

**Name:** Diane Zerr

**Title:** Librarian

**Born and lived:**

I was born in Regina but lived on a farm near Balgonie, SK until I finished high school. Other than Regina, I've lived in Halifax, Nova Scotia and Seoul, South Korea.

**Early Life:**

I lived on the farm until I turned 18. It's difficult to summarize all those years but here's my attempt. Summers were spent exploring the pasture, riding bikes or camping with my family. Winters were spent skating on the dugout, digging forts, tobogganing or snowmobiling.

**Professional career and activities:**

I completed my Master's in 2010 and moved back to Saskatchewan. I worked for 3 years at the Regina Public Library's Bothwell branch as the Assistant Branch Head. I started at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in June 2014 and I've been having a lot of fun because there is such a variety of tasks and projects.

**Family:**

These days I guess I should start with Jeff. Let's call him my partner in crime. I have a brother and a couple of parents. After that it gets ridiculous with plenty of aunts, uncles, cousins, cousin-in-laws and their kids.

**In my spare time:**

In my spare time, I'm doing at least one of these (sometimes two or three at a time): cycling, dancing, curling, reading, travelling, listening to country music or attending a music concert.

**Favorite books:** *A Clockwork Orange* by Anthony Burgess

*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* series by Douglas Adams

*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

*Parasol Protectorate* series by Gail Carriger

*The Stand* by Stephen King

**I'm currently reading:**

At least 3 different books -

*We are Water* by Wally Lamb

*Bloody Bones* by Laurell K. Hamilton

*The Killing Fields* by Christopher Hutchin

**Pet peeves:** My biggest pet peeve is getting asked about pet peeves. Just joking! I can't really think of anything. Would the fact that onions are put in everything count? I really don't like onions.

**Philosophy:** If the choice is between laughing and crying, choose laughter. Of course, this means that I laugh a lot and have a pretty dark sense of humour.

**Most memorable career achievement:** I think I'm still waiting for it. Although, I do feel like getting to where I am now by taking the long way around is a bit of an achievement.

**Long-term career goals:** I can't say I have concrete long-term goals. There are a few trajectories that I hope my career will take. For example, I want to attend IFLA at some point and I'd like to work in another country.

**How/where do I see the library industry in five years:**

There are some things that never change in libraries like providing access to information and technology, assisting with the search for information, and curating the sharing of resources. I don't see these things ever changing. The technology will continue to change and might be completely different in five years but the fundamentals will remain the same.