

**Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board**

**Applicant Package - Member**

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**Term:**04 May 2023 - 03 Oct 2025

**Positions Available:** 4

**Number of applicants in this package:** 2

- Erekson, Sarah

- Kates, Heather

**Name** :Erekson, Sarah

**Address** :1520 NE 12th St, Gainesville, 32601

**Email** :sarah.erekson@ufl.edu

**Board Name** :Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area Advisory Board

**In what city district do you live? :**

District 4

**Employer :**

University of Florida, George A. Smathers Libraries

**Phone Number :**

312-301-2321

**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, that is the Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area needs to be managed, beautified, and redeveloped. As a specialist in government information, including maps and planning documents, I believe I can be an asset to the board.

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

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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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 10:04:51 AM

**Attachments:**

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

# Sarah Erekson

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## 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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strategic Partnerships</li> <li>▪ Outreach</li> <li>▪ Project Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Training</li> <li>▪ Collection Maintenance</li> <li>▪ Report Analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administer Programs</li> <li>▪ Conducts Research</li> <li>▪ Mentoring</li> </ul>
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

September 2018-present

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.

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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**

Erikson, Sarah. "Chapter 25: Government Information." In *Reference and Information Services: An Introduction*, edited by Melissa A. Wong and Laura Saunders, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, May 2020.

Erikson, Sarah. "Federal Depository Library Program." *Source Magazine*, Fall 2020. P.8-13.

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Erikson, 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.

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

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

Erikson, 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.

Erikson, 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. Erikson. "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** :Kates, Heather

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District 1

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University of Florida

**Phone Number :**

215-588-8694

**Occupation :**

Data Management Analyst III

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I am a civically minded and community engaged CRA neighbor and parent eager to give a voice to similar stakeholders and contribute to my community in a meaningful way.

My husband and I moved to Gainesville for my education (PhD at UF) and despite our having no family within 1000 miles, we chose to stay and raise our children in Gainesville because of its wonderful and diverse community and amenities.

Although many people think of Gainesville as a great place to raise kids, neighborhoods in the GCRA are not always what they picture and we see many of our peers leave these areas despite their rich community and wonderful access to everything Gainesville has to offer.

My experience as a parent currently raising young children in a GCRA will enable me to offer that specific perspective while acknowledging that we are relative newcomers to our historically-black neighborhood and we continue to learn from and listen to the experience of our neighbors regarding their vision and priorities.

I am excited to live in a community that is changing and growing and would love to be a part of facilitating and supporting those changes as a member of the GCRA Advisory Board.

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**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 :**

Female

**Optional: Ethnicity :**

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

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**Time of Submission :**03/30/23 2:32:15 PM

**Attachments:**

- Resume.Kates.CRA.Advisory.Board.pdf

# HEATHER R. KATES, PhD

Data Management Analyst at the University of Florida and 12-year resident of a Gainesville Community Reinvestment Area

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Fifteen years of educational and professional experience working collaboratively to advance project goals.
- Eight years of experience crafting and communicating data-driven solutions to complex problems.
- Twelve years of investment living, raising children, and renovating family homes in a GCRA.
- Excellent verbal and written communication and collaboration.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### DATA MANAGEMENT ANALYST III | UF DEPT. OF PATHOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

*January 2021-present* | Gainesville, FL

- Design and execute data analysis and present reports to research and clinical faculty with diverse needs.

### POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER | FLORIDA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

*August 2017- December 2020* | Gainesville, FL

- Organized and analyzed big-data projects and disseminated results via papers, presentations, and reports.
- Assisted in obtaining \$752,500 in federal and state funding for projects.

### GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOW | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

*August 2011- 2017* | Gainesville, FL

- Published and presented research results in academic and public outlets.
- Mentored undergraduates who won awards, presented research, and pursued graduate school.

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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

### PHD, GENETICS & GENOMICS | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

*August 2011- 2017* | Gainesville, FL

### BACHELOR OF ARTS, BIOLOGY | OBERLIN COLLEGE

*August 2007- May 2011* | Oberlin, OH

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## SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Ongoing membership and engagement in public and private organizations and events and GCRA neighborhoods (e.g., Matheson History Museum, Cotton Club Museum, Cade Museum, Depot Park events, weekly GNV farmers markets).
- Maintenance and beautification of public and private property including ongoing volunteering picking up trash from GCRA streets with Keep Alachua County Beautiful.
- Raising two civically engaged locally-minded children who love their neighborhood and will attend Gainesville public schools.