

This nomination is for the following award: **Outstanding New Librarian Award**

First Name **Cindy**

Last Name **Craig**

Library Affiliation (if applicable) **George A. Smathers Libraries (University of Florida)**

Title (if applicable)

Street Address **P. O. Box 117000**

City, State, ZIP **Gainesville, FL 32611-7000**

Telephone Number **(352) 273-2649**

E-mail Address clcraig@ufl.edu

Are you nominating an individual or a group/organization for this award? **Individual**

First Name **Margaret**

Last Name **Ansell**

Library Affiliation (if applicable) **George A. Smathers Libraries (UF)**

Title (if applicable) **Consumer Health and Nursing Liaison Librarian**

Street Address **PO Box 100206**

City, State, ZIP **Gainesville, FL 32610**

Telephone Number **352-273-8410**

E-mail Address meansell@ulf.edu

Does the nominee have at least one full year of professional library service in Florida prior to their nomination? **Yes**

Start date of Florida professional library employment **November 14, 2014**

Date nominee received their MLS or MLIS **June 2012**

Will you be submitting any supporting documentation? **Yes**

If you would like us to review web pages in consideration of this application (including videos or other supporting materials that are stored online), please enter the Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) below.

Essay **Maggie Ansell is the Consumer Health and Nursing Liaison Librarian employed at the University of Florida's Health Science Center Library. Although she has been at the HSCL only since November of 2014, she has made significant contributions to the library, its clients, and our community. As Consumer Health Librarian, Ms. Ansell provides instruction and training in the discovery and use of authoritative and easy-to-read health information to our clinical students and faculty, and works closely with a number of patient-centered units on campus and at off site locations. HealthStreet is a UF entity that supports the underserved in the community through various programs, including HIV/AIDS testing, healthy cooking classes, and a clothes pantry, and enrolls clients into clinical studies.**

Through Ms. Ansell's leadership, the library now has a strong professional relationship with HealthStreet - Ms. Ansell is considered a member of their team, and HealthStreet has been enthusiastic about joining the HSCL on grants and other projects. She has taught her consumer health information class and created a consumer health library at their location. Ms. Ansell has also built excellent relationships with the Health Literacy team at UF Health Shands Hospital, using her consumer health and health literacy knowledge to support the efforts of both the inpatient and ambulatory teams working on patient-centered efforts related to health literacy assessment and advanced directives. As Nursing Liaison Librarian, Ms. Ansell is responsible for meeting the information needs of all College of Nursing (CON) faculty and students, as well as the nurses in UF Health Shands Hospital. She has been integrated into the CON curriculum, presenting in the course "Information Resources for Evidence-based Nursing Practice". She provides orientations in numerous nursing programs – to PhD students and nursing research fellows, and in summer research programs and the accelerated BSN cohort. She has worked hard to build the HSCL's nursing collection, and has developed useful LibGuides for her clients. She has created six professionally-filmed video tutorials on library resources and literature searching, which support a required nursing course. Ms. Ansell has been exceptionally successful at building connections with her UF Health Shands Hospital nurses, resulting in the opportunity to join the Shands Nursing Research Council, and attend as a participant in this group's Journal Club. Ms. Ansell has demonstrated high levels of commitment to health-related information outreach, serving on teams beyond the requirements of her official job description. On the HSCL's HIV/AIDS Information Outreach project, she led the team that created a consumer curriculum on authoritative HIV/AIDS resources. She interfaced with safety net organizations, was instrumental in the creation of easy-to-read print materials customized to the Gainesville and Jacksonville communities, and assisted with the other aspects of the project. Her knowledge of consumer health resources and health literacy practices was essential to project success. When she arrived at UF, Ms. Ansell volunteered to work with an existing project team to create and host a day-long symposium on Women's Health. She helped identify on-campus speakers, assisted with advertising, chaired a session, and helped make the symposium a success. She has twice been the recipient of UF's Smathers Libraries' Excellence in Outreach Award – in 2015 as a member of the Women's Health outreach team, and in 2016 for her work with HealthStreet. As an academic health sciences librarian, Ms. Ansell is required to publish and present, and she has been successful in scholarly activities including grant funding. She was Principal Investigator on an internally-funded project with HealthStreet staff. Project activities included running focus groups on the information needs of HealthStreet clients and staff, and the creation of training and a library for HealthStreet clients that mirrors the greatest health needs of our community. At the same time, she served as an investigator on a \$25,000 grant on health literacy and advanced directives, awarded to a faculty member in the College of Medicine. Her contributions to this project included literature searching and screening, as well as the identification and vetting of validated health literacy screening tools. She was an investigator on the National Library of Medicine funded (\$50,000) HIV/AIDS information outreach project described above. This project helped prepare her for her first role as a PI on an external project, a recently awarded community partnership project funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Ms. Ansell has been highly active in the areas of campus and professional service, earning her reputation as a hardworking and reliable committee member. On the national level she currently serves in two important national leadership roles in the Medical Library Association – as a member of its national Research Imperative Task Force (and leads the task force's

