on legal reference and legislative history. Created quarterly department schedules for the reference staff. Assessed staff and managed daily operations. Managed timesheets and implemented progressive disciplinary system.

September 2018-present

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Librarian I- Adult Services- Brighton Park Branch, September 2004– January 2006

Served as key person when branch manager was unavailable. Managed teen volunteers in various projects. Provided reference services to all library patrons in both English and Spanish. Completed new material orders for adults and teens. Discarded unneeded books in several areas, such as nonfiction, reference, paperbacks.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Masters of Science in Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign, IL

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign, IL

NON-DEGREE COURSES:

Qualtrics Certificate Program, University of Florida, May 2021

Federal Depository Library Program Coordinator Certificate Program, Government Publishing Office, March 2019

Accessible Online Environments, University of Florida, October 2018

The Data Scientist's Toolbox, Johns Hopkins University Coursera, July 2016

Law: Legal Resources, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate School of Information Science, Spring 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Erekson, Sarah. "Chapter 25: Government Information." In Reference and Information Services: An Introduction, edited by Melissa A. Wong and Laura Saunders, 6th Edition, May 2020.

Erekson, Sarah. "Federal Depository Library Program." *Source Magazine*, Fall 2020. P.8-13. <u>https://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00064079/00004</u>

Erekson, Sarah. "Your House Has a History - and it's Easier to Research Than You Think." *The Improver: Newsletter of the North Mayfair Improvement Association*. vol. 38, no. 1, February 2018.

Erekson, Sarah. "Chair's Column" DttP: Documents to the People, 2016-2017.

Erekson, Sarah and Mary Mallory. "Chapter 22: Government Information." In Reference and Information Services: An Introduction, edited by Linda C. Smith and Melissa A. Wong, 5th Edition, August 2016.

Erekson, Sarah. "New and Improved! Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government Re-launches." Chicago Public Library Checking In Newsletter, vol. 1 no. 8, June 2015.

Erekson, Sarah as Chicago in 4D. "Blog posts and quizzes." Chicago Public Library Website, March 2014-June 2017 https://www.chipublib.org/author/chicago-in-4d/

Teper, Jennifer Hain and Sarah M. Erekson. "The Condition of Our Hidden Rare Book Collections: A Conservation Survey at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign." *Library Resources and Technical Services (LRTS)*, vol. 50, no. 3, Fall 2006.

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PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

"Census 101: Basic Numbers for Everyone," Learning Lab webinar, LibLearnX Virtual Conference of the American Library Association, January 2022.

"Succession at Regional Depositories in the Southeast: Recruit Nationally." Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, Collaborative Federal Depository Program Town Hall Virtual Meeting. May 2020.

"Moving Out to Move Up: Tour of the Government Documents Collections held at the Auxiliary Library Facility." Florida Regional Depository Library Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. November 2019

"Government Information for Everyone: Ways to Increase Accessibility of Federal Depository Library Collections," Federal Depository Library Conference. October 2018

"Government Information for Educators: Bringing History to Your Fingertips," Lambda State Convention, Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators, Lombard, Illinois. April 2018

"Tour of the State and Local Documents Collections at Chicago Public Library," GODORT State and Local Documents Task Force, American Library Association Annual Conference, June 2013

"America is Changing – and so is the Census," Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, October 2010

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Active Member & Leader, American Library Association (ALA), 2004-Present Government Documents Round Table (GODORT)

Jury GODORT Awards and Scholarship, convene meetings, direct mentorship program, organize networking events, analyze current committee structure, nominate and appoint colleagues to positions within the organization, moderate panel discussions and facilitate programs, operate a pilot program to assess condition of rare government publications, write proposed bylaws changes.

Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) 2018-present

Member, Collaborative Federal Depository Program Oversight Committee Attend quarterly meetings, revise Southeast Region Guidelines for Management and Disposition of Federal Depository Library Collections, convene and present at town hall meetings, Depository Library Council meetings, and Federal Depository Library Conferences.

> Appointed Member, Illinois Government Depository Council, 2011-2016 Subcommittee of Illinois State Library Advisory Committee

Coordinated with the Regional Librarian, implemented recommendations for program processes, proposed language for administrative rules governing the state documents depository, helped prepare Illinois' state-wide responses to the 2012 Federal Depository Library Program Forecast Survey, and collaborated on the State-Focused Action Plan.

Name :Scoville, Harrison

Address :3317 NW 26th St., Gainesville, FL, 32605

Email :hws2c2009@gmail.com

Board Name : Regional Transit System Advisory Board

In what city district do you live? :

District 2

Employer : Independent Contractor

Phone Number : 817.965.2394

Occupation : Webmaster

Why are you interested in serving on this board? (Please answer separately for each board you are applying to.) :

I currently serve as chair of the RTS advisory. I'm also paratransit certified due to a qualifying disability. I've enjoyed my time on the

board and I feel it is critical someone paratransit certified serve on the board to represent them views of those individuals particularly

given the current state of paratransit service in Alachua County. I feel that my previous time on the board and has given me insight into the strengths and weaknesses facing the system as a whole and I'm now better able to both understand and give advice on future improvements to the system.

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Disclaimer:

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Optional: Gender :

Male

Optional: Ethnicity :

Prefer Not to Answer

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RTS

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Attachments:

- ScovilleH Resume July 22.pdf

Summary of skills Experienced webmaster, tutor, skilled in MS Office systems

Work and Volunteer History

Tutor: Taught French conversational skills to individual students Planned lessons to meet specific needs

Computer skills: familiarity with both office 365 and Google Docs suites. Working knowledge of Squarespace word press and WIX website development platforms.

Webmaster Alachua County Democratic executive committee 2021 – current Chair communications and media committee-Alachua County Democratic executive committee.

Webmaster, Alliance Frances de Gainesville(2017-2018)

Tutor: self-employed, conversational French to students, Gainesville, FL Computer Technician: self-employed, Gainesville, FL

Internet researcher: self-employed, Gainesville, FL Including For Alachua County commissioner Marihelen Wheeler and City Commissioner Harvey War Jr. Chair Regional Transit System Community Advisory Board 2022- present, member since 2019.

freelance web designer: self-employed Gainesville, Florida

- elected Worshipful Master R.T. Schafer Masonic Lodge #350
- Appointed Zone 2b chairman for Masonic leadership training (2022)
- Extensive international exposure and experience, living ten years in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and visiting over 20 countries.
- Team Player and Leadership Aspects: Eagle Scout Bronze Palm, twice elected Senior Patrol Leader, 35 merit badges.
- Volunteer English tutor, Riyadh 2012-2013
- Computer expertise in Microsoft Office, working knowledge of computer hardware, and computer operating systems Windows 95 to Windows 10.
- Hardware and software installation of many common computer components.
 - Freelance French tutor 2015-2016

Bachelor of Science, International Relations, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN, minors in History and French Lifetime member National Eagle Scout Association.