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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Mr. Waters brings 47 years of library experience to the task. For 22 years Mr. Waters has been a full-time library consultant. Previously, Mr. Waters spent 19 years with the Dallas Public Library, where he served as Acting Director, Associate Director of Public Services, Chief of the Central Library, Chief of Branch Services, and Head of the Science and Industry Division. Other library experience includes posts with the Seattle Public Library, the Wichita (KS) Public Library, and the Public Libraries of Springfield-Greene County, Missouri.

Mr. Waters' background includes experience in the areas of library-building planning, design, and construction; in budgeting; in long-range planning; in fund raising and grantsmanship; in marketing and public relations; and in public services planning and programming.

Mr. Waters played a major role in planning all phases of the Dallas Central Library (646,000 square feet, 205 parking spaces, \$42.7 million budget including over \$12 million in private funds); in the development of the Dallas system's long-range service plan; and in the planning, design, construction, and operations of ten branch libraries.

Mr. Waters' consulting experience is extensive. He has completed several diverse assignments for public libraries throughout the country. He has consulted with public libraries from Massachusetts to California, from Texas to Wisconsin, in Colorado and Wyoming, and from Washington to Florida. Building projects include very large buildings for Denver (576,000 SF) and Nashville (300,000 SF), small- to mid-sized buildings in Hays, KS; Cedar Park, TX; Sarasota, FL; Hewlett-Woodmere, NY; and Beaverton, OR. In many of the building and master planning projects he has assisted the libraries in writing grant applications, in seeking private sector funding, and in structuring public campaigns for capital improvement bond elections and other types of public votes.

Other consultantships include a preliminary facilities plan for the DC Public Library, Washington, DC and a space plan for the Boston Central Library and a building program for renovation of the McKim Building. Building programs have been prepared for the Brockton (MA), Lewiston (ME), Rockland (ME), and Yonkers (NY) public libraries. A master plan was completed for the Manchester (NH) City Library. Other projects include collection development and management studies for The Queens Borough (NY) Public Library, a needs assessment, building program, and assistance with architectural selection for the West Orange (NJ) Public Library, and a building program, site analysis, and detailed cost estimating for the East Brunswick (NJ) Public Library.

Mr. Waters has worked with academic libraries at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA; Baylor University, Waco, TX; Brookhaven Community College, Dallas, TX; Incarnate Word University, San Antonio, TX; and East Central University, Ada, OK.

In addition, Mr. Waters has worked with state libraries in Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Nevada, South Carolina, and Texas. He also consulted with the Smithsonian Institution Libraries on their Tropic Research Center Library, Panama City, Panama.

CURRENT POSITION

Library Consultant, 1985 +. Prior to the sale of the company, Mr. Waters was the principal consultant and secretary-treasurer for PROVIDENCE *Associates*, Consultant, 1979 +. Marjorie and Dick Waters sold the company May 2006.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Library Association

President

Library Administration Division, 1977 - 78.

Chair

Local Arrangements Committee, 1984 Annual Conference.

Council Orientation Planning (co-chairman), 1976 - 77.

Public Relations Section, Library Administration Division, 1973 – 74.

Junior Members Round Table, 1970 - 71.

Treasurer

Freedom To Read Foundation, 1972 - 73.

Member

American Library Trustee Association Education Committee, 1988 – 95.

Library Administration and Management Association Architecture for Libraries Committee, 1993 – 1996.

Fund Raising Discussion Group, 1981-85.

Public Library Association Business Council, 1992 – 1996.

Reference and Adult Services Division MARS On-line Public Library Services Committee, 1981 - 83.

Conference Streamlining Committee, 1977 – 1981.

President's Commission on External Relations, 1976 – 78.

ALA Council, 1973 – 77.

Executive Committee, Freedom to Read Foundation, 1970 - 73.

Information Futures Institute, Member, 1993 +.

Urban Libraries Council, Member, Board of Trustees, 1989 - 1993.

Simmons College, Boston, Graduate School of Library & Information Science

Workshop Presentation, Fall 2006, "How Much Space Do You Need and How Much Will It Cost?"

Texas Woman's University School of Library & Information Studies, Denton, Texas

Adjunct Faculty, 1993 +.

Chair, Advisory Council, 1993 - 1995.

University of Arizona, Tucson, School of Information Resources & Library Science

Adjunct Faculty, 2004 +.

AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc.

Chair, Nominating Committee, 1983 - 84.

Secretary, Board of Directors, 1975 - 77.

New England Library Association
Member, 2005 +.

