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Abstract
Sometimes the newest voices are the ones we want to hear. New librarians start their first library jobs with valuable original ideas—but how do we listen to them and bring their voices into the conversation? Panelists will share their experiences as new librarians, in newly created Distance Librarian positions. Come share your voice, and ask us questions about our challenges, success, and failures. Don’t just listen to new librarians talk. Come with your ideas, so we can discuss how new and experienced librarians can build a community. This is a session for both new and experienced librarians.

Disciplines
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Comments
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ABOUT MIA
Online & Hybrid Learning Librarian for 2.5 years

Music teacher
Grantmaking
Lib School
UPenn online
Brockport

7100 UNDERGRAD & 1100 GRAD

0 TO 15 ONLINE PROGRAMS IN LAST 5 YEARS

ONLINE @ BROCKPORT THIS FALL
9% GRAD
5% UG

BIG CHANGE
HELPING STUDENTS SINCE 2015

Ina Rodino
ONLINE LIBRARIAN

1300 Online Faculty Per Semester

13 Librarians

11513 Online Students

24 Online Curriculum Developers

3 Years as Librarian
MCC Fall 2017 enrollment: 12,907
295 full-time faculty
71% of students enrolled in transfer programs

More than half of enrolled students take at least one online class.
About Christina
★ Hired Part-time June 2013
★ Graduate SUNY Buffalo September 2013
★ Full-time September 2014
★ Never expected to be a librarian!

Finding Balance

466 Courses with Embedded Librarians (2013-2018)
94 Faculty Reached (2015-2018)
What has it been like defining your role within the library?
Developing... ourselves, our colleagues, online library services, ...
Meeting people where they are . . .
The balancing act . . .
1. Who are your “people” at your institution who you can go to with your successes and challenges? Do you have these people?

2. Talk about an experience that built your confidence.

3. Talk about how can YOU support the newest librarians at your institution.
Who are your “people” at your institution who you can go to with your success and challenges? Do you have these people?
Tell us about an experience that built your confidence . . .
How can YOU support the newest librarians at your institution . . .
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