Resources and Tools Working Group), and as Chair-designate of the Governmental Relations Committee. It is quite unusual for someone so new to the profession and so new to MLA to serve in leadership roles at the national level, but her stellar work as a volunteer on other MLA endeavors has led to these opportunities. It is expected that as Ms. Ansell's professional reputation grows, such opportunities will become only more numerous. While all of the above provides a glimpse into Ms. Ansell's outstanding professional accomplishments, her passion for providing health information to those who need it, and her collegiality are equally impressive. Maggie is an active team member and a joy to work with. The activities and accomplishments described above bode well for Ms. Ansell's future professional endeavors, and qualify her for the Florida Library Association's Outstanding New Librarian Award.

Summary Maggie Ansell has made significant contributions to the University of Florida's Health Science Center Libraries, its clients, and our community. She excels in consumer health information services and nursing liaison librarianship, and provides UF award-winning outreach services. She has successfully published and secured grants, and is active in professional service. She serves in two national leadership roles in the Medical Library Association, unusual for a relatively new professional. Ms. Ansell exhibits great passion for providing health information. She is a leader, collegial, and a joy to work with. Ms. Ansell is strongly qualified for FLA's Outstanding New Librarian Award.

Curriculum Vitae

Margaret Emily Ansell, MLIS
Health Science Center Libraries
University of Florida
(352) 273-8410
meansell@ufl.edu

EDUCATION

MLIS	University of Washington Information School	June 2012
BA	St. John's College Major: Liberal Arts	May 2010

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Assistant University Librarian (Tenure Track), Health Science Center Libraries (HSCL), University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (2014-)

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant University Librarian (Tenure Track), Health Science Center Libraries (HSCL), University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (2014-)

Nursing and consumer health specialist; performs reference assistance and consultations, instruction, outreach, and collection management for the College of Nursing and the Health Education & Behavior department at the College of Health & Human Performance. Provides consumer health information services to the Academic Health Center students, staff, and faculty. Serves as a member of the Biomedical and Health Information Services team, and provides services in a variety of modes (in person, email, and 'house calls'.) Responsible for special projects as assigned, such as collection reviews, development of web-based resources, and service evaluation. Participates in reaching management decisions by serving on various committees and teams. Pursues professional development opportunities, including research, publication, and professional services activities in order to meet library-wide criteria for tenure and promotion.

Documentation and Data Integration Specialist, Voice Operations, Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle, WA (June 2011 – October 2014)

Provided authoritative information to internal/external clinicians, hospital departments, and health consumers; facilitated timely connections between clinicians and consumers. Managed data and documentation associated with the switchboard, collaborating with hospital departments and employees to maintain accurate contact information, call handling procedures, pager services, and internal documentation. Collaborated with switchboard operators, IT, and vendors in the development and refinement of the telephone directory and on-call schedule databases used by the switchboard for call processing.

Intern, Main Library, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. (June – August 2009)

Circulation services, interlibrary loan fulfillment, journal acquisitions.

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. Course-Integrated Instruction

Co-instructor of Record

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

(Un)Common Read – *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*

Spring Semester 2017

Semester-long course in the Honors Program. Led weekly discussion on the book for this one-credit class.

Co-developer and Co-instructor of Record

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

GMS5909 – Finding Biomedical Research Information and Communicating Science

Fall Semester 2016

1-credit graduate student course providing students with skills in literature and data searching, ethical use of information, data sharing, measuring and enhancing research impact, among other topics.

Discussion Leader

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Introduction to Clinical and Translational Research

Summer Semester 2015

2-week research-focused intensive introducing new researchers to the clinical research process the resources available for conducting research at UF. Included a small group component on which librarians act as discussion leaders and expert resources.

