

ELIZABETH MARTINEZ

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A dynamic Educator and Librarian seeking innovative Public Interest ventures. Experienced in the development of community public libraries with community engagement and perspectives. A proven innovator and Idea creator of programs and services, and with a record of accomplishments at each position held. Speaker at conferences and consultant on the future of libraries. Career papers at Stanford University.

SKILLS

- Accomplishing Goals & Objectives
- Master Facilities Planning
- Identifying Opportunities
- Creating Initiatives to Address Needs
- Community Engagement
- Development & Fundraising
- Motivational Speaker
- Idea Person
- Interpersonal Relationships

EXPERIENCE

APRIL 2015-CURRENT

*NM State Library Commissioner | State of New Mexico, Department of Cultural Affairs
| Santa Fe, NM*

Advise on statewide library services, and recommend new programs. Advocate for legislative program funding. Liaison to statewide organizations for partnerships on literacy, rural library services, grants, and resources for public and Tribal libraries.

JUNE 2017-CURRENT

Librarian | Southwest Acupuncture College | Santa Fe, NM

Manage the college library:

- Expand and maintain collections.
- Monitor yearly Budget Action Plan.
- Liaison to faculty on materials and services.
- Supervise student worker.

AUGUST 2007-AUGUST 2014

City Librarian | City of Salinas | Salinas, CA

Responsible for citywide library service at 3 libraries, and 2 bookmobiles.

- Budget \$5 million, 68 employees
- Built new Cesar Chavez Library in East Salinas: Raised \$1 million from foundations and private donors; Opened to 3000 residents waiting to get inside, and averages 1000 daily visitors. Major partnership with California Endowment for construction and youth leadership programs, David and Lucile Packard Foundation on a Literacy Center, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium for a live feed to Wild Ocean experience at Cesar Chavez Library.

- Received \$714,000 IMLS grant for a two year Library Centennial celebration with Literary Landmarks on sidewalks, Art Boulders with author sayings thought the city, and a Festival attended by 15,000 residents. The National Steinbeck Center was the major partner.
- Implemented Mayor's project for all 39,000 K-12 public school students to receive a library card.

JANUARY 1998-DECEMBER 2010

Adjunct Faculty UCLA, University of Arizona, San Jose State University | Various

- Senior Fellow at UCLA; Secured \$1 million grant for Information Literacy initiative. Taught Cultural Lens, and Foundation courses at University of Arizona Knowledge River program, and at San Jose State University.

APRIL 1994-AUGUST 1997

Executive Director | American Library Association | Chicago, IL

Leadership for 68,000 members of the largest, oldest library association in the world.

- Passed a \$1 million membership increase for a new the Washington Office; increased visibility, technology, and intellectual property expertise.
- Established the Spectrum Scholarship program for librarians of color; over 1163 new librarians of color to date.
- Secured \$200 million from Bill Gates for a 21st century project of computers and Internet connectivity for public libraries in poor states, and communities.
- Established the Office of Information Technology for research and development. Oversight of \$26 million Budget and Investments.

APRIL 1990-JUNE 1994

City Librarian | City of Los Angeles | Los Angeles, CA

Responsible for 96 community public libraries throughout the city; Administrator for all programs and services.

- Represented the City at events, meetings, and to organizations, community groups. Constructed and opened the 500,000 square foot renovated and expanded Central Library; 80,000 residents attended opening event.
- Established Facilities Master Plan for 23 new and renovated libraries. Oversight of \$68 million Budget and Facilities Planning Budgets.
- Hosted hundreds of authors, celebrities, and officials.
- Liaison to 55 Friends of the Library groups, and community organizations.
- Established the Foundation for the Los Angeles Public Library.

APRIL 1979-MARCH 1990

County Librarian | County of Orange | Santa Ana, CA

Responsible for the administration of 23 city and community libraries throughout the county.

- Developed a Facilities Master Plan for growing South County.
- Constructed, renovated and opened nine libraries. The San Juan Capistrano Library received many international awards.
- Established cultural collections for American Indians, and Black Americans, and language collections in Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Japanese in communities with high populations.
- Oversight of \$23 million Budget, and Facilities Planning Budgets.
- Created the Literacy Foundation of Orange County.

JUNE 1969-MARCH 1979

Chief of Public Services (and various other positions) | County of Los Angeles | Los Angeles, CA

Held various positions from Librarian to Regional Librarian to Chief of Public Services.

- As Chief of Public Services, responsible for 104 libraries in cities and unincorporated areas, and 3000 employees, programs and services.
- Regional Librarians for library services to eight County prisons, and Juvenile Hall.
- Regional Librarian for 24 libraries in the east/central area of the County; responsible for all programs, services and facilities.
- Head Project Librarian for a major Federal grant to serve the Spanish Speaking in East Los Angeles, and Black Americans in South Central Los Angeles communities.
- Established Resource Centers to document the local history of American Indians, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Black Americans, and Chicano communities that still exist.
- Oversight of various budgets ranging to \$32 million.

EDUCATION

1967

Master of Science: Library Science

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

1966

Bachelor of Arts: Latin American Studies

University of California, Los Angeles, CA

AWARDS

A select list of awards and recognition:

- The *Elizabeth Martinez Lifetime Achievement Award for REFORMA*, a national organization promoting library services to the Spanish Speaking and Latino people.
- *Recognition Award* from the State of California Legislative Congress on professional accomplishments
- *Elizabeth Martinez Scholarship*, REFORMA Los Angeles Chapter
- *Pen West Award for Innovation*, Los Angeles Chapter
- *Atkinson Award*, ACLU Monterey County CA
- *Monterey Bay Aquarium Community Partnership*
- *Award ALA Equality Award 2013*