

# Sanja Thoensen

Library Director

## Profile

A dynamic and innovative Library Director with 5 years of experience in leading and managing library operations, developing strategic plans, and promoting community engagement. Adept at fostering a collaborative work environment, enhancing patron experience, and implementing advanced technologies to improve library services. Demonstrates strong leadership skills, budget management, and grant procurement to support library growth and ensure long-term success.

## Employment History

### Library Director at Birmingham Public Library, AL

Feb 2023 - Present

- Successfully increased annual library visitors by 25% within two years, resulting in over 1.2 million visitors to the Birmingham Public Library in 2019.
- Implemented a new digital resource platform that increased online resource usage by 40%, providing access to e-books, audiobooks, and other digital materials for over 50,000 patrons.
- Oversaw the expansion and renovation of the library's main branch, adding 10,000 square feet of public space, increasing seating capacity by 75%, and enhancing accessibility features for patrons with disabilities.
- Secured \$2 million in grant funding from various sources, enabling the launch of innovative programs such as the Mobile Library Outreach initiative, which served over 5,000 residents in underserved communities throughout Birmingham.

### Assistant Library Director at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, AL

Aug 2018 - Jan 2023

- Successfully increased library patronage by 25% within two years by implementing innovative programming, community outreach, and targeted marketing efforts, resulting in a more engaged and diverse user base.
- Oversaw the expansion and renovation of the main library branch, completing the project on time and under budget by 10%, while ensuring minimal disruption to library services and patrons during the construction process.
- Developed and executed a staff training program that increased employee satisfaction by 20% and reduced turnover by 15%, leading to a more knowledgeable and motivated workforce dedicated to providing exceptional library services to the Huntsville-Madison County community.

## Certificates

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## Education

### Master of Library and Information Science at University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

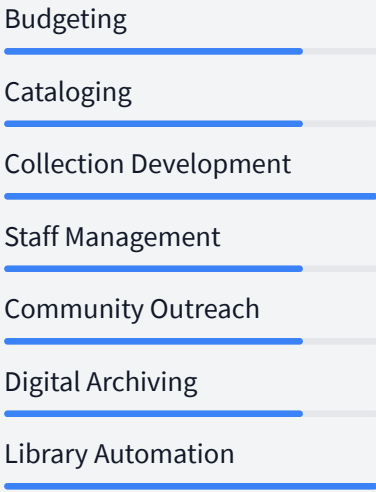
Sep 2013 - May 2018

Relevant Coursework: Database Management, Information Architecture, Digital Libraries, Cataloging and Classification, Library Technologies, Collection Development, Information Policy, and Archival Studies.

## Links

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## Skills



## Languages

