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ARTIST BIO

Shortly after completing her MLIS degree, Virginia McClure apprenticed with Dr. Paul Holbrook, Director of the King Library Press. During that time her work included setting and distributing type, operating, and maintaining Washington handpresses and Vandercook proof presses. She assisted with many of the King Library Press projects, including printing cards, broadsides, and printing and binding books. She was also able to design and execute a few of her own projects. Virginia is currently an MFA candidate in the University of Alabama's Book Arts Program.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Anchorage Public Library, Anchorage, Alaska

- **Library Director** 10/2022 - Current
Duties include developing, coordinating, and administering the various functions of the Anchorage Public Library, as well as determining library program policy and its related public advocacy. Develop policy, plans and procedures, and evaluate all areas of library activity. Oversee personnel, financial management, library operations, promotion, and community relations. Develop and monitor operating and capital budgets, and grant applications. Serve as executive secretary for Library Advisory Board. Liaise with Library Foundation and Friends of the Library. Represent the library at the community, state, and national level.

Treadwell Development, Anchorage Alaska

- **Managing Director, Part Time** 3/2019-9/2022
Duties include information and property management. Providing strategic direction for Arctic-based infrastructure development. Managing, supporting, and developing staff.

Anchorage Public Library, Anchorage, Alaska

- **Assistant Director for Public Services** 6/2017-2/2019
Duties included supervision of Branch managers as well as Adult and Youth Services managers. Provided senior level, system-wide, leadership and strategic direction, and outcome measures in alignment with the library's priorities. Developed vision, goals and objectives for public service locations and programs. Assessed long-term library service needs of community. Developed policies and procedures for the delivery of service to the public. Supported, developed and mentored staff and maintained excellent customer service.
- **Branch Manager, Mountain View Branch** 8/2014-6/2017
Duties include managing the day-to-day operations of a full-service branch, directly supervising four full time employees, one contracted security guard, one VISTA volunteer and indirectly supervising several part-time volunteers. Responsible for adult collection maintenance, branch outreach and adult program creation. Responsible for maintaining branch budget, keeping track of equipment and branch building, and serving on library system committees. Represent branch and library system at community council meetings and other community organizations. Provide patrons print as well as electronic resource reference services. Provide readers' advisory for patrons.

Lexington Public Library Lexington, Kentucky

- **Kentucky Room Manager and Adult Services Assistant Manager** 3/2012-8/2014
Duties included assisting in managing the day-to-day operations of the Adult Services department of the Central branch, including directly supervising six full and part time employees and creating the weekly desk schedule for three floors of the building. Additionally, I managed the non-circulating special collection of Kentuckiana, which includes historic books, periodicals, and photographs as well as an extensive collection of genealogical materials. For this collection, I maintained a budget and made collection development decisions. Provided patrons print as well as electronic resource reference services, including genealogical reference services. Provided readers' advisory for patrons.
- **Adult Services Reference Librarian, Full Time, Tates Creek and Central Branches** 10/2010-3/2012
Duties included managing the Central Computer Commons and supervising five part time computer aides. Collection development and maintenance of adult print and A/V collection. Acted as volunteer coordinator for the branch. Provided patrons print as well as electronic resource reference services. Provided readers' advisory for patrons.
- **Adult Services Reference Librarian, Part-Time** 3/2008-10/2010
Duties included providing patrons print and electronic resource reference services. Provided readers' advisory for patrons. Aided with patrons' computer needs as well as ensured proper use of computers by patrons. Assisted full time reference librarians in library procedures such as collection maintenance and supervision of library support staff.

Library Internships and Apprenticeships

- **King Library Press, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky** 5/2021-Present, 12/2009-7/2014
Summer Intern, casing in an edition of "But It's Not Serious" by Luigi Pirandello, 2021. Apprentice letterpress duties include typesetting, printing, and maintenance on operating Washington and Vandercook presses, bookbinding, designing layouts for posters, broadsides, and cards, 2009-2014.
- **Kentucky Virtual Library, Frankfort, Kentucky** 7/2007-1/2008
Assisted with activities relating to the access and usage of The Kentucky Virtual Library's (KYVL) electronic resources, the implementation of new electronic services, investigating new projects and technologies for use by KYVL and its user communities and other duties as related to the promotion and success of the Kentucky Virtual Library.
- **Lexington Public Library, Village Branch, Lexington, Kentucky** 2/2007-7/2007
Library intern duties included assisting the librarians with programming for children and adults, staffing the reference desk and circulation desk, and working with patrons in a primarily Spanish speaking community and addressing their unique needs.