Guest Lecturer

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Introduction to Evidence-Based Dental Practice

Spring Semester 2015

2 hands-on computer lab sessions on turning a research question into a search strategy and searching PubMed

Guest Lecturer

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

NUR3169, “Information Resources for Evidence Based Nursing Practice”

Spring Semester 2015, 2016

1-hr session covering library website, PubMed, MeSH, CINAHL, National Guideline Clearinghouse, EndNote. Used PowerPoint presentation and live instruction. Created a script and adapted presentation in order to have lecture recorded for online version of this course.

2. Workshop Education/Training Programs

Primary Instructor

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Good Health at Hand: Finding HIV/AIDS Information Online

Upon request, Spring 2016-present

This free workshop, open to everyone, will introduce reliable health websites like MedlinePlus, AIDSsource, and AIDSinfo, and show you how to use these websites to find information that answers questions about HIV and AIDS. This workshop will also show you how to tell if you can trust a website to give good, reliable health information. Come learn how to be a smart searcher for health information online!

Primary Instructor

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Introduction to CINAHL

Semesterly, Spring 2015-present

Looking for an introduction to the premier database of nursing and allied health literature? This class introduces you to basic and advanced search options; performing more accurate searches using CINAHL headings; using limits to narrow and refine your search; printing, email, and exporting your citations; creating a personal account to store your citations; and finding full-text articles.

Co-Instructor

University of Florida, Gainesville FL

PubMed

Twice Semesterly, Spring 2015-present

This class will take you step-by-step through effective literature search and save techniques- starting smartly, limiting efficiently without losing "good stuff", searching for specific info (authors, types of publications, specific journals) and refining your search. Depending on participant interests/needs and time, we may also cover setting up email alerts, transferring to bibliographic software like RefWorks or EndNote, filtering for evidence-based studies, building collections within PubMed or other functions within PubMed.

Primary Instructor

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Consumer Health on the Web

Semesterly, Summer 2015 – present

This workshop is designed to teach healthcare professionals about health information resources that are freely available online and designed to be understood by the average person. In this workshop, students will learn about some of the most popular and trustworthy websites that they can recommend to patients, friends, and family, such as MedlinePlus and ClinicalTrials.gov. In addition, they will learn tips and tricks for telling the difference between good and bad sources of health information online. Used PowerPoint presentation and live instruction.

Primary Instructor

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Medical Terminology

Semesterly, Summer 2015 – present

Basics of medical terminology. Key concepts and word building, as well as the basics of body structure, including cells, tissues, organs and body planes will be covered. Sessions will be simultaneously taught Gainesville HSCL and Jacksonville Borland Library via telecommunication. Parts 1, 2 and 3 make up a single 6-hour course. Attendees should plan to attend all three sessions in order to complete the training. Used PowerPoint presentation and live instruction.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Refereed Publications

Ansell M. Creative Collaborations to Serve Consumers in an Academic Health Science Center Library. *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*. 2 January 2016, 16(1):59-64 (Invited Paper)

2. Non-Refereed Publications

Collaborating with Strangers on HIV/AIDS Outreach. *ACIOP Blog: HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Program*. 6 April 2016, <https://aciopblog.wordpress.com/2016/04/06/collaborating-with-strangers-on-hiv-aids-outreach/>.

A Florida Librarian's First Conference: SC/MLA 2015 – San Juan, Puerto Rico. *NAHRS Newsletter*. 11 January 2016, 36(1):8-9

Creating a Curriculum for HIV/AIDS Training at the University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries. *ACIOP Blog: HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Program*. 4 January 2016, <https://aciopblog.wordpress.com/2016/01/04/creating-a-curriculum-for-hiv-aids-training-at-the-university-of-florida-health-science-center-libraries/>.

