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Education and Professional History

Higher Education

- MA, Political Science, Journalism & Mass Communication minor, Iowa State University, 2014
- Graduate Certificate, Public Management, Iowa State University, 2013
- MA, Information Resources and Library Science, University of Arizona, 2002
- BA, History major, Spanish and Anthropology minors, University of Northern Iowa, 1998
- AA, Southeastern Community College, West Burlington IA, 1996

Professional and Academic Positions

Associate Professor of Practice University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science, Iowa City, IA	Aug 2025 - present
Director, Bobbi L. Newman Consulting, Iowa City, IA	May 2008 – Present
Community Engagement and Outreach Manager (Senior Librarian) Network of the National Library of Medicine, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA	Jun 2019 – Aug 2025
Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist (Expert Librarian), Network of the National Library of Medicine, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA	Jul 2016 – Jun 2019
Digital Branch Manager Chattahoochee Valley Libraries, Columbus, GA	May 2009 – Apr 2011
Adjunct Instructor University of Missouri, Columbia, MO	Jan 2009 – May 2009
Digital Services Librarian Missouri River Regional Library, Jefferson City, MO	Feb 2005 – May 2009
Director of Library Services (Librarian II) Raytheon, Tucson, AZ	Jun 2002 – Feb 2005

Honors and Awards

- SPOT Performance Award, University of Iowa, 2023
- SPOT Performance Award, University of Iowa, 2020
- Teaching Excellence Award, Iowa State University, 2014

- Young S. Lee Excellence in Public Management Scholarship, Iowa State University, 2014
- Mover & Shaker, *Library Journal*, 2011
- Individual Achievement Award, Raytheon, 2004.
- Individual Achievement Award, Raytheon, 2003.

Current Memberships

- Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)
- Iowa Library Association
- American Library Association
 - CORE, A Division of The American Library Association
 - Public Library Association, A Division of The American Library Association
- Association of Rural and Small Libraries

Teaching

Teaching at the University of Iowa

Graduate level class in the SLIS Program.

Year	Course Number	Course Name	G/UG	Modality	Number of Students
Fall 2026	SLIS 5042	Public Libraries	G	Online, Synchronous	
Fall 2026	SLIS 6130	Community Engagement	G	Online, Synchronous	
Fall 2026	SLIS:6520	Practicum in Libraries & Info Centers	G	Online, Asynchronous	5
Spring 2026	SLIS:6170:0EXE	Management, Teams, and Leadership	G	Online, Synchronous	30
Spring 2026	SLIS:6170:0EXW	Management, Teams, and Leadership	G	Online, Synchronous	30
Spring 2026	SLIS:6520	Practicum in Libraries & Info Centers	G	Online, Asynchronous	13
Fall 2025	SLIS 5042	Public Libraries	G	Online, Synchronous	20
Fall 2025	SLIS 6130	Community Engagement	G	Online, Synchronous	15
Fall 2025	SLIS:6520	Practicum in Libraries & Info Centers	G	Online, Asynchronous	18

Additional Instruction

Courses for the Network of the National Library of Medicine. Continuing education credit awarded by the Medical Library Association (MLA) toward the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) certification.

Start Date	Title	Credits	Students
2025, Jan	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	77

2025, Jan	Exploring Complementary and Integrative Health: Information, Resources, and Evaluation	6	77
2024, Mar	Exploring Complementary and Integrative Health: Information, Resources, and Evaluation	6	126
2023, Nov	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	101
2023 Oct	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	64
2022, May	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	50
2021, Jan	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	100
2020, Nov	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	146bb
2020, Sept.	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	159
2020, Sept	Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community for Public Libraries	12	30
2020 May	Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community for Public Libraries	12	32
2020, Apr	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	97
2020, Feb	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	159
2020, Feb	Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community for Public Libraries	12	31
2019, Nov	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	50
2019, Sept	Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community for Public Libraries	12	32
2019, June	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	69
2019, May	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	199
2019, Apr	Wellness in the Library Workplace	4	152
2019, Feb	Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community for Public Libraries	12	90
2018, Oct	Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community for Public Libraries	12	68
2018 July	Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community	12	75
2018, Apr	Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community	12	45

Additional Continuing Education Classes

These courses were developed as part of my work as a consultant.

Date	Title	Organization	Contact Hours
2026, Aug	Rest, Resilience, and Regrounding	Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) 2026 CE Forum.	4 hours
2023, Jun	Workplace Wellness	Public Library Training Institute, South Dakota Public Library	2 hours, virtual

2010, Oct	Managing the Info Pipeline: Evaluating & Implementing New Tools with Tom Ipri	Internet Librarian, Preconference workshop	3 hours
2010, Aug	Reference in the 21st Century	Missouri State Library	16 hours
2010, June	Technology Workshop for Library Media Specialists	Portsmouth Public Schools, Portsmouth VA)	7 hours
2009, Oct	Keeping Afloat	Internet Librarian, Preconference	3 hours
2009, Apr 30	Reference in the Electronic Age	Arrowhead Library System	8 hours
2009, Apr 29	Reference in the Electronic Age	Arrowhead Library System	8 hours
2009, Apr 28	Reference in the Electronic Age	Arrowhead Library System	8 hours
2009, Apr 27	Reference in the Electronic Age	Arrowhead Library System	8 hours
2009, Apr 9	Reference in the Electronic Age	Arrowhead Library System	8 hours
2009, Apr 8	Reference in the Electronic Age	Arrowhead Library System	8 hours
2009, Apr 7	Using Video Games as Outreach	Arrowhead Library System	4 hours
2009, Apr 6	Reference in the Electronic Age	Arrowhead Library System	8 hours
2008, Aug	Becoming 2.0	Missouri State Library	16 hours