RELATED CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE

In addition to my 15 years of experience as a chef, pastry chef and restaurant manager, I owned and operated my own Mediterranean themed restaurant, managing a staff of 30 to 40 full and part-time employees.

EDUCATION

MFA in Book Arts, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

- Expected Graduation 2024

M. S. in Library and Information Science, Drexel University iSchool, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Coursework Specialization, 2008

- **Information/Library Services** Integration of collection development, cataloging and classification with new technologies in building library collections.
- **Information Visualization** Examination of new ways to access and distribute information in connection to learning and communication.
- **Management of Digital Information** Focus on database design and management, internet information resource design and how this integrates with human-computer interaction.

B. A. in Organizational Management, Midway College, Midway, Kentucky, 2005

Certificate of Culinary Arts, Cincinnati Culinary Arts Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1993

TECHNICAL and SOFTWARE SKILLS

- **Letterpress and Bookbinding**
Experienced in typesetting, design, and page layout for letterpress. Proficient in operating Vandercook, Chandler & Price and Washington presses. Proficient in bookbinding, book design, book repair. Proficient in book arts techniques such as box making, leather covering, paste paper and paper marbling techniques. Proficient in papermaking using different materials and processes.
- **Emerging Technologies**
Experienced in creating information, educational and marketing entities a variety of social media platforms. Experienced in production of podcasts and blogs for library promotion. Familiar with digitizing process, metadata creation and the semantic web. Experienced with utilizing Raspberry Pi, Makey-Makey and the Scratch programming language for tech programs. Experienced in operation and maintenance of 3D printers such as Prusa i3, the qidi X-one, the Makerbot Replicator, and the related 3D design software.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- College Book Arts Association
- Fine Press Book Association
- Alaska World Affairs Council Board member – 2018
- Leadership Anchorage, Class of 2017
- Lexington History Museum Board member – 2013-2014
- Kentucky Library Association
 - 2010-2011 Special Library Section Chair
 - 2012-2013 Library Administration and Management Round Table Chair-Elect
- Reforma Southeast Chapter Treasurer – 2010-2014

PUBLICATIONS

Marcona Press

- The Mouse, The Bird, & The Bratwurst, by The Brothers Grimm, 2022
- Woman With a Book In Her Hand or The Small Press – A Gesture, by Caroline Reading Hammer, 2021
- Dispose Of It, by Elizabeth C. Denton, 2021
- Burgoo: Not Quite a Soup, Not Quite a Stew, edited by Virginia McClure, 2020
- Peter Was Here, by Virginia McClure, 2020

Virginia McClure

- Mind Your Peas... (an Alphabet Book), by Virginia McClure, 2011

AWARDS

Kentucky Historical Society

- **2014 Kentucky History Award in Education** -The Real Madeleine Pollard eBook| Kentucky Room at the Lexington Public Library
 - Conceived of, developed, and led a project to turn a very rare piece of Kentuckiana into a well-designed ebook that could be checked out through Overdrive.
- **2014 Kentucky History Award in Publications** Central Kentucky Cemeteries Maps | Kentucky Room at the Lexington Public Library
 - Conceived of, developed, and led a project to provide interactive access through Google Maps to historical records in the library's archives.

Urban Libraries Council

- Named a **2014 Innovation Leader in Collections** for The Real Madeleine Pollard eBook

Artists' Books

- **2011 Ecobook Challenge 2nd Place award** - Mind Your Peas... (an Alphabet Book) | hosted by artist Mary Rezney, Lexington, KY 2011
 - I created an artist book made entirely from scrap materials found at the King Library Press.