

# KAREN G. SCHNEIDER

## EDUCATION

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1992            University of Illinois, Urbana, IL  
*M.S., Library and Information Science*

1982            Barnard College, New York, NY  
*B.A., English*

## LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

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1999 - Director of Technology, Shenendehowa Library  
Clifton Park, NY  
*Director of Technology*

- ◇ Leads the technology effort for a well-respected public library serving 50,000
- ◇ Introduced web databases, remote database access, staff training, and e-books
- ◇ Created and leads first consortium-wide technology advisory group
- ◇ Provides hands-on support of NT Server and related applications
- ◇ De facto director of staff training, helping staff update software and hardware skills through one-on-one, in-house and commercial training opportunities

1998 - 1999    Brunswick Community Library  
Brunswick, NY  
*Director*

- ◇ Automated small-town library from the ground up in 14 months
- ◇ Introduced remote database access, public Internet training

1996 - 1998    Garcia Consulting, Inc.  
New York, NY  
*Director, U.S. EPA Region 2 New York Library*

- ◇ Turned little-used eyesore into highly-regarded flagship division
- ◇ Led successful migration to Internet-accessible commercial databases
- ◇ Key indicators (reference, circulation, ILL, traffic) up every quarter

1994 - 1996    Blue Highways  
Wayne, NJ  
*CEO*

- ◇ Ran successful Internet training business for 18 months
- ◇ Wrote and taught curriculum, traveled to new sites

1993 - 1994    Newark Public Library  
Newark, NJ  
*Electronic Resources Librarian*

- ◇ Science and business reference for busy urban library
- ◇ Helped write successful national telecommunications grant

1992 - 1993    Queens Borough Public Library  
Jamaica, NY  
*Children's Librarian/Electronic Resources Librarian*

- ◇ Hand-picked to help bring Internet on board; developed training services

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## OTHER SIGNIFICANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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1983 - 1991 United States Air Force  
Worldwide  
*Aircraft maintenance specialist. Highest rank: captain*

- ◇ Engine mechanic, later commissioned as maintenance officer
- ◇ Served five tours, three overseas
- ◇ Responsible for hundreds of personnel, billions of dollars of equipment

## INTERNSHIPS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

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1991 - 1992 Graduate Library, University of Illinois  
Urbana, IL  
*Graduate Assistant*

- ◇ Reference services, instruction and online searching for a 35,000-member population

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- ◇ 1998 Leadership Award, University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science
- ◇ Best article of the year, The Bottom Line, 1998
- ◇ Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
- ◇ Selected by Electronic Frontier Foundation in 2000 to accept Pioneer Award for librarians everywhere on behalf of our profession's support for intellectual freedom

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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- ◇ Project Leader, The Internet Filter Assessment Project, 1997. Led librarian-organized project to assess Internet content filters
- ◇ Frequent speaker to library organizations
- ◇ Created first Website for Episcopal Diocese of Newark

## PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

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- ◇ Councilmember-at-large, American Library Association, 1997 - 2000.
- ◇ Co-moderator, PUBLIB, discussion list for public librarians, 1996 - .
- ◇ Chair, ALA Electronic Meeting Task Force, 1999 - .
- ◇ Member, ALA Committee on Research and Statistics, 1999 - .
- ◇ Founding member, New Jersey Library Association Gay and Lesbian Roundtable
- ◇ Member and active participant, LITA Internet Room Committee, 1993 - 1996
- ◇ Adjunct instructor, School of Information Science and Policy, SUNY Albany

## PUBLICATIONS (A SAMPLING)

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### Books

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*The Internet Access Cookbook*, Neal Schuman, 1996

Articles

Column: The Internet Librarian, June 1995 - , *American Libraries*

The Tao of Internet Costs, *The Bottom Line*, Spring 1998.

**References on**

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