Students Advised

Provide individualized academic advising through a holistic, student-centered approach aligned with each student's educational and professional goals. Develop personalized plans of study and guide students through program requirements, specializations, and degree milestones. Conduct semester advising meetings to review academic progress and authorize course registration. Evaluate degree audits to determine eligibility for student teaching placements. Connect students with campus resources. Monitor progress toward graduation.

Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) Coordinator

As U2G Coordinator for SLIS, I advise undergraduates simultaneously completing graduate-level coursework across accelerated 4+1 tracks, including the Certificate in Special Collections and Archives. The dual enrollment requires closer monitoring of GPA requirements and academic standing, and more individualized guidance than standard undergraduate advising.

Semester	Incoming U2Gs	Enrolled U2Gs	Graduate Students	Total Students
Fall 2026		21	11	32
Spring 2026	9	11	19	39

Fall 2025				33
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Potential Practicum Students.

Meet with prospective practicum students to discuss program requirements, placement options, and professional goals. Help students identify sites aligned with their interests and ensure they meet eligibility criteria prior to placement.

Semester	Total Students
Fall 2026	
Spring 2026	8

Innovations in Teaching (Other Teaching Contributions)

- Summer redesign of 6170 Management, Teams, and Leadership so that student competency is more accurately demonstrated and assessed
- Spring 2026 Rebuild of 5042 Public Libraries to meet new accessibility standards
- Spring 2026 Rebuild of 6130 Community Engagement to meet new accessibility standards and update content to be more inclusive of all librarian career paths
- Development of SLIS XXXX Funding and Grant Writing For Information Organizations
- Fall 2025 Rebuild of 6170 Management, Teams, and Leadership to meet new accessibility standards
- Fall 2025 Rebuild of 6520 Practicum in Libraries & Info Centers to meet new accessibility standards

Scholarship

Publications or Creative Works

Books

Martin, C., Newman, B.L. (forthcoming). *The Public Librarian's Guide to Answering Health Questions*. ALA Editions.

Newman, B. L. (Ed.). (2025). *Well-Being in the Library Workplace: A Handbook for Managers*. ALA Editions.

Newman, B. L. (2022). *Fostering wellness in the workplace: A handbook for libraries*. ALA Editions.

Newman, B. L., & Tijerina, B. (Eds.). (2017). *Protecting patron privacy: A LITA guide*. Rowman & Littlefield.

Book Chapters

Newman, B.L. (2026). Burnout and Psychological Safety: Intertwined Challenges in Library Management. In N. Keppler (Ed.), *Librarianship Beyond the Textbook*. Rowman & Littlefield.

Newman, B.L. (2021). Moving Health and Wellness Online at Your Library. In Hughes, K.M., Santoro, J. (Ed.) *Pivoting During the Pandemic: Ideas for Serving Your Community Anytime, Anywhere* (25-29). Chicago: ALA Editions.

Newman, B.L. (2013). Should Libraries Get Out of the E-Book Business? In D.A. Miller (Ed.), *E-Books*. Greenhaven Press.

Newman, B.L., Porter, M., Weaver, M. (2012). E-Book, Sea of Change in Public Libraries. In Polanka, S. (Ed.), *No Shelf Required II*. Chicago: American Library Association

Newman, B.L. (2010). Taking Readers Advisory Online. In J.E. Moyer & K.M. Stover (Eds.), *Readers' Advisory Handbook*. Chicago: American Library Association.

White papers

Newman, B.L. & Public Library Association. (2026). PressReader

Newman, B. L., Hughes, K., & Public Library Association. (2025). *Expanding Possibilities: Public Libraries and Adult Learning—Insights and Innovations from the Field*. Public Library Association.

Articles

Newman, B. L. (2024, May 10). *Libraries as Beacons of Support: Empowering Communities During Mental Health Awareness Month*. Public Libraries Online. <https://publiclibrariesonline.org/2024/05/libraries-as-beacons-of-support-empowering-communities-during-mental-health-awareness-month/>

Newman, B. L., & Sheppard, M. (2024, Mar 8). *Exploring Complementary and Integrative Health Approaches and Resources*. Public Libraries Online. <https://publiclibrariesonline.org/2024/03/exploring-complementary-and-integrative-health-approaches-and-resources/>

Newman, B. L. (2024, Jan 9). *Period Poverty Resources at the Library*. Public Libraries Online. <https://publiclibrariesonline.org/2024/01/period-poverty-resources-at-the-library/>

Newman, B. L. (2023, Sept 1). *Care and Consideration*. American Libraries Magazine. <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/?p=139459>

Newman, B. L. (2023, Jul 3). *Network of the National Library of Medicine – Health Information at the Library*. <https://publiclibrariesonline.org/2023/07/network-of-the-national-library-of-medicine-health-information-at-the-library/>

Newman, B. L. (2021, Feb 23). *A Holistic Approach to Library Staff Health and Wellness*. WebJunction. <https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/holistic-approach-to-library-staff-health-and-wellness.html>

Newman, B. L. (2017, Oct 22). *Promoting Healthy Communities: Connecting Public Libraries with Health Information*. Public Libraries Online. <https://publiclibrariesonline.org/2017/10/promoting-healthy-communities-connecting-public-libraries-with-health-information/>

Interviews/Podcasts

Arbuckle, M. (Host), Freitag, G. (Producer). (2025, December 22). *Wellbeing in the Library Workplace* (S7 E8) [Audio podcast episode]. In *Library Land Loves*. Ontario Library Association.