PRESENTATIONS/POSTERS

"Increasing Access, Reducing Stigma: Improving HIV/AIDS Information Communication in North Florida", contributed presentation, Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, 18 May 2016, Toronto, CA (**M Ansell** & J Reazer [presenters], H Norton, G Kuntz, MR Tennant)

"Community Collaborations to Establish Consumer Health Services for Underserved Populations", contributed poster, Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, 15 May 2016, Toronto, CA (**M Ansell** [presenter], LB Cottler, V Piazza, MR Tennant)

"HIV/AIDS Awareness in the 21st Century", contributed poster, Florida Health Science Library Association Annual Meeting, 8 April 2016, Tampa, FL (A Pomputius [presenter], N Stoyan Rosenzweig, **M Ansell**, R Jesano, H Norton, N Schaefer, MR Tennant)

"Partners in Preeminent Research: How the HSCL Library Supports and Facilitates Research Efforts", contributed poster, College of Medicine Celebration of Research, 22 February 2016, Gainesville, FL (A Pomputius & **M Ansell** [presenters], M Daley, R Jesano, H Norton, N Schaefer, MR Tennant)

“HIV/AIDS and Awareness in the 21st Century”, contributed poster, Emerging Pathogens Institute Research Day, 18 February 2016, Gainesville FL (A Pomputius & N Stoyan Rosenzweig [presenters], **M Ansell**, N Schaefer, H Norton, R Jesano, J Reazer, G Kuntz, M Daley, MR Tennant)

“Developing Consumer Health Services at an Academic Health Center: Navigating Community and Healthcare Organizations”, contributed paper, annual conference of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association, 24 October 2015, San Juan, Puerto Rico (**M Ansell**)

“Out of the Box: Librarians Collaborating in Classrooms and Clinics”, contributed poster, UF College of Medicine Celebration of Research, 9 February 2014, Gainesville, FL (**M Ansell** [presenter], M Daley, ME Edwards, R Jesano, N Schaefer)

CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

1. Funded Externally

Role	Agency	Grant Title & Dates	Amount
PI	National Networks of Libraries of Medicine, SEA	Promoting Health Information Access through Community Partnerships (10/2016-4/2017)	\$4,997
Investigator	National Library of Medicine	Partnering to Provide HIV/AIDS Information Outreach (9/15/2015-9/14/2016)	\$50,000

2. Funded Internally

Role	Agency	Grant Title & Dates	Amount
Team Member	UF College of Medicine & UF HSC Self Insurance Program	Advance Directives Completion Rates and Intervention to Address Health Literacy in a Clinic Population (7/1/2015-12/31/2016)	\$25,000
PI	George A. Smathers Libraries Strategic Opportunities Grants	Educating UF Research Participants: Consumer Health Information Services at HealthStreet (7/1/15-6/30/16)	\$4,071

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE AND SERVICE

3. University

Emergency Management Cohort, Library Planning Committee, member, March 2016 - present

Curriculum Committee, College of Dentistry, member, August 2015 - present

Health Literacy Project Team, member, November 2014 - present

Health Literacy Ambulatory Research Group, member, December 2014 – present

4. Smathers Libraries

Library Faculty Assembly, Career Development Committee, member, March 2015 – present

Cataloging and Discovery Services Chair Search Committee, member, May 2015 - present

5. Health Science Center Libraries

Translational Research Liaison Librarian Search Committee, member, January 2016 - present

Health Literacy & Health Professions Librarian Search Committee, chair, June – December 2015

Health Science Liaison Librarian Search Committee, member, January – November 2015

CONSULTATIONS/SPECIAL PROJECTS

SharePoint migration, consultant, Revenue Cycle Services, Seattle Children’s Hospital, Seattle, WA, October 2013

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

6. Memberships

a. National

Medical Library Association (MLA; member, 2014-):

Consumer & Patient Health Information Section (member, 2014-)

Nursing & Allied Health Resources Section (member, 2014-)

Special Libraries Association (SLA; member, 2011-2013):

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (member, 2012-2013)

Science-Technology Division (member, 2011-2012)

b. Regional

Southern Chapter Medical Library Association (SC/MLA; member, 2014-)

c. State

Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA; member, 2014-)

7. Activities

a. National

Medical Library Association, Research Imperative Task Force (member, July 2015-)

Medical Library Association, Resources & Tools Working Group (chair, July 2015-)

Medical Library Association, Governmental Relations Committee:

Member (June 2015-)

Chair Designate (June 2016-)

Medical Library Association, Systematic Review Special Interest Group, member (May 2015-)

Medical Library Association, Working Group to develop comments on the future of the National Library of Medicine, member (March 2015)

b. Regional

None

c. State

Florida Health Sciences Library Association, Honors and Awards Committee, member (April 2015-)

HONORS/AWARDS

Outreach Award recipient for work with HealthStreet, George A. Smathers Libraries, July 2016

