
Kristen Seikaly

Objective

To make electronic resources clear and easy to use for patrons and staff alike. Using collaboration and following current technology trends to ensure that libraries meet their patrons' research needs. I have a strong interest in copyright issues as they pertain to information access, along with the future of academic technology including artificial intelligence.

Education

2021-2023	Wayne State University , Detroit, MI Master of Library and Information Science
2012-2014	Westminster Choir College , Princeton, NJ Master of Music, Voice Pedagogy and Performance
2008-2012	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, MI Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance Minor in French

Library work experience

2019-Present	User and Access Services Assistant Wolfram Memorial Library, Widener University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist patrons with library materials through circulation, discovery searches, and reference services. Create and maintain library circulation training, LibGuides, signs, and displays through physical and digital tools. Develop and maintain the circulating board game collection through selection, creating and updating policies, and tracking components. Participate in instructional and outreach groups focused on library services, assessment, and new technology.
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Other work experience

2014-2019	Voice Teacher Freelance; Philly Music Lessons; BridgeSet Sound <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taught technical and musical skills to beginner through advanced voice students through individual instruction. Provided information and instruction on music theory, genre, history, and pedagogy.
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2015-2019	Web Content Writer Freelance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Built Wordpress-powered websites to write and share informative and entertaining articles. Managed social media and SEO to increase website traffic. Promoted products to relevant audiences through email, social media posts, and link building. Generated ideas, wrote, and edited articles on topics for small businesses which focused on informing and entertaining their unique audiences.
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2018-2019

Gametender

Thirsty Dice board game café

- Assisted customers in selecting and learning board games based on their interests, previous gaming knowledge, and group size.
 - Provided a positive and entertaining experience for customers through engaging service.
 - Recommended new games for the collection based on customer requests.
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Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2024

Seikaly, K. "ChatGPT, how do people feel about you?": Emotions, artificial intelligence, and information behavior. *Journal of Web Librarianship*, 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19322909.2024.2382689>

Library Web Articles

2021

Seikaly, K. (2021, November 15). Meditation in the academic library. *College & Research Division of Pennsylvania Library Association*. <https://crdpala.org/2021/11/15/meditation-in-the-academic-library/>

Seikaly, K. (2021, March 10). Imagining board game events in the academic library. *College & Research Division of Pennsylvania Library Association*. <https://crdpala.org/2021/03/10/imagining-board-game-events-in-the-academic-library/>

Select Other Web Articles

2018

Seikaly, K. (2018). Word games to teach kids STEM subjects. *Minds in Bloom*. <https://minds-in-bloom.com/word-games-to-teach-kids-stem-subjects/>

2017

Seikaly, K. (2017, March 6). 5 books for new voice teachers. *Operaversity*. <https://operaversity.com/teaching/5-books-for-new-voice-teachers>

Select Fiction

2018

Seikaly, K. (2018, August). Planetary disappointment. *Lost Balloon*. <https://lost-balloon.com/2018/08/01/planetary-disappointment-by-kristen-seikaly/>

2017

Seikaly, K. (2017, December). Maybe there was danger here. *Thrice Fiction*. <https://www.thricefiction.com/pdf/ThriceFiction021S.pdf>

Presentations and invited lectures

March 2024	Workshop Borin, J., Dorsett, K., & Seikaly, K. (2024, March 19). <i>AI in academia: Ethical uses for new technology</i> . Spring 2024 Spotlight Series. Widener University, Chester, PA. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzvudbwzTec
April 2023	Panel Discussion Naqvi, M., Reale, M., & Seikaly, K. (2023, April 14). [Building community in libraries panel discussion]. <i>New Visions of Community</i> . Tri-State College Library Cooperative, Philadelphia, PA. Presentation Seikaly, K. (2023, April 14). Building community through meditation at your academic library [Presentation]. <i>New Visions of Community</i> . Tri-State College Library Cooperative, Philadelphia, PA.

Technical skills

Cataloging Systems	MARC21, Dublin Core, Linked Data
Languages	FOLIO, Sierra
Applications	XML, HTML, SQL
	LibApps, Wordpress, OpenRefine, MySQL

Professional development

May 2024	Electronic Resources Cataloging <i>Library Juice Academy</i> This course gave hands-on practice in creating original catalog records in RDA for remote access electronic resources such as e-books, e-journals, and streaming media.
April 2024	Understanding the BIBFRAME Model and Vocabulary <i>Library Juice Academy</i> This course gave an overview of Linked Data, BIBFRAME and its vocabulary, and how to transform existing MARC records into BIBFRAME.
March 2024	Adopting Artificial Intelligence in Libraries <i>Library Journal Professional Development</i> This course included live and asynchronous presentations and workshops on tangible ways to apply AI to library communication, programming, and workplace challenges.

Professional affiliations

2021-Present	Association of College & Research Libraries ACRL Gaming Roundtable
2020-Present	Pennsylvania Library Association College & Research Division

Honors and awards

2022

Margaret Hayes Grazier Endowed Scholarship

This award was granted to Wayne State University students for academic excellence.

2020

Pennsylvania Library Association Conference Grant

This grant was received to cover the registration fees of the PaLA conference for first-time participants.

Community service

2022-Present

Soji Zen Center

Soji Zen Center provides teaching and meditation in the Japanese Zen Buddhist tradition. I took the Buddhist precepts in 2021 and have served as the chant leader since 2022.