

LEAH HOWD

MAKER, INSTRUCTOR, LIBRARIAN,
& TECHNOLOGIST



PROFILE

I am a library professional and technologist with a passion for education. I encourage students and collaborators to incorporate their identity and unique outlook into any research project. When teaching, I combine information literacy with design and technical instruction to allow students to develop lifelong, transferable skills.

EDUCATION

University of North Texas

Master of Library Science | 2017

- additional certificate in Distributed Learning Librarianship

College of DuPage

Library Assistant Certificate | 2015

Illinois State University

Bachelor of Philosophy | 2006

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Information & Digital Literacy
- Pedagogical Theory & Practice
- Audio & Video Production Techniques

WORK EXPERIENCE

Technical Instructor

Willem de Kooning Academy | Rotterdam, Netherlands | June 2021 - Present

- Design, implement and manage student-focused podcasting studio.
- Instruct students on podcasting, basics of audio, theoretical and research practices
- Needs assessment, technical assistance, and training in blended learning for instructors in the Stations.

Multimedia & Design Specialist

University of Nevada, Las Vegas | Las Vegas, Nevada | Jan. 2018 - Jan. 2021

- Create and deliver instructional content focused on the use of multimedia & making technologies including video recording, podcasting, music recording, and virtual reality.
- Investigated emerging technology for potential adoption and developed the skills and teaching abilities of student technology mentors.
- Design, implement and manage 5 multimedia studios; 2 podcasting studios, 2 music studios, 1 video studio

Public Technology Assistant

St. Louis Public Library | St. Louis, Missouri | Sep. 2016 - Jan. 2018

- Assisted library patrons with personal electronic devices and library computers. Promoted and educated patrons on all digital offerings such as eBooks, databases, and digital media offered by St. Louis Public Library.
- Assisted with teen and adult programming involving gaming and virtual reality.

Circulation Assistant

City of Allen Public Library | Allen, Texas | Oct. 2015 - Jul. 2016

- Customer service, new member registration, maintained account privacy, and followed all guidelines relating to the circulation of materials.
- Handled monetary transactions and processed damaged or missing items.

PROJECTS

Physical Spaces

- Lead on design of audio and video production studios.
- Collaborator on design of experiential learning spaces for virtual reality, makerspace technologies, and data visualization.

Facilities Management

- Managed 5 audio/video production spaces with regards to technology and facilities.
- Supervised both student and staff workers.

Instruction

- Created and delivered formal and informal instructional content focused on the use of multimedia editing software, multimedia recording, and virtual reality.
- Oversaw production of student projects including podcasts and 360° video.

LANGUAGES

- Native English speaker
- Dutch - conversational

More information on my creative works, professional development, teaching philosophy, and experience can be found on leahhowd.org.

WORK EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

Library Technician/Access Services Assistant

City of Carrollton Public Library | Carrollton, Texas | Aug. 2014 - Jul. 2015

- Compiled and reported circulation statistics, budget information, and information on new materials for internal use as well as the online catalog.
- Provided customer service while assisting with reference questions, technical questions, and the reservation of collaborative spaces.

Patron Services

Lewisville Public Library | Lewisville, Texas | Oct. 2013 - Aug. 2014

- Customer service, new member registration, handles fines, lost items, and all monetary transactions.
- Followed check-in procedures, handled damaged or missing items.

Circulation Assistant

Indian Trails Public Library | Wheeling, Illinois | Apr. 2011 - Sep. 2012

- Registered new members, maintained members' confidentiality, and assisted in the check-out process.
- Handled fines, lost items, and all monetary transactions as well as promoting library programs and services.

Customer Service Associate (contract position)

Spherion Staffing at Aon Hewitt | Chicago, Illinois | Sep. 2010 - Mar. 2011

- Provided customer service, followed guidelines and procedures, assist with health insurance, life insurance, and 401k transactions.

Instructor

I-sponge English Institute Gangdong Campus | Seoul, South Korea | Sep. 2008 - Oct. 2009

- Instructed students and created curriculum.
- Communicated with parents about student progress.

Head Instructor

Seogang Language Program Wangsimni-dong | Seoul, South Korea | Apr. 2006 - Aug. 2008

- Instructed students, created curriculum, organized teachers' schedules and special events.
- Liaised between teachers and school owners.