

INTRODUCING

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Keeping one of the world's great living museums and conservation research centers functioning requires a variety of people with expertise in many different areas. The Chicago Botanic Garden is fortunate to have a talented and dedicated staff. In our employee newsletter, you'll meet some of them—one per issue.

Q: Stacy, you are a good sport to be our first subject. What brought you to the Garden?

A: A Camry with 150,000 miles on it! Actually, in 2007 I was working as a property manager and was a full-time graduate student in library science. I met Ed Valauskas [the Garden's rare book curator], and soon after that I applied for an practicum here at the Lenhardt Library. I created an Excel list of several thousand then-uncataloged rare journals. Next, through a grant, I was

able to help catalog the rest of the Rare Book Collection.

When the reference librarian left, I moved into her position. Here it is, five years later!

Q: What do you like best about the Library?

A: Leora [Siegel], Mary [Vogel], and the rest of the staff in the library, as well as the Rare Book Collection. I love talking about it, showing it off, researching and creating the exhibitions, and learning as much as I can about rare books.

Q: How was being a property manager?

A: OMG! One property had me on-call 24 hours. I did it for ten years, though.

Q: Hobbies?

A: Gardening, eating, and traveling—I love visiting vineyards and libraries. As far as libraries go, my favorites are Bodleian Library and Radcliffe Camera at Oxford, and the New York Public Library.

Q: “Camera”?

A: It means “room,” but it’s a library. I was an exchange student at Oxford.

Q: I like this librarian action figure. Are there any misconceptions about librarians?

A: Absolutely! Most people think of librarians like Mary in *It's a Wonderful Life*. During George's epiphany, he finds that Mary's an old maid and OF COURSE a librarian. What most people don't realize is that many librarians are ex-rock-n-roll band members!

Q: Are you?

A: I was in a cover band called the Pelicans; I was invited to be in a band called Psychodelicatessen.

Q: Would you consider a rock band named the Serial Commas?

A: Why yes, I would.

Q: Did you ever want to be something other than a rock-n-roll librarian?

A: Yes, a writer or a vet.

Q: Is the library so quiet you can hear a pin drop?

A: No, the carpeting here has really great nap.