Texas Library Association
Chair

Junior Members Round Table, 1969 - 70.
Public Libraries Division, 1968 - 69.

Member

Public Relations Committee, 1993 - 96
Continuing Education Committee, 1981 - 83.
Executive Board, 1970 - 73.

Dallas County Library Association, President, 1972 - 73.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

Sawmill Gardens Homeowners Association
Member, Board of Directors, 2002 - 2003.

Haven United Methodist Church
Chair, Finance Committee, 2001 – 2004.
Member, Administrative Council, 2000 - 2005.

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Chair, Administration and Stewardship Committee, 1997 – 1999.
Trustee, 1997 – 1999.
Member, Long Range Planning Committee, 1992 – 1996.
Session, 1997 – 1999.

Denton City County Day Nursery
Member, Board of Directors. 1993 - 1996.

Vision Denton
Member, Technology Planning Committee, 1994 – 1997.

Denton Chamber of Commerce
Member, Government Affairs Committee, 1992 - 95.

Friends of the Dallas Arts District
Member, Board of Directors, 1984 - 86.

Museum of African-American Life & Culture
Vice-President for Planning, 1980 - 88.
Member, Board of Trustees, 1980 - 90.

Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.
Member, Board of Directors, 1980 - 86.

EDUCATION

University of Washington, School of Librarianship, 1966.

Master of Librarianship, Elective concentration - Computer science and human relations.

Southwest Missouri State University, 1960.

Bachelor of Science, Major - Business organization and management, Minor - Political science and sociology.

PRESENTATIONS

"Issues and Trends in Urban Libraries." First Annual Issues Conference, School of Library and Information Resources, University of Arizona, Tucson, 2004.

"How Much Space Do You Really Need and How Much Will It Cost?" New Mexico Library Association Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, 2003.

"Knowing Your Community -- From Afar." Arizona Library Association, Phoenix, 2002.

"Trends and Issues in Urban Libraries." National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., March 2002.

"How Much Space Do You Really Need?" Arizona Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association Joint Conference, Phoenix, AZ, 2001.

"Library Planning for Boise," American Institute of Architects, Boise, ID Chapter, 2000.

"Planning the Library of the Future," California Library Association Workshop, Pasadena, CA, 1997.

"Planning Space for Videoconferencing," American Library Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, 1997.

"So You Want to be a Consultant..." Third National Conference of African American Librarians, Winston-Salem, NC, 1997.

"The Bookmobile and Its Future," Pennsylvania Library Association Bookmobile Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, 1997.

"The Virtual Library," Texas Library Association Conference, Houston, TX, 1996.

"Planning Space for Videoconferencing," Library and Information Technology Association/Library Administration and Management Association National Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, 1996.

"The Library of the Future," Eastern Region Academic Physical Plant Administrators, Valley Forge, PA, 1995.

"Space Planning for the Future," Texas Woman's University, Denton, 1994.

"Building Planning for Technology." Public Library Director's Conference, Florida State Library, Tallahassee, 1992.

"Lighting and Technology: Buildings for the '90s." Pre-conference prior to American Library Association Conference, Atlanta, 1991.

"Strategic Planning for Libraries; A Seminar." Computers in Libraries 6th Annual Conference, Oakland, CA, 1991.

"Library Buildings: Renovations - Remodeling - Retrofits; A Workshop." Computers in Libraries 6th Annual Conference, Oakland, CA, 1991.

Program participant and speaker at library conferences of the American Library Association, the American Society of Information Science, the Council for the Advancement of Experimental Learning, the Mountain Plains Library Association, and the library associations in the states of Alaska, Arkansas, Nevada, South Carolina and Texas.

Participant in "Library Facility Location" Project, Public Technology, Inc.

Library building and space planning workshops presented for state libraries in Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, Oregon, Texas, and Washington, and for the Northeast Texas Library System.

PUBLICATIONS

Editor, Public Library Quarterly, from vol. 3, no. 4 to vol. 23, no. 3/4.

"From Second Class 'Citizen' to 'Head of the Class': A New Way to Fund Libraries," in Public Library Quarterly, Vol. 16, No. 2, 1997.

"Foundation Giving Again On The Rise," in Public Library Quarterly, Winter 1992.

"Public Library Work Benefits Survey," in The Bottom Line, Spring 1992 (joint author).

"Public Library Buildings and the American Disabilities Act: A Review of Recent Publications," in Public Library Quarterly, Vol. 12(3), 1992

"From the Parking Lot to the Bookstack and Back," in *Highsmith Focus* catalog, Spring 1992.

"The Library Building Tomorrow," in Library