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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE – Dr. Heezen has been a prominent leader in libraries in Texas and elsewhere for more than 3 decades. Among his accomplishments are the following::

- Developed collaboratives with community partners and other libraries.
- Oversaw the development of strategic plans for six library systems and aided three other library systems in crafting their plans.
- Built seven libraries—the last two without debt for the library district.
- Guided five libraries into adopting cutting edge resources, technologies, and services
- Embraced social media sources as a crucial aspect of library services.
- Premiered library coffee shops for Middle America during 1998 in Omaha, Nebraska.
- Employed a custom-programmer to offer the first itemized receipts for materials checked out (LPL, 1988) and, at the same time, to offer one of the first online catalogs (at 300 baud!).
- Incorporated six and advised seven 501(c) 3 foundations to aid non-profit organizations (including libraries) in their fundraising.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (selected list)

- Principal and CEO, Heezen Associates (Library Building and Management Consulting), 1986 – present
- Founder and Board Member, Shreve Memorial Library Foundation, Inc., 2011 – present
- Executive Director, Las Vegas – Clark County Library District, 2014 – 2020
- Adjunct Faculty, Texas Women's University SLIS, 1993-2019
- Executive Director, Shreve Memorial Library System, Shreveport, LA, 2009-2014
- Director, Green Gold Library System in NW Louisiana, 2009 – 2014
- Director, Frisco Public Library in Frisco, TX, 2003 – 2009
- Founder and Board Member, Frisco Public Library Foundation, Inc. 2003 – 2009
- Executive Director, Omaha Public Library, 1998 – 2003
- Director, Longview Public Library in Longview, TX, 1988 - 1998
- President and Founding Director, Forest Trail Library Consortium, Inc. in Longview, TX, 1988 - 1998

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Library Science, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, 1987-1997
M.L.S. Degree, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, 1978.
B. A., History, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1973.

HONORS AND AWARDS (selected list)

- Nevada Librarian of the Year, 2019
- Highsmith Award for Best Program, Frisco Public Library, 2007
- Outstanding Service Award, Rotary Club of Frisco, TX, 2008