Kennard, L. (Host). (2025, July 20). Bobbi L. Newman – Owner of Bobbi L. Newman Consulting [Audio podcast episode]. In *The Librarian Linkover*. Lorene Kennard.

Thomas, S. (Host). (2025, May 19). Well-Being in the Library Workplace: A Handbook for Managers, with Bobbi L. Newman (No. 285) [Audio podcast episode]. In *Circulating Ideas*. Steve Thomas.

Hayes, L. (2025, Feb 18). *Interview with the Editor: Bobbi L. Newman on Well-Being in the Library Workplace* [Think Clearly Blog]. Lucidea. <https://lucidea.com/blog/newman-on-well-being-in-the-library/>

Hakala-Ausperk, C. (2025, Feb). *Fostering Wellness In the Library Workplace: A Handbook for Libraries* [Interview]. Public Libraries Magazine.

Boncoglu, K. (Host). (2012, April). *BiblioTech* [Broadcast].

Selected Blog articles

Selected Blog Posts | *Librarian by Day* (librarianbyday.net) A long-running professional blog covering workplace culture, employee well-being, and the evolving role of libraries in the digital age.

2025, Nov. *The 7 Types of Rest Librarians Actually Need and How to Get Them*.

<https://librarianbyday.net/2025/11/06/the-7-types-of-rest-librarians-actually-need-and-how-to-get-them/>

2025, Nov. *How to Navigate Burnout When You Can't Control the Causes*

<https://librarianbyday.net/2025/11/24/how-to-navigate-burnout-when-you-cant-control-the-causes/>

2025, Jan. *Not Everything That Matters Can Be Measured: A Reflection on Burnout, Psychological Safety, and The State of the World*. <https://librarianbyday.net/2025/01/25/not-everything-that-matters-can-be-measured-a-reflection-on-burnout-psychological-safety-and-the-state-of-the-world/>

2024, Nov. *What is a Culture of Workplace Well-Being?* <https://librarianbyday.net/2024/11/15/what-is-a-culture-of-workplace-well-being/>

2024, Aug. *Work Isn't the Solution to the Loneliness Epidemic*. <https://librarianbyday.net/2024/08/30/work-isnt-the-solution-to-the-loneliness-epidemic/>

2024, May. *Causes of Burnout in Libraries*. <https://librarianbyday.net/2024/05/31/causes-of-burnout-in-libraries/>

2023, Apr. *Supporting Menopause in Libraries for Workplace Wellbeing*.

<https://librarianbyday.net/2024/04/19/supporting-menopause-in-libraries-for-workplace-wellbeing/>

2024, Apr. *Psychological Safety in Libraries and the Veneer of Niceness*.

<https://librarianbyday.net/2024/04/05/psychological-safety-in-libraries-and-the-veneer-of-niceness/>

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Articles

Newman, B. L. (May 2025). Building Psychological Safety in Academic Libraries: Fostering Innovation, Well-Being, and Engaged Teams. *College & Research Libraries News*, 86(5),188.

<https://doi.org/10.5860/crln.86.5.188>

Kiscaden, E., Newman, B., Malachowski, M., & Martin, C. (2019). Developing an Online Consumer Health Course for Public Library Staff. *Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet*, 23(3), 249-260.

Conference Presentations

2025, May. *Burnout and Women's Health: Systemic Solutions for Lasting Well-Being*, [Lightning Talk], ACRL Women and Gender Studies Section Research Committee, Virtual.

2025, May. *Building Stronger Communities: A Toolkit for Mental Health Information Partnerships* [Lighting Talk]. Des Moines, IA.

2025, May. "From Overwhelm to Action: Prioritizing Purpose in a Demanding Academic Landscape". Des Moines, IA.

2025, May. *Burnout and Women's Health: Systemic Solutions for Lasting Well-Being*. ACRL Women and Gender Studies Section Research Committee – Virtual Program. Virtual.

2024, Oct. With Schlesselman-Tarango, G. *Community Connections for Mental Health: A Toolkit for Mental Health Information and Programming Partnerships*. Iowa Library Association Annual Conference 2024. Des Moines, IA.

2024, Oct. *Practical Solutions for Surviving Burnout*. Iowa Library Association Annual Conference. Des Moines, IA.

2023, Oct. *Wellness in the Library Workplace*. Iowa Library Association, Dubuque, IA.

2023, Oct. with Helmick, S., & Fiester, C. *Building Bridges for Mental Health: Creating a Toolkit for Effective Community Partnerships*. Iowa Library Association, Dubuque, IA.