Outreach Award recipient for the work with the Women's Health/Sex and Gender Differences, George A. Smathers Libraries, July 2015

Academy of Health Information Professionals, provisional member, September 2015 – August 2016

Consumer Health Information Specialization Program, Level 1 membership designation (May 2015-April 2018)

CONTINUING EDUCATION/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

"Searching Grey Literature", Tampa, FL, 8 April 2016 (3.0 MLA CE Credits)

"A Librarian's Guide to NCBI", Bethesda, MD, 7-11 March 2016 (36.0 MLA CE Credits)

Focus on NLM Resources: NLM Extramural Programs, 17 February 2016 (1.0 MLA CE Credit)

"Finding Information in Numbers and Words: Data Analysis for Health Information Outreach", Gainesville, FL, 8 February 2016 (4.0 MLA CE Credits)

“Fundamentals of Bioinformatics and Searching”, NNLM online course, 26 October – 11 December 2015 (25.0 MLA CE Credits)

“Answering the Right Questions: Data Collection for Health Information Outreach”, Gainesville, FL, 2 December 2016 (4.0 MLA CE Credits)

“Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation for Library Advocacy”, Gainesville, FL, 1 December 2016 (6.0 MLA CE Credits)

“NLM Georgia Biomedical Informatics Course”, Young Harris, GA, 27 September – 3 October 2015 (35.0 MLA CE Credits)

“Will Duct Tape Cure My Warts?: Examining Complementary and Alternative Medicine”, NNLM online course, 3 August – 7 September 2015 (8.0 MLA CE Credits)

“Introduction to Public Health”, NNLM webinar, 16 April (1.0 MLA CE Credits)

“Introduction to Systematic Reviews”, Florida Health Sciences Library Association Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 10 April 2015 (4.0 MLA CE Credits)

“Prescription for Success: Consumer Health Information on the Web”, NNLM online course, 16 March – 13 April 2015 (4.0 MLA CE Credits)

“Public Health Information on the Web”, NNLM online course, 3-31 March 2015 (4.0 MLA CE Credits)

“Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information at Your Library”, NNLM online course, 2 February – 9 March 2015 (8.0 MLA CE Credits)

“PubMed for Trainers”, National Library of Medicine Training Center, Bethesda, MD, 27 & 29 January, 3 February 2015 (13.0 MLA CE Credits)

“ClinicalTrials.gov: Results Reporting, Unique Evidence, and the Role of Medical Librarians”, NNLM online course, 12-29 January 2015 (4.0 MLA CE Credits)

Disaster Information Specialist Program, monthly webinar, 15 January 2015 (1.0 MLA CE Credit)



College of Nursing

Department of Family, Community and Health System Science
PO Box 100197
Gainesville, FL 32611-0197
352-273-6352

March 10, 2017

To whom it may concern:

It is my honor to nominate Maggie Ansell for the **Outstanding New Librarian** award. I have known and worked directly with Ms. Ansell since taking a position at the University of Florida, College of Nursing (CON) as a Preeminence Faculty member in 2014. She is truly an amazing librarian who is willing to do nearly anything in her power to help our students and faculty members extend nursing science and scholarship. She consistently supports faculty, students, and research teams to conduct rigorous literature searches and effectively present the results in systematic reviews. She is a regular guest lecturer in our courses, sharing her expertise and extensive knowledge of the nursing literature. Most recently, she brought together a team of fellow librarians to help my research team learn more about how to utilize the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) a complex but robust tool for leveraging Big Data Science in health care.

In my academic career of nearly two decades, (faculty member at 3 other prominent institutions), I can sincerely say that Maggie Ansell is a standout, truly one of a kind. I am very grateful for Maggie and believe she is most deserving of the Outstanding New Librarian award. Should you wish me to provide additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Gail M. Keenan, PhD, RN, FAAN
Professor and Annabel Davis Jenks Endowed Chair
Teaching and Research in Clinical Nursing Excellence
College of Nursing

March 8, 2017

TO: Michele Tennant, PhD, MLIS, AHIP
Associate Director
Health Science Center Libraries Library & Knowledge Services
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL

RE: **Letter of Support for the Nomination of Margaret Ansell for Florida Library Association's Outstanding New Librarian Award**

I'm writing to support the nomination of Margaret (Maggie) Ansell for the Florida Library Association's Outstanding New Librarian Award. In her short, but impactful career, Maggie has made significant contributions to her local library and university, as evidenced in her CV, and to the Medical Library Association (MLA).

