

# KERRY L. TOWNSEND

## Curriculum Vitae

University of Missouri School of Information Science and Learning Technologies

klm7a5@mail.missouri.edu

### Education

PhD candidate (Information Science and Learning Technologies)

Major area: School Library leadership; Minor area: Mediated Communication

School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, University of

Missouri, Columbia, MO (Expected graduation Fall 2022)

Education Specialist (Educational Leadership)

Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis, College of

Education, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO (2010)

Master of Education (Educational Technologies)

School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, University of

Missouri, Columbia, MO (2001)

Bachelor of Science (Secondary English Education)

School of Learning, Teaching and Curriculum, University of

Missouri, Columbia, MO (1999)

### Professional Experience

Columbia Public Schools, Columbia, MO; Library Media Coordinator 2010 - Current

Columbia Public Schools; Media Specialist, Instructional Technology Specialist 2006 - 2010

Mizzou K-12 Online; Course Author 2002 - 2006

Parkway School District; Media Specialist 2002 - 2006

Columbia Public Schools; Secondary English 1999 - 2002

### Fellowships and Awards

**Youth Services Graduate Student Travel Award:** Association for Library and Information Science  
Education 2021

**LEADS-4-NDP Fellow:** Drexel University LIS Education and Data Science for the National Digital  
Platform Fellowship at the Free Library of Philadelphia 2018

**Lilead Fellow:** University of Maryland School Library Coordinator Leadership program  
2017 - 2018

## **Publications**

**Townsend, K.** (2021, November / December). School librarians supporting mental health literacy. *School Library Connection*.

**Townsend, K.,** O'Conner, P. (2019, October). Reflecting on the World: Bring Authors into your School. *School Library Connection*.

Adkins, D., Brendler, B., Maras, M., & **Townsend, K.** (2019). Rural school libraries anchoring community mental health. *Qualitative & Quantitative Methods in Libraries*, 8(4), 425-436. <http://www.qqml-journal.net/index.php/qqml/article/view/520>

**Townsend, K.,** Johnson, L., Luyt, S., Salmela, K., & Werle, M. (2019, February). Empowered, enabled, & equipped through professional collaboration. *School Library Connection*. Retrieved from <http://schoollibraryconnection.com/Home/Display/2147808>

**Townsend, K.** (2017, June 26). Embedded. Retrieved June 25, 2019, from Knowledge Quest website: <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/embedded/>

## **Conference Presentations**

Adkins, D., Brendler, B., & **Townsend, K.** (2021, September) *Youth services: Promoting health, inclusion, and resiliency through libraries and library education* [Research presentation]. Association for Library Science Education conference, Online.

**Townsend, K.** (2020, October) *A Content Analysis of Digital Reading Skills from the Educational Technology Perspective*. Poster presented at the ALISE Works in Progress poster showcase.

**Townsend, K.** (2020, January) *Data Informed Decision Making in the 21st Century Library*. Poster presented at the LEADS Forum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Adkins, D., Bossaller, J., Brendler, B., Maras, M., Pryor, C., **Townsend, K.,** & Ward, D. (2019, October) *Challenges and capacities for libraries supporting rural health*. Paper presented at the Library Research Seminar VII, Columbia, South Carolina. \*

Adkins, D., Brendler, B., & **Townsend, K.** (2019, May) *Rural School Libraries Anchoring Community Mental Health Literacy*. Paper presented at the Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries, Florence, Italy. \*

Discala, J., Kodama, C., & **Townsend, K.** (2019, March) *Transforming PD Through School Library Leadership*. South X Southwest EDU, Austin, TX.

**Townsend, K.** & Burkemper, K. (2017, November) *The Engineering Librarian*. American Association of School Librarians, Phoenix, AZ.

**Townsend, K.**, Schoelz, A, Chipley-Foster, C. & Pingrey, J. (2015, November) *Making it Work: The Evolving Role of Library Media Specialists*. American Association of School Librarians, Columbus, OH.

**Townsend, K.** & Schoelz, A. (2015, November) *Using 'Scratch' in the School Library Program*. American Association of School Librarians, Hartford, CT.

**Townsend, K.** (2016, October) *Advocating for Missouri School Librarians: MASL Task Force Report, 2016*. Missouri Library Association Conference, Springfield, MO.

**Townsend, K.**, Schoelz, A. & Ray, J. (2015, February) *Starting from Scratch: Coding in the Elementary School (Pre-Conference Session)*. Midwest Educational Technology Conference (Regional ISTE Affiliate), St. Louis, MO.

**Townsend, K.** (2012, February) *The Intersection of the Library Media Curriculum and the Common Core State Standards*. Midwest Educational Technology Conference (Regional ISTE Affiliate), St. Louis, MO.

## **University Teaching Experience**

### **Graduate Level Teaching Assistant, University of Missouri**

Information Science and Learning Technologies 9433: Youth Services in Libraries (Fall 2019, Fall 2021)

Information Science and Learning Technologies 9431: Children's Library Materials (Fall 2019)

Children's and Adolescent Literature Dealing with Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning (Summer 2020)

### **Undergraduate Level Instructor**

Information Science and Learning Technologies 1111: Information Use and Student Success (Fall 2015 - Winter 2017)

Information Science and Learning Technologies 4467: Technology to Enhance Learning (Winter 2017 - Summer 2018)

## **Professional Service**

**YALSA Advocacy Listening Committee:** Chair 2020-2021

**IMLS Reviewer:** Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian program

**YALSA Award for Excellence in Non-Fiction for Young Adults committee member** 2020

**MU ASIST Student Chapter;** Chair 2018 - 2020; Treasurer 2017-2018

**MU College of Education Graduate Student Advisory Board member;** 2017-2018

**Freedom to Read Foundation: Education Committee member;** 2018 - 2019

**YALSA Presidential Advisory Committee member;** 2018 - 2019

**Missouri Association of School Librarians;** Exec Council; Advocacy Task Force 2015 - 2018

**International Literacy Association;** Children's Choices Site Leader 2012 - 2015 Young Adult Choices Site Leader 2015 - 2018

**Educational Testing Services;** Missouri School Librarian Praxis Performance Event test rewrite committee 2014

**Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;** School Librarian Standards revision committee 2009 - 2010; School Librarian Evaluation revision committee 2010 - 2012