2022, May. *Wellness in the Workplace*. Association of College & Research Libraries (ILA/ACRL), Cedar Falls, IA.

2019, Jan. with Martin, C. *Public Libraries as Partners in Healthy Communities*, ALA Symposium on the Future of Libraries. Seattle, WA.

2018, Oct. With Allen, S., *Stronger Together: Public/Private Partnerships*. Internet Librarian, Monterey, CA.

2018, Mar. with Martin, C., *ABCs of DNA: Unraveling the Mystery of Genetic Information for Consumers*. Public Library Association (PLA), Philadelphia, PA.

2017, Oct. *Building Healthy Communities*, Internet Librarian. Monterey CA.

2017, Oct *K-12 Science and Health Education Resources*. Wisconsin Library Association Conference. Wisconsin Dells, WI.

2017, Oct. *Public Libraries and Healthier Communities*. Wisconsin Library Association Conference. Wisconsin Dells, WI.

2017, Oct. *Public Libraries and Healthier Communities*. Ohio Library Council Convention. Dayton OH.

2017, Sept. *Role of Public Libraries in Healthy Communities*. KLA/KASL Joint Conference. Louisville, KY.

2017, Sept. *STEM and Evidence-based Health Resources for K-12*. KLA/KASL Joint Conference. Louisville, KY.

2017, Sept. *K-12 Science and Health Education Resources: NLM's Online Playground*. 2017 SDLA Annual Conference, Chamberlain, SD.

2017, Sept. *Public Libraries and Healthier Communities*. 2017 SDLA Annual Conference, Chamberlain, SD.

2017, Apr. *Health and Wellness @ The Library* [Presentation]. Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries annual conference, Steven's Point, WI.

2017, Apr. *K-12 Science and Health Education Resources: NLM's Online Playground*. North Dakota State Library Renewal & Development conference. Bismarck, ND.

2017, Apr. *Public Libraries and Healthier Communities*. North Dakota State Library Renewal & Development conference. Bismarck, ND.

2011, Oct. with Kate Sheehan, Polly-Alida Farrington, Emily Clasper. *Training is not Learning?* Internet Librarian. Monterey, CA.

2011. Oct. with Sarah Houghton-Jan, Amy Affeft, Faith Ward. *Ebooks: Putting the Issues on the Table*. Internet Librarian. Monterey, CA.

2010, Oct. With Colleen Harris. *Libraries in a Transliterate, Technology Fluent World*. Internet Librarian, Monterey, CA.

2010, Oct. with Matt Hamilgon, and Chris Freeman. *Learning From Failure*. Internet Librarian, Monterey, CA.

2010, Oct, with David Lee King, Sarah Houghton-Ja, and Matt Hamilton, *Digital Managers Sound Off!* Internet Librarian, Monterey CA.

2010, Jun. with David Lee King, Toby Greenwalt, and John Blyberg. *Designing Digital Experiences for Library Websites*. ALA Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

2010, Apr. with Matt Hamilson. *Libraries & Transliteracy*. Computers in Libraries. Crystal City, VA

2010, Apr. with Maurice Coleman. Training in the Cloud or Mobile Labs! Computers in Libraries. Crystal City, VA

2010, Apr. with Jason Griffey. *Ebooks: Landscape & Implications*. Computers in Libraries. Crystal City, VA

2009, Oct. With Rachel Vacek, Anna L. Creeh, and Tom Ipri. Collaborating in the Clouds: Selecting Tools. Internet Librarian. Monterey CA.

2009, Oct. with Erin Downey-Howerton, and Lori Reed. *Sneaking the Social Web Into Your Library & Going Beyond 23 Things*. Internet Librarian. Monterey CA.

2009, Oct. With Jennifer Koerber, Sean Robinson, Rebecca Ranallo. *23 Things for Communities*. Internet Librarian. Monterey CA.

2009, Mar. With Beth Tribe and Michael Sauers. *Web 2.x Training for Customers & Staff*. Computers in Libraries. Crystal City VA.

2008 Oct. *Reaching Your Patrons in the Brave New World of the Social Web*. Missouri Library Association Conference.

2008, Oct. Library Learning 2.1. Missouri Library Association Conference.

2008, Jun. *Connect with Your Patrons in the Digital World*. Mobius Conference, MO.

2007, Oct. With Hastings, R., *Learning Web 2.0 – Technologies and Beyond*. Missouri Library Association Conference.

Posters

Finch, B., Martin, C., Ortiz, J., Newman, B. L., Knapp, M., & Williams, J. *Pathway to MLA Consumer Health Information Specialization* [Poster]. American Library Association (ALA) conference 2024, San Diego, CA.

Barnett N., Dietz-Castel, M., Kaskie, D., Lake, E., Leskovec, J., Newman, B., Walton, L., (2024, May 20). *Value of State Advisory Groups (SAGs)* [Poster]. Medical Library Association (MLA) Annual Conference 2024, Portland OR.

Newman, B. L., Sheppard, M., Milliner, V., Martin, C., & Dietz-Castel, M. (2024, May 20). *Addressing Health Misinformation: Evidence-Based Strategies and Community Engagement at a Virtual Symposium* [Poster]. Medical Library Association (MLA) Annual Conference 2024, Portland OR.

