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CURRENT POSITION:

Providence Associates LLC

2006 – present

President and Principal Consultant

On May 2, 2006 Ms. Isenstein became the owner of Providence Associates after having worked full-time for three plus years as Associate Principal Consultant.

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE:

Providence Associates Library Planners Consultants

2003 – present

- Arlington Public Library (TX) – Feasibility Study, Central Library (2010 – present)
- Norfolk Public Library (VA) – Planning and Programming New Main Library (2009 – 2011)
- Pflugerville Community Library (TX) – Programming and Programming Expanded and Renovated Library (2010)
- Wichita Public Library (KS) – Planning and Programming New Main Library (2009 – 2010)
- Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County (NC) – Fifteen-Year Facilities Master Plan (2008 – 2009)
- Palm Springs Public Library (CA) – Strategic Plan (2008 – 2009)
- Moreno Valley Public Library (CA) – Facilities Master Plan (2008 – 2009)
- Everett Public Library (WA) – Strategic Plan (2008)
- Sno-Isle Libraries (WA) – Strategic Plan (2008)
- Forsyth County Public Library (NC) – Feasibility Study of the Downtown Library (2008)
- Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County (NC) – Main Library Visioning Project (2007 – 2008)
- Yuma County Library District (AZ) – Main Library Building Programming and Architectural Plans Review (2007)
- Ann Arbor District Library (MI) – Downtown Library Feasibility Study (2007)
- Ft. Vancouver Regional Library (WA) – Building Program Review for New Main Library (2007)
- Deschutes Public Library System (OR) – Ten-Year Library Services and Systems Plan (2007)
- Cedar Park Public Library (TX) – Ten-Year Services and Facility Master Plan (2007)
- Rangeview Library District (CO) – Building Program Statement and Programming for 7 Facilities (2007)
- Pinal County Library District (AZ) – Facilities Needs Assessment (2007)
- St. Mary's County Library (MD) – Library Master Plan (2007)
- Lycoming County District Library (PA) – Plan for Serving the Virtual Customer (2007)
- Saint Paul Public Library (MN) – Strategic Plan (2006)
- Howard County Library (MD) – Facilities Master Plan and Programming (2004)
- Taipei American School (Taiwan) – Transforming Libraries for 21st Century Learning, Services & Facility Plan (2004)

San Antonio Public Library System , San Antonio, TX

2000 – 2003

Director and Chief Executive Officer

Public Library of Des Moines , Des Moines, IA

1995 – 2000

Director

- Instituted a facilities needs assessment study resulting in a 5-year facilities improvement program that recommended a new Central Library building (opened in April 2006), the renovation/expansion of 5 existing buildings (completed 2007) and planning for one new branch library.

Baltimore County Public Library, Baltimore, MD

1985 – 1994

System Director, Information Services

1981 – 1985

Area Library Manager

1972 – 1981

Public Services Librarian

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

American Library Association	1981 – present
Library Administration and Management Association	1990 – present
Public Library Association	1985 – present
Urban Libraries Council	1995 – present
Library Information and Technology Association	1993 – 2007

EDUCATION:

- University of Michigan, BA and MLS
- Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Office of Executive Education – *The Planning and Design of Public Libraries*
- Indiana University, School of Philanthropy – *Fundraising for Public Libraries*