

## Librarian's Shelf by Rachelle McPhillips

### Library Resources Ease Transition from High School to College and Work

This month marks my ten-year anniversary as the young adult librarian at CPL. Together area middle and high school students and I have built a robust summer reading program and created an enviable space for teens to enjoy in the library. We read thousands of hours and fell in love with Edward or Jacob (or neither), cheered on Katniss, and ran the maze outside the Glade. We collected robots, played drums, and danced in the stacks. We cut the heads off of hundreds of Beanie Babies, demolished thousands of snacks, and needed a fair share of bandaids.

It has been as rewarding as it has been challenging. As I celebrate my tenth year at CPL, I am stepping into a new role as your reference librarian. I look forward to serving the community in a new capacity and embracing the opportunities ahead. Thank you, Columbus, for sharing your children with me. If you are one of those kids, thank you for hanging out and making this job fun. I am excited to see what the next young adult librarian can do with the collections and services we created.

For those of you who are planning for what happens after graduation, I know it can be daunting. Let us help. Columbus Public Library has resources that can make the process make more sense. We have books for graduates heading into the workforce, students heading off to college, and for parents adjusting to children's initial steps into adulthood.

For those who know that work is for them, Andrea Kay offers advice in "This Is How to Get Your Next Job: An Inside Look at What Employers Really Want." Kay has organized her suggestions into lists with chapters titled, "15 Things You Should Never Talk About or Say" and "10 Things You Should Never Wear." In "15 Things You Should Never Do," Kay lists being humble and fixating "on things you lack" as pitfalls for jobseekers.

Students heading to college in late 2019 might like to pick up Gabbriel Simone's "I Wish I Knew It Before Going to College." This is a collection of very short essays that begin with sentences like, "I wish I knew how to study," and "I wish I knew that one test failed wasn't going to be the end of my college career." My personal favorite is on page 102: "I wish I knew how much time I'd be spending in the library; I'd probably have paid more attention to it on tour."

Jeffrey J. Selingo offers parents and students helpful advice for finding a career after college. In "There is Life After College: What Parents and Students Should Know About Navigating School to Prepare for the Jobs of Tomorrow" the author eases tension about taking a gap year – or gap years – and how to choose the right school at the right time.

This is just a small sample of resources for new job seekers, college students, and their parents. In addition to more books on these topics, CPL also has a scholarship search in the Digital Library's Testing & Education Reference Center at [www.cplconnect.us](http://www.cplconnect.us).

For help accessing these resources and more, visit the library or call 402-564-7116 option 2.