Finch, B., Martin, C., Ortiz, J., Newman, B. L., Knapp, M., & Williams, J. (2024, May 20). *Developing a Pathway to MLA Consumer Health Information Specialization* [Poster]. Medical Library Association (MLA) Annual Conference 2024, Portland OR.

Barnett N., Newman B., Lake E., Leskovec J., Walton L., Kaskie D., (2023, Oct 13) *The Possibilities of State Advisory Groups*. Midwest Chapter/Medical Library Association Virtual Conference, 2023.

Gonzales, S., Asikin-Garmager, A., Bramble, J., Dietz-Castel, M., Holmes, K., Kilham, J., Knapp, M., Newman, B., Nguyen, T., Ossom-Williamson, P., Pierce-Farrier, K., Shin, N., & Volgen, J. V. D. (2022). *Attributes of Persona Profiles for the Network of the National Library of Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.18131/g3-4962-xw02>

Malachowski, M. G., Newman, B., & Martin, C. (2019, May 7). *Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community poster* [Poster]. Medical Library Association (MLA) Annual Conference 2019, Chicago, Illinois.

Newman, B., & Gatewood, R. (2019, May 7). *Is Learning Actually Impacting the Library? Investigating Class Outcomes After the Traditional Evaluation* [Poster]. Medical Library Association (MLA) Annual Conference 2019, Chicago, Illinois.

Grants

Grants Funded

2017 Aug – 2018 Apr UG4 Administrative Supplement: Equipping Public Library Staff with Consumer Health Resources, National Library of Medicine, \$145,575.00, Co-Author and Grant Manager

Grants Submitted

2020, Network of the National Library of Medicine, Training Office (NTO), \$531,000 Annually

Invited Keynotes, Lectures, And Professional Presentations

International

2026, Jan 2. *Well-Being in the Library Workplace* [Talk]. National Library of the Netherlands, Virtual.

2022, Apr. With Garcia-Fabo, L., Lang, U., Isbert, C., Huff, S.J., Seah, S., Gomulka, M., Klauser, H. (*Wellness for librarians* [Panel] International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Continuing Professional Development and Workforce Learning (CPDWL) Section and New Professionals Special Interest Group (NPSIG) Virtual Conference.

2014, Jan. *Disruption as opportunity* [Presentation]. Ontario Library Association Superconference, Ontario, Canada.

2013, Oct. *Looking over the horizon: Exploring the future of libraries* [Keynote]. ACCUFEST, Heidelberg, Germany.

2008, Nov. *The social web and your library* [Presentation]. International Conference on Libraries, Information and Society, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

2008, Apr. *Implementing library learning 2.0* [Presentation]. United Kingdom Serials Group (UKSG) Annual Conference, Torquay, England.

National

2026, Nov. *Building Equitable, Actionable Feedback Cultures* [Webinar]. CORE, American Library Association, Virtual.

2026, Jun. *You're Not Just Tired: The 7 Types of Rest Library Workers Actually Need*. American Library Association Conference, Chicago IL.

2026, Feb *Reclaiming Balance: Countering the Six Root Causes of Burnout* [Panel Facilitator]. Recharging in Challenging Times, ALA Virtual Event.

2026, Feb With Davis Kendrick, K., Javis, M., Darby, A., & Hicks, S. *Managing Stress, Building Strength: Supporting Staff Wellbeing in Challenging Times* [Panel host]. Recharging in Challenging Times, ALA Virtual Event.

2025, Nov With Leon-Barrera, M., Goodall, C., Clark, L., Hughes, K., & Newman, B. L. *Expanding Possibilities: Public Libraries and Adult Learning—Insights and Innovations from the Field* [Webinar]. Public Library Association, Virtual.

2025, Sept. *Surviving Burnout: Strategies for Supporting Well-being in High-Stress Work Environments* [Webinar]. Medical Library Association, Virtual.

2025, May “*If I Could Have Just Ten Minutes of Your Time...*” [Presentation], ALA Editions Book Club. Virtual.

2025, Mar. *Small changes, big impact: Building a work environment that supports everyone* [Keynote]. ER&L Conference, Austin, TX.

2024, Oct. *Leading library wellness: Creating a culture of workplace well-being* [Presentation]. Internet Librarian, Virtual.

2023, Jun. *Self-care during stressful times* [Presentation]. ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

2023, Jun. *Stress management for real life* [Presentation]. ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

2021, Feb. With Farrell, M., Garcia, T., *How employers can support library workers who are caregivers during COVID-19* [Panel]. ALA's Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship (COSWL) Webinar, Virtual.

2021, Jan. with Pressley, L., Jones, K., Cooksey, A., Frick, R., Morgan, K. *OCLC virtual town hall: Libraries and the COVID-19 crisis* [Panel]. WebJunction, Virtual.

2020, Jul. *Creating a culture of wellness for library staff* [Presentation]. Allied Professional Association ALA, Virtual.

2020, Jun. With Pun, R., Borgerding, J., Boden, L., *Making your library sustainable for your community and our future* [Panel]. ALA Annual Conference, Virtual.

2019, Jun. Instructional Technologies tool share and LITA guide on privacy. American Library Association, Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

2018, Oct. with Scott Allen. *Stronger Together: Public/Private Partnerships*. Internet Librarian 2017, Monterey, CA.

