

Brandon G. Kidd

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Highlights of Application

- ✓ advocate for library services with a proactive, client-centred mindset
- ✓ community developer and volunteer with experience in communications and promotions
- ✓ entrepreneur with an established reputation for professionalism and reliability
- ✓ professional with project management experience who is quick to learn and adapt
- ✓ award-winning instructor and presenter with excellent reviews and references

Software Experience

- ✓ Operating Systems: Microsoft Windows, Apple OS, Linux Desktop
- ✓ Web Authoring: WordPress, Pinegrow, Notepad++, HTML/CSS
- ✓ Media: GIMP, IrfanView, Photoshop, Audacity, Scribus, OpenShot
- ✓ Productivity: Microsoft Office, LibreOffice, Zotero, HootSuite, MailChimp
- ✓ Library Systems: Polaris, Koha, Greenstone, Sirsi, MyTurn, MARC Edit

Education

- Master of Information, Library & Information Science** 2017
- University of Toronto, iSchool, with honours
 - transcript includes graduate-level project management course
- Bachelor of Education, Intermediate & Secondary Instruction** 2009
- Lakehead University, with highest honours
- Master of Arts, Media & Culture Studies** 2008
- University of Guelph, with distinction

Conference Participation

- Lending Libraries Symposium, Institute for a Resource-Based Economy** 2017
- presented: "Information Horizon Interviews at the Guelph Tool Library"
- iSchool Special Libraries Exhibition, University of Toronto** 2016
- presented poster: "Building the New Guelph Tool Library"
- Upper Grand District School Board's Rainbow Coalition Conference** 2016
- tabling/outreach for "Out On The Shelf" (LGBTQ Lending Library)
- Ontario Libraries Association Superconference** 2016
- poster: "Out On The Shelf LGBTQ Lending Library"
- "Building Futures" — Lakehead University** 2009
- attended workshops on curriculum design, instruction, etc.
- T.A. Conference – Teaching Support Services, University of Guelph** 2007
- presented: "Preparing & Delivering: The First Day of Class"
- "Tarsands Revealed" — Council of Canadians** 2008
- organized & presented: "Canadian Press Media Filters at Work"
- Advocates For Responsible Curricula, University of Guelph** 2007
- organized & hosted
- SETS Master of Arts Colloquium, University of Guelph** 2007
- presented: "Greening 'Canada's New Government'"

Library Work Experience

- Assistant to Coordinator of Youth Services, Cambridge Idea Exchange** *Summer 2017*
- assess efficacy and impact of recent technology investments
 - develop training resources for staff on various technologies
 - research and report on use and integration of STEAM learning resources in children's programming
 - 8-week work placement through the University of Toronto, iSchool
- Librarian, Guelph Tool Library (www.guelphtoolibrary.org)** *2016-Present*
- develop and maintain a website and web-based catalogue
 - supervise and train other library staff
 - develop and implement knowledge management strategy
 - catalogue and photograph a collection of tools and other resources
- Library Services Consultant, Out On The Shelf (www.outontheshelf.com)** *2015-Present*
- Conduct outreach, marketing activities, and volunteer training
 - Draft and manage budget for library operations
 - Manage purchasing, cataloguing and processing of materials
 - Liaise with board members and volunteer coordinators
- Circulation, Guelph Public Library (www.guelphpl.ca)** *2010-Present*
- circulation desk, occasional Bookmobile driver, managed registrations
 - staff library's "Tech Bar" and provide assistance/training to patrons
 - answer reference queries from public, monthly book club host

Additional Work Experience

- Continuing Education Instructor, Upper Grand District School Board** *2014-2015*
- taught a range of creative writing and composition classes
- Sole Proprietor, Cellar Door Press (www.cellardoorpress.net)** *2013-Present*
- website/publication design and content for a range of clients
 - extensive contract work with the publishing industry
- Teacher, Cotelands Secondary School, Ruskington, Lincolnshire, UK** *2009-2010*
- plan lessons and instruct students aged 11-16 in English and Drama
- Communications Coordinator & General Volunteer, Guelph Greens** *2003-2014*
- design environmentally-themed publicity, website, etc.
 - manage communications budget, liaise with media contacts
- T. A., University of Guelph, School of English & Theatre Studies** *2006-2008*
- grade assignments/exams, manage online discussion, lead seminars
- Assignment Officer, University of Guelph, Student Housing Services** *2001-2005*
- supervise summer staff, coordinate room assignments, design publicity
- General Volunteer, Kadampa Meditation Centres** *2005-Present*
- Maintain website, assist with programming, lead introductory classes

Awards & Recognitions

- iSchool, University of Toronto** *2017*
- Kathleen Reeves Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in a special library work placement project (Guelph Tool Library)
- School of English & Theatre Studies, University of Guelph** *2007*
- Nancy Bailey Award for excellence as a teaching assistant