Maggie's efforts regarding her participation in MLA activities have been praiseworthy given the fact that she is still new to the field. She has demonstrated a strong interest and commitment to professional service through her active participation in various MLA activities and conferences. She currently serves on two important national committees and is chair-designate for one of them (MLA Governmental Relations Committee), which is highly unusual for someone at this stage in her career. Commendably, she has also engaged in scholarship activities and has authored a refereed publication; other types of communications; a funded NLM grant; other local grants, and numerous presentations and posters at regional and national conferences. These high-level contributions to the library profession have been recognized through her academy membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) in 2015.

As Chair of the MLA Research Imperative Task Force (RITF), I have worked closely with Maggie and the other RITF members to carry out our charge to advance health information research and evidence-based practice in health sciences libraries. Maggie actively participates in RITF discussions (online conference calls and at annual meetings), frequently offering refreshing and thoughtful suggestions and ideas. A key strategy in accomplishing RITF goals is to provide better access to research resources, tools, and aids, in order to facilitate the research engagement of health sciences librarians. To this end, I appointed Maggie to lead and guide the Resources & Tools Working Group of RITF that is undertaking this project. This is a huge effort that involves coordinating multiple teams of librarians (approximately 25 librarians) to identify, select, annotate, and categorize research resources and tools, and then to create mockup web pages for these resources that will be available on the MLA website. These informative resources and tools will help librarians evaluate, use, conduct, and communicate research. Maggie carries out her RITF responsibilities competently, diligently, and with a high degree of professionalism. Maggie is a natural leader with a passion for connecting people with resources and opportunities. She is currently providing very effective leadership for this multi-year project, which will be completed in 2018.

For those of us who have had the pleasure of working closely with Maggie, it is clear that she has many talents. She is a very bright, well-spoken and engaging new professional. She is an innovative thinker, proactive problem-solver, and open to new methods and diverse viewpoints.

She has strong people skills and is a persuasive advocate for health sciences libraries and their user communities. As a new librarian, Maggie has a substantial record of accomplishment and demonstrated potential as an emerging leader in health sciences libraries. Honoring her with the Florida Library Association's Outstanding New Librarian Award will openly demonstrate how much her mentors and peers appreciate her abilities, contributions, and potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Lessick". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Susan Lessick, MA, MLS, AHIP, FMLA
Librarian Emerita/Distinguished Librarian
University of California, Irvine

University of Florida HealthStreet
College of Public Health and Health Professions
College of Medicine
Department of Epidemiology

2401 SW Archer Road
Gainesville, FL 32608-0231
352-294-4880
MyHealthStreet.Org

3/10/2017

Florida Library Association
541 E. Tennessee St., #103
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Dear Florida Library Association,

I am pleased to endorse the nomination of Maggie Ansell for the Florida Library Association's Outstanding New Librarian Award. Having collaboratively worked with Maggie for the past two years, I know that no one is more deserving of this prestigious award.

Maggie created a lasting and strong partnership between HealthStreet, a community engagement program in the University of Florida Department of Epidemiology, and the UF Health Sciences Libraries over the span of many projects and collaborations. Her willingness to involve us in new library initiatives allowed HealthStreet to be on the cutting edge of health literacy, a major benefit for our program members (who are predominantly from underserved populations across the state of Florida).

Maggie's strategic partnership in return paved a way for the library system to share health information with the community at large. A notable, specific outcome of her work with us was the training of our Community Health Worker (CHW) team and HealthStreet staff to find and use community-friendly, factual consumer health resources online. This further developed into the creation of the Health and Cancer Resource Room at the HealthStreet facility, where we are able to provide up-to-date health education and literature to our community members on a daily basis. More recently, Maggie has worked with us to develop HIV/AIDS training videos and in-person workshops. These trainings increased and enhanced access to HIV/AIDS information resources to vulnerable populations.

Maggie's professional demeanor has served as a breath of fresh air and her work has led to paramount contributions to the librarian profession. Again, I am extremely gratified to add the support of the HealthStreet team and myself to the nomination of Maggie Ansell for the Outstanding New Librarian Award.

Best regards,



Vicki Piazza
Director of Operations
HealthStreet at the University of Florida