2017 Oct. with Jones, M., Schaffer, G., Magid, L., Dysart, J. *Future focus* [Closing keynote panel]. Internet Librarian 2017, Monterey, CA.

2011, Jun. Panelist. *The Infinite Collection: managing resources in a digital age*. OCLC symposium at American Library Association Annual Conference. New Orleans. LA.

2010, Nov. Panel with Jason Casden, Toby Greenwalt, Lisa Carlucci Thomas, Greg Carpenter, Noel Chandler, Josh Hardo. *The Future is Mobile*. An online symposium from OCLC and Library Journal.

2010, Sept. Panel with Josh Hardo, Matt Hamilton, Sarah Houghton-Ja, *Ebook "What Ifs": Issues that Impact Scenario Planning*. ebooks: Libraries at the Tipping Point. Virtual event by Library Journal

2010, Jun. with Wendy Stephens, Buffy Hamilton. *Promoting Teen Reading with Web 2.0 Tools*, Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), Preconference American Library Association.

Regional and Local Keynotes and Presentations

2026, Feb. *Designing for Resilience: The 7 Types of Rest in Library Work*, [Presentation], South Central Regional Library Council.

2026, Jan. *Cultivating Well-Being: Creating a Supportive and Thriving Library Workplace*, [Presentation], Northeast Ohio Regional Library System.

2025, Aug. *Leadership in Action: Building a Culture of Well-Being for Your Team*, Arrowhead Library System

2025, Jul. *Stress Management for Real Life: Evidence-Based Ways to Heal, Recharge, and Find Balance*, Northeast Ohio Regional Library System.

2025, May. *Creating Thriving Workplaces: Practical Strategies for Employee Well-Being*, Allegheny County Library Association. Virtual

2025, Apr. *Empowering Libraries to Support Caregivers: Essential Resources and Strategies*. Indiana State Library. Virtual.

2025, Apr. *Fostering Workplace Well-Being: Practical Strategies for a Healthier Work Culture*, Arrowhead Library System. Virtual.

2025, Apr. *Managing burnout: A librarian's guide to self-care and systemic change* [Keynote]. Iowa Small Library Association. Virtual.

2025, Jan. *Empowering Libraries to Support Caregivers: Essential Resources and Strategies*. Indiana State Library. Virtual.

2024, Oct. *Building a culture of well-being in libraries* [Keynote]. North Dakota Library Association, Fargo, ND.

2024, Sept. *Cultivating well-being in library workplaces*. Cedar Falls Public Library, Cedar Falls, IA.

2024, Aug. *Cultivating Well-being in Library Workplaces*. Wisconsin Illinois Innovative Users Group (WILIUG). Virtual.

2024, Jun. *Creating a culture of wellbeing for library staff*. New Hampshire College and University Council (NHCUC), Virtual.

2023, Sept. *Wellness in the library workplace* [Keynote]. Jackson County Library Services Staff Day, Virtual.

2023, Jan. *Wellness for librarians*. Mississippi State University Staff Day, Virtual.

2022, Dec. *Wellness in the library workplace*. Tacoma Public Library Staff In-Service, Virtual.

2022, Dec. *Wellness for Librarians*. Arrowhead Library System, WI. Virtual.

2022, Sept. *Wellness in the library workplace* [Keynote]. Northwest Interlibrary Loan Conference, Virtual.

2022, Jun. *Wellness in the Workplace for Librarians*. Lake Superior Libraries Symposium. Virtual.

2022, May. *Wellness in the Workplace*. Rochester Regional Library Council (RRLC). Virtual.

2022, May. *Creating a Culture of Wellness for Library Staff*. South Central Kansas Library System. Virtual.

2022, Apr. *Self Care for Thesis Reviewers*. USETDA (US Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Association), Virtual.

2022, Mar. *Wellness in the library workplace* [Keynote]. Ohio Library Council 2022 Adult Services and Reference Virtual Conference, Virtual.

2022, Feb. *Libraries and Healthy Communities*. Florida Libraries Online Conference, Virtual.

2022, Feb. *Wellness in the library workplace* [Keynote]. Florida Libraries Online Conference, Virtual.

2022, Feb. *Mental Wellness in the Workplace*. Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. NC. Virtual.

2021, Dec. *Public Libraries & Healthier Communities*. Wisconsin Library Association. Virtual.

2021, Jul. *Wellness in the Library Workplace*. Kansas Library Association. Virtual.

2018, May. *Public Libraries and Healthy Communities*. [Keynote]. Chicago Public Library Staff Day, Chicago, IL.

2017, Mar. *Set the world on fire* [Keynote]. William F. Laman Public Library Staff Day, Little Rock, AR.

2016, Sept. *Privacy and libraries in the 21st century* [Keynote]. Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference, Duluth, MN.

2015, Oct. *A look to the future* [Keynote]. WALE Conference, Chelan, WA.

2014, May. *Escape the silo: how and why to escape your professional silos* [Keynote]. Iowa Association of College and Research Libraries, Iowa.

2013, Oct. *A Bridge Across the Divide: The Role of Libraries in the Digital Skills Gap*. South Central Library System, WI. Virtual.

2013, Feb. *This transliterate life: All tech considered* [Keynote]. Annual Faculty Conference, Houston Community College, Houston, TX.

2013, Oct. *A bridge across the divide: The role of libraries in the digital skills gap* [Presentation]. South Central Library System, WI.

2012, Oct. *Digital Literacy: It's about more than access*. Colorado Library Association Conference, Keystone, CO.

2012, Oct. *Set the world on fire* [Keynote]. Colorado Library Association Conference, Keystone, CO.

2012, Aug. *Bridging the Digital Divide—It's MORE than Teaching Computer Skills to Seniors*. TechNet. Dallas, TX.

2012, Aug. Closing Session Panel with Gary Price and Rochelle Hartman. TechNet. Dallas, TX.

2012, Aug. *Closing the digital skills gap*. Panhandle Access Library Network, Pensacola, FL.

2012, Jun. *Bridging the Divide: The New Literacies and Libraries* [Presentation]. Panhandle Library Access Network, Virtual.

2012, Jun. *Exploring Transliteracy: The New Literacies and Libraries*. LibraryLinkNJ. Virtual.

2012, May. *Libraries bridging the digital divide* [Keynote]. Library of Michigan, Michigan.

2011, Jun. *Meeting the needs of 21st century patrons: The role of libraries in a transliterate world* [Keynote]. ILEAD U, The 21st Century Technology Tools Institute, Illinois.

Aprl 2011. *Choose your own adventure: The future of eBooks and libraries* [Keynote]. Midwest Collaborative for Library Services. Lansing, MI.

2010, Nov. with Tom Ipri. *The Role of Libraries in a Transliterate World*. New York Library Council. Virtual.

2010, Sept. *Transliteracy and Libraries*. National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern Atlantic Region. Virtual.

2010, Jul. *NCompass Live: Tech Talk: Michael Sauers talks with Bobbi Newman*. Virtual.

2010, Jun. *Introducing Transliteracy*, Georgia Public Library Service. Virtual.

2010, Apr. *Libraries and transliteracy* [Invited by Beta Phi Mu]. Kansas Library Association, KS.

Published Reviews of My Scholarship

Hanson, M. (2026). Well-Being In The Library Workplace: A Handbook For Managers: Edited by Bobbi L. Newman, Chicago, IL, ALA Editons, 2025, *Technical Services Quarterly*, 43(1), 108–109. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07317131.2025.2597603>

Lichtenstein, A. (2025). Well-Being in the Library Workplace: A Handbook for Managers. *Booklist Online*. <https://www.booklistonline.com/products/9810990>

Rhoades, J. (2025, Oct 1). Well-Being in the Library Workplace: A Handbook for Managers. *Library Journal*. <https://www.libraryjournal.com/review/wellbeing-in-the-library-workplace-a-handbook-for-managers-100005128>

Van Abel, K. (2025, July 3). Book Review: Fostering Wellness in the Workplace: A Handbook for Libraries: 2022 by ALA Editions, Bobbi L. Newman. *Journal of Access Services*, 22(1–3), 1–1. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15367967.2025.2488737>

Bennett, M. (2024, May 1). The Quest for Work-Life Balance. *American Libraries Magazine*. <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2024/05/01/the-quest-for-work-life-balance/>

Melcher, A. (2023). Fostering Wellness in the Workplace: A Handbook for Libraries. *The Southeastern Librarian*, 71(2). <https://doi.org/10.62915/0038-3686.2020>

Robertson, S. (2023). Review of Fostering wellness in the workplace: A handbook for libraries, by B. L. Newman]. *The International Journal of Information, Diversity, & Inclusion*, 7(3/4), 1–3.

Singh, R. (2023). Fostering Wellness in the Workplace: A Handbook for Libraries. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*, 64(4), 535–536. <https://doi.org/10.3138/jelis-2022-0081>

Media Coverage

Freudenberger, E. (2022). Outstanding Outreach. *Library Journal*.

<https://www.libraryjournal.com/story/Outstanding-Outreach>

Peet, L. (2022, March 4). Collective Support: LJ's 2022 Librarians of the Year. *Library Journal*.

<https://www.libraryjournal.com/story/Collective-Support-LJs-2022-Librarians-of-the-Year>

Doran-Myers, M. (2018, February 11). Hungry for Health Information. *American Libraries Magazine*.

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/hungry-health-information/>

Service

Department, School of Library and Information Science

Year	Committee
2026-present	MA Exit Assessment Committee
2026-current	Admission Review Committee
2025-current	Capstone Portfolio Design and Implementation

Capstone Portfolios Reviewed.

