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Deputy Director
Illinois State Library, Springfield, Illinois

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Education

Doctor of Musical Arts, Jazz Performance, Queer Studies Minor
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Master of Library & Information Science
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Master of Music, Saxophone Performance
Dana School of Music, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH

Bachelor of Music, Saxophone Performance
Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

Awards & Fellowships

2023 [Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year](#)
Illinois Library Association & Sponsored by Library Juice Academy

2019 [Jazz Archival Fellowship](#)
Rutgers University, Institute of Jazz Studies, Newark, NJ

Experience

Deputy Director
Illinois State Library, Springfield, IL
March 2025 - Present

Director of Library Services
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, IL
January 2024 - February 2025

Music Librarian, Assistant Professor, WIU Libraries [Diversity Officer](#)
Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
May 2021 - January 2024

Visiting Librarian, Assistant Professor
Purdue University Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN
August 2020 - June 2021

Reference & Instruction Librarian
Johnson & Wales University, North Miami, FL
October 2018 - September 2020

Supervisor of Library Services
Broward College, Davie, FL
November 2017 - October 2018

Director of Music
Sherman Park Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI
September 2011 - July 2017

Recreational Therapist, Music Specialist
The Lutheran Home, Wauwatosa, WI
May 2012 - March 2014

Director of Music
Calvary Lutheran Church, Brookfield, WI
August 2008 - September 2011

Selected Publications

Book Reviews: [Creative Improvised Music](#) and [Tania León's Stride](#)
Notes, Music Library Association Journal

Book Chapter: "The Queer Archives of Dykes to Watch Out For"
Libraries, Archives, and Librarians in Graphic Novels, Comic Strips, and Sequential Art
published by McFarland, 2025

[Article](#): "Small Library, Big Impact: How JWU's North Miami Library Developed Early Career Library Professionals"
Florida Libraries, Journal of the Florida Library Association

[Article](#): "World Cup Librarianship: Using the NWSL to Introduce Key Concepts in Competitive Intelligence and Information Literacy"
ALA's *Academic BRASS*: Business Reference & Services Section newsletter

Professional Organizations

Indiana Library Federation:
DEIJA Committee,
[Tapestry](#) Series Coordinator

Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries (IACRL): DEI Committee

Illinois Library Association
Diversity Committee

Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI)

North American Saxophone Association
Mentor in the Committee on Gender Equity, 2025

Creative Projects

[Radio Commentary Series](#):
Tri-States Public Radio

[Free Improv](#): Inspired by Pharoah Sanders for saxophone, piano & accordion

[Short Film](#): *Letters in Motion*, #CitizenMiriam

[Poetry Anthology](#): *The Politics of Shelter*

[Interview Series](#): *Tapestry*, Celebrating Indiana's Diverse Library Staff

[Literary Cake Contest](#):
Johnson & Wales University

[Aspen Institute Faculty Innovation Grants](#):
Broward College

[Poster](#): "Inclusive Language Broadens Access for All to Library Service, Collections & Archives"

[Poster](#): "An Academic Library's Creative Interdisciplinary & Community Collaborations"

Full list of publications, awards & recordings are available at JadeKastel.com