

# Jennifer Abounader

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## Work Experience

School Librarian: Fall 2011 - Present • MS 88 Peter Rouget • Brooklyn, NY

- Launch and maintain a standards-based library and information literacy program for over 1,300 students in grades 6-8
- Earn grants for programs and library materials totaling over \$13,000 to date
- Collaborate with over 40 teachers to design integrated projects for all grade levels
- Initiate programs and extra-curricular activities that benefit both students and teachers, including a computer coding club, an interlibrary loan partnership with the Brooklyn Public Library, and a "Food for Fines" program
- Manage multiple digital resources/technology services and integrate them into classrooms
- Present tutorials for staff on using the library's digital resources to supplement classroom instruction, enhance student engagement, and increase the quality of student work

School Librarian: 2008 - 2011 • PS 89 Elmhurst • Elmhurst, NY

- Built a vibrant library program for over 1,800 students in grades K-5, including the creation and management of a schedule ensuring regular library services to over 70 classes
- Wrote and received over \$15,000 in grants for library books, technology, programs, and eBooks
- Hosted several author visits and facilitated a mentorship program between authors and students
- Expanded the library collection by over 100% to consist of over 10,000 books
- Enriched the regular curriculum with integrated lessons and projects

Summer Employee: 2002 - 2004 • Volunteer Center of the Mohawk Valley • Utica, NY

- Designed and implemented public summer programs at the Utica Children's Museum and the Utica Public Library
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## Education

Master of Science in Information Studies:

2006-2008 • State University of New York at Albany • Albany, NY

- Master of Science in Information Science, Library and Information Services/School Library Media Specialist
- Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Music in Musical Studies; Minor in Writing:

2001-2005 • State University of New York at Potsdam • Potsdam, NY

- Bachelor of Music in Musical Studies; Minor in Writing
- Magna Cum Laude

## Professional Activities and Affiliations

- Presenting at the 2015 Uncommon Approaches to the Common Core conference in Albany, NY with PBS Learning Media
  - Presenting at the 2015 NYCDOE School Technology Summit
  - Vice president of the New York City School Librarians' Association
  - Member of the New York City School Library Services' Library Advisory Committee
  - Presenter at the New York City School Library Services Fall 2012 Conference
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## Skills

- Common Core Learning Standards and their applications in the school library
- Certified PBS Learning Media Digital Integrator
- Experience with multiple website creation platforms, including Weebly, Google Sites, and Libguides
- Scratch programming language
- Google Apps for Education
- Follet Destiny library automation
- Grant writing