Semester	Number Reviewed
Fall 2026	
Spring 2026	5

Professional

2026, Jan – Present	Director, Advisory Board, Iowa Library Association
2023 Jul – Present	Member, Certification Program Committee, Allied Professional Association-ALA
2019 – 2026	Board Member, Let's Move in Libraries
2024 – 2025	Member, Leadership Development Committee, Iowa Library Association,
2022 – 2025	Member, Government Affairs Committee, Iowa Library Association
2017 - 2021	Member, Advisory Committee, Office of Information Technology Policy (OITP), American Library Association (ALA)
2020	Reviewer, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
2018 - 2022	Public Libraries Respond to the Opioid Crisis with their Community Grant, OCLC, and Public Library Association, Steering Committee Member
2017-2018	CoChair, Health Initiative, Public Library Association

2015-2016	Member, National Information Standards Organization (NISO) Committee to Develop a Consensus Framework to Support Patron Privacy in Digital Library and Information Systems
2012-2014	Advisory Group Member, Pew Internet & American Life Research Initiative to Study the Changing Role of Public Libraries & Library Users in The Digital Age
2011-2014	Councilor-at-Large, American Library Association (ALA)
2011-2013	Member, Advisory Committee, Office of Information Technology Policy (OITP), ALA
2011-2013	Member, Digital Literacy Task Force, OITP, ALA
2009-2011	Blogger, Learning Round Table, ALA, Blogger

Conference Service

2024, Apr.	Moderator, Public Library Association Annual Conference.
2024, Apr.	Moderator with Debra Trogdon-Livingston and Margie Sheppard, e-forum, CORE Division of the American Library Association
2017, Oct.	Moderator, Track D, Privacy & Security, Internet Librarian, Monterey, CA
2011, Oct.	Moderator, Track D Learning, Literacy, & Training, Internet Librarian, Monterey, CA.

External Review

2026 External Reviewer, Promotion to Clinical Associate Professor, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Reviewer

2026, Book Proposal Reviewer, Facet Publishing

2025, Book Proposal Reviewer, Facet Publishing

University of Iowa

2021 – 2025	Wellness Ambassador, University of Iowa Libraries
2024	Member, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Social Justice (IDEAS) Council, University of Iowa Libraries
2018-2019	Member, Stoflet Lecture Committee, University of Iowa Libraries

University of Iowa Libraries, Network of the National Library of Medicine

2020 - 2025	Training Program Working Group
2021 - 2025	Consumer Health Curriculum Group
2022-2023	Chair, Health Misinformation Symposium

2021	Chair, Virtual Symposium on Library Staff Well-being
2019-2021	Education Advisory Team
2017-2021	Public Libraries Advisory Group

Professional Development

2026 Jan - Apr	Instructional-Track Faculty Peer Mentoring Community: A Humanistic Approach to Instructional Track Faculty Careers
2025	Executive Leadership Academy - Higher Ed Informational Session, University of Iowa
2024	Leadership Is Everyone S Business-virtual Edition, University of Iowa
2024	Conference on Academic Library Management (CALM)
2023	Write Winning Grant Proposals Seminar, University of Iowa
2023	Health First Aid, University of Iowa
2020	Workplace Racial Equity Symposium, Virtual Event, Denver Public Library, Virtual
2019 Feb – Aug	UI LEAD (Leadership Education, Assessment, and Development), University of Iowa
2019 Jun – Jul	Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program, University of Iowa
2019	Managing from the Middle: Learning to Lead from Where You Are, Medical Library Association Preconference, Chicago IL
2019	Advancing Racial Equity in Public Libraries: Normalizing, Organizing, and Operationalizing, preconference ALA Midwinter, Seattle WA
2018	Crucial Influencer

Training sessions

2025-08-25, COURSE ACCESSIBILITY FOR EVERYONE (CAFE): DOCUMENTS & FILES

2025-08-22, QUIZZES: ICON User Group

2025-08-21, Learning and Studying with AI

2025-08-20, COURSE ACCESSIBILITY FOR EVERYONE: VIDEO CAPTIONS AND AUDIO TRANSCRIPTIONS

2025-03-27, HawkAI 204: Research User Analytic/Predictive AI/ML Methods and Approaches

2025-03-12, HawkAI 203: Research User Generative AI Methods and Tools

2025-02-25, HawkAI 202: Research User Data for AI/ML

2025-02-12, HawkAI 201: Principles of AI Research Design

2024-12-05, HawkAI 104: Working with Generative AI Tools: Images, Videos, Audio, and Multimedia

2024-12-04, HawkAI 102, ChatGPT, Copilot, and Beyond

2024-12-04, HawkAI 105: Data-Driven Analytics with AI - Classification and Prediction

2024-11-13, HawkAI 107 : Ethics of AI: Tackling Bias, Trust, and Emerging Issues

2024-11-09, HawkAI 106 : Teaching with AI

2024-09-25, HawkAI 101 What is AI and What it Can Do for You

2024-05-07, Microsoft Copilot: Learn How AI Can Assist You

2024-01-31, National Coalition Building Institute (Ncbi): Leadership For Equity & Inclusion

2022-12-01, BUILD: Size Diversity-every Body Counts

2022-11-02, BUILD: Putting It All Together-strategies For Managing Difficult Conversations

2022-10-17, LGBTQ SAFE ZONE: PHASE I

2022-09-28, BUILD: Exploring the Influence of Implicit Bias in Our Work and Lives--the Research, Impact, And Str...

2022-09-22, BUILD/CFT: Equitable and Inclusive Pedagogy In Classroom

2022-01-31, BUILD: Land Acknowledgment-recognizing And Respecting Indigenous Peoples

2019-10-23, BUILD: Understanding and Deconstructing Media Representations

2019-09-04, BUILD: Beyond the Numbers-foundations For Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

2016-11-15, I Don't Know How to Tell You This, but...Navigating Difficult Conversations