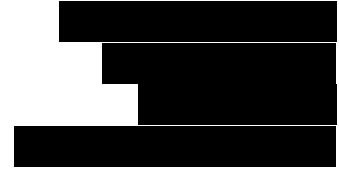


Gary L. Vander Meer



June 16, 2016

Dear Mayor Rey:

Recently I had a discussion with Dee Coover, DeKalb Public Library Director, and Virginia Cassidy, President of the Board of Trustees, about whether I would be interested in serving as a member of the Board. After the discussion, they indicated that if I was interested I should write a letter to you expressing that interest. I am interested, and ask that you consider me for the position.

I have been a resident of DeKalb since 1990, and have lived in the area since 1982. In 2012 I retired from my position as a faculty librarian in the College of Law of Northern Illinois University, serving at that time, and since 1999, as the Associate Director, responsible for technical services and all business matters for the library.

I have been active in this community for many years. Prior to my move from Sycamore to DeKalb I served on the boards of Family Service Agency, where I served as board president for one term, and Habitat for Humanity. Currently I am the treasurer for the board of Barb City Manor, and previously served as its president for a number of years. I currently also serve as the secretary and treasurer for the Kiwanis Club of DeKalb, treasurer for the Friends of NIU Libraries, and financial secretary for Westminster Presbyterian Church.

I believe my experience would be of value to the library as it moves into a new era in the city, with a beautiful building, capable and resourceful staff, and opportunities for attracting more users with new programs and greater outreach to the community it serves.

Thank you for considering my application. If you have any questions, or need any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Vander Meer

Gary L. Vander Meer
Emeritus Professor
Retired, July 2012

David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb IL 60115
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Professional Experience:

Northern Illinois University

David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library

Associate Professor, Associate Director and Technical Services Librarian, 1999-2012. Responsible for supervision of circulation activities; acquisition, cataloging, and processing of library materials; processing of library invoices and billing. Staff the reference desk during school terms.

Technical Services Librarian, 1982-99. Responsibilities included supervision of acquisition, cataloging and processing activities; and processing of invoice and billing activities.

Catalog Librarian, 1981-1982. Responsible for cataloging and processing of library materials.

Other Experience:

United States Navy (1971-79)

Responsibilities included instructing students in nuclear and mechanical systems operations in a land-based naval nuclear power plant; engine room supervision, chemical control for the nuclear plant, and radiation monitoring for all personnel on a nuclear submarine.

Education:

M.A.P.A. (1985)

Northern Illinois University
Department of Political Science
Division of Public Administration

M.S.L. (1980)

Western Michigan University
School of Library Science

B.A. (1971)

University of Illinois
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Publications:

"Report from the Chair. *Technical Services Law Librarian*. Vol. 29, nos. 1-4, (four quarterly articles, Sept. 2003 – June 2005.

"TS-SIS annual survey report." *Technical Services Law Librarian*. Vol. 28. no. 4, June 2003, pp. 21-3.

"Interim automation of library processes: Data Trek for automated serials." *Trends in Law Library Management*. Vol. 1, no. 8, April 1988, pp. 7-8.

Tax increment financing: a bibliography. Monticello, Illinois: Vance Bibliographies, 1987.

Seminars/Workshops Presented:

"We need to learn about another acronym? FRBR: What?, Why?, When?, Me?., Program Presenter, Mid-America Association of Law Libraries 2004 annual convention.

"Judaic and Islamic Classification." Program coordinator and moderator, American Association of Law Libraries 2003 annual convention.

"Revising rules to reflect the new reality: changing the definition of serials in AACR2." Program co-coordinator and moderator, AALL 2001 annual convention.

"Working with Schedules and Tables in Law Classification." Presented at a July 9, 1994 pre-convention workshop: "Cataloging Workshop: the condensed version," as part of the AALL 1994 annual convention.

"Understanding the KF Tables." Presented by invitation at the Second Midwest Regional Conference of Law Libraries, November 1992.

"Understanding the KF Tables." Presented at a Chicago Association of Law Libraries Continuing Education Workshop, November 1991.

"How many rules can you break? Subject headings and classification issues." Co-presented at a CALL Continuing Education Workshop, April 1990.

"Technical Services: Flight or Fight?" Program co-coordinator, AALL 1989 annual convention.

"Using Smartcom II for OCLC access." Presented at a continuing education workshop sponsored by the Illinois OCLC User's Group, May 1986.

University Service (selected)

Mission Statement Task Force
University Assessment Panel representative, Winter/Spring 2012

Reaccreditation Sub-Committee on Ethical and Responsible Conduct I
Committee member, Spring 2012-Spring 2013

University Assessment Panel
College of Law representative, 2004/05 to 2012

University Hearing Committee
Chair, 1 hearing in 1998 and another in 2008

University Parking Committee
Chair, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95
College of Law representative, 1989/90-1991/92

NIU Faculty Club
Secretary/Treasurer, 1983/4 and 1984/5

College of Law Service

Library Committee
Member, 2009/10

Acting Budget Director
May 2010 to October 2011

Budget Committee
Chair, 2010/11 and 2011/12

Professional Activities and Memberships:

American Association of Law Libraries
Technical Services Special Interest Section
Executive Board (as Past-Chair), 2004-05
Chair, 2003-04
Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect, 2002-03
Secretary/Treasurer, 1992-93
Awards Committee, 1992, 1999; Chair, 2000
Technical Services Law Librarian Editorial Board Representative,
1987-89
Cataloging and Classification Committee, 1987- present
On-Line Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section

Education Committee, 1993-94
Constitution and Bylaws Committee, 1987-88

Mid-America Association of Law Libraries
Bylaws Committee chair, 2001-2005

Chicago Association of Law Libraries
Elections Committee, 1982-84; Chair 1983-84

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