

Featured MCRPA Spotlight Member – November 2018



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1. What is your role at Montgomery College?

I've worked at the college for just over 3 years. I work as a Collection Development Librarian, based at the TP/SS campus.

2. How long have you been in your current profession?

I started working in libraries professionally in 2005, so 13 years. I also worked as a student worker in my high school and college libraries.

3. How do you define success?

Success for me is accomplishing the goals I have set for myself. I always like to have a goal I'm working towards, both in my personal life and professionally. Recently, I mastered pie dough. Beyond that, I feel pleased to have accomplished many of my goals in the last few years: a solid, secure job that challenges and rewards me, a happy personal life.

4. What do you enjoy most about Montgomery College students?

I love their enthusiasm and confidence! They keep me on my toes!

5. What are you currently passionate about?

My career has been defined by my passionate belief that education is transformative. More broadly speaking, as an immigrant in the past (to the UK) and now being the spouse of an immigrant, the way we treat migrants is very important to me. And, I've been passionate about developing my home life: gardening, training my dog, raising our son with my husband.

6. What is one goal you hope to achieve this year?

To improve communication with faculty about library resources and services.

7. What is your favorite quote?

I have two, one silly and one serious. "The secret to happiness in life is dressing well." Coco Chanel. "So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past." F. Scott Fitzgerald

8. What hobby would you get into if time and money weren't an issue?

Two are appealing to me right now, calligraphy and rock climbing.

9. They say that everyone has a book in them. What would be the title of your book?

"Life sucks and then you die: lessons on living a meaningful life in a meaningless world" [I'm a bit of an existentialist.]

10. What do you want to be remembered for?

For being kind. I think it's the most important thing in the world, and I try every day to be better at it.