

KATHE L. SANTILLO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2003 – present Butler County Community College Butler, PA
Act 48 Workshop Instructor

Offered seven Act 48 workshops through college catalog ranging in topics from designing a research portal to teaching with WebQuests (see workshop Web site at: <http://www.angelfire.com/ks3/teachwithwebquests>

- . Taught an all day Act 48 on *Teaching with Folklore*, April 26, 2003, and *Creating a Student Research Portal* in January 2004.

1997 - present Butler Area School District Butler, PA
High School Library Media Specialist, Butler Area Senior High School
See <http://www.butlershslibrary.com>

Also serve as the Senior High School Computer Coordinator.

1997 – 2-Elementary School Library Media Specialist, Meridian and Broad Street Elementary Schools

- Experience working collaboratively with staff, as well as fulfilling individual professional responsibilities, such as managing budgets; seeking alternative funding sources; developing, maintaining, and instructing information-seeking skills through Internet use; instructing information literacy through integration of content area goals and objectives; reviewing, selecting, and managing media collection.

1996 – 1997 Seneca Valley School District Harmony, PA
Elementary School Library Media Specialist, Haine Elementary School

- Long-term substitute position for one year. Responsibilities were the same as above.

1997 North Hills School District Pittsburgh, PA
Library Teaching Assistant, North Hills Junior High School

- Long-term substitute position for second half of the school year. Assisted the library media specialist in instruction, cataloging, and collection management responsibilities.

EDUCATION

April 2003 Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, PA

Instructional Technology

- Completed graduate level course on *Designing and Teaching Online Distance Learning Courses*, GITED 516. The coursework emphasized addressing multiple learning styles; establishing effective communication with students online; creating an authentic learning environment; promoting student critical thinking skills; course software strengths and weaknesses; and online instructor organization skills.

2001 - 2002 Mansfield University Mansfield, PA

Masters of Education in School Library and Information Technologies

- Summa Cum Laude, Q.P.A. – 3.97. Emphasis of course work on information literacy instruction through core curriculum integration; information access, retrieval, and presentation skills; library media center management skills; collection development; collaboration techniques; curriculum development; Web page development; location of outside funding sources; executions of written proposals for corporate and foundation funding.

1992 – 1995 Slippery Rock University Slippery Rock, PA

Bachelors of Science in Education with certification in Library Science, K-12

- Summa Cum Laude, Q.P.A. 3.927 overall; 4.0 in major. Additional course work completed in methods of teaching language arts, methods of teaching reading, and written communications.

AWARDS AND HONORS RECEIVED

October 2005

Library Research Web Page selected as the Spotlight Classroom Website of the Week by the national educational Website, EduHound.

May 2005

Selected as a Pennsylvania State Keystone for excellence in technology integration by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education, Office of Information and Educational Technology.

February 2005

Selected to appear in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Ninth Edition*.

November 2001

Nominated by the Mansfield University Department of Education and Special Education for membership in Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society in Education.

Spring 1995

Nominated for *Outstanding Senior Woman of the Year Award* by faculty members of Slippery Rock University; Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania.

Fall 1994

Recipient of the *Maree McKay-Esther Smiley Academic Alumni Association Scholarship Award*, Slippery Rock University; Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania.

Spring 1993

First place winner in the *Slippery Rock University Journalism Writing Contest* for feature writing.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

November 2004

PBS purchased rights for article, "Creating a Student Research Portal", published in June, 2003 on TechLearning.com, to be included in their online professional development course site, TeacherLine (www.teacherline.pbs.org) titled *Searching and Researching on the Internet*.

August 2003

Taught a two-day workshop on "Developing and Using WebQuests", where participants were instructed in the fundamental components of a successful WebQuest lesson or unit, and then created thematic WebQuests using html editing software. See workshop Web page at: <http://www.angelfire.com/ks3/teachwithwebquests>

August 2003 and September 2002

Selected by Butler Area School District administration to serve as a mentor for the BASD New Employee Induction Program, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school year terms. Responsibilities include attending inductee/mentor meetings once a month with the newly hired school library media specialist, providing support, and answering questions pertaining to district procedures.

September 2003 to present

Consulted and trained elementary administration and staff on the Accelerated Reader program at Northwest Elementary and

Connoquenessing Elementary Schools in the Butler Area School District.

June 2003

Coordinated and sponsored a Big 6 Workshop at Butler Area Senior High School which was attended by 30 school library media specialists and curriculum coordinators from across the state of Pennsylvania.

June 2003

Authored and published the article, *Creating a Student Research Portal*, published in the *Technology & Learning* online journal, TechLearning.com – June 1, 2003.

May 2003

Selected District Staff Spokesperson for The *Butler Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation*. Appeared on two local radio talk shows to discuss the role of information literacy instruction in the 21st century school library, including the use of technology, as well as speaking to a group of district teaching staff during an Act 48 workshop on grant writing.

October 2002

Recipient of two Butler Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation teacher mini-grants. Funds were used to put into place a grade-level, year-long library research activity with all sixth grade students, culminating in a competition at the end of the school year using the electronic academic game system, *Classroom Jeopardy*, and to purchase and implement a SMART Board to use during library instruction of online resources.

September 2002

Serve as a member of Butler Area School District Curriculum Council team for 2002-2004 school year terms.

August 2002

Regional Facilitator for “Expand your POWER – Information Literacy; Advantages of Online Subscription Database Services and Internet Web sites: a Comparison”, a program designed for educator in-service statewide. Developed by the Commonwealth Libraries Bureau of Library Development’s Continuing Education and Professional Development Program. Attended a *train the trainer* workshop August 2002 in Harrisburg, PA.

August 2002

Instructor for two district-wide faculty in-service workshops. Topics include: “Access Power Databases at the Elementary Level”. Participants were instructed how to integrate POWER Library databases into elementary instruction, and “Developing and Using Webquests”, where participants were instructed in the fundamental components of a successful WebQuest lesson or unit, and created thematic Webquests using online

WebQuests templates.

May 2002

Elected Library Department Chairperson, Butler Area School District for the 2002-2004 term. The BASD library department consists of six elementary and three secondary library media specialists.

January 2001

Recipient of a PCRP-III grant award through the Midwestern Unit IV of Pennsylvania. The funds were used to conduct a research study and report on emergent readers. The Intermediate Unit published the final report in 2001.

October 2000

Group recipient of a LSTA grant for \$21,000 through the State Department of Education for library technology development in the Butler Area School District. Served on the three-person grant writing team and as co-author of the proposal. Grant funds were used to purchase and install Web Collection Plus, a library software program which makes all fourteen library collections in the district available online.

June 2000

Instructor for a district-wide staff workshop on using Access POWER Library online databases, which are provided to school districts by the State of Pennsylvania

January 2000

Started the computerized reading skill and comprehension program, *Accelerated Reader*, at Meridian Elementary School, Butler, Pennsylvania. Responsibilities include overseeing its operation and management of the program building-wide.

June 1998

Member of the Curriculum Writing Team for the library department of the Butler Area School District. We were responsible for reviewing curriculum nationwide; determining district curricular needs; integrating national and state curriculum standards; developing, writing, and implementing new library instruction using learner outcomes and objectives.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Pennsylvania School Librarians Association

National Education Association

Pennsylvania State Education Association

Kappa Delta Pi National Honor Society in Education, 1995

Alpha Beta Alpha Honorary Fraternity for Library Science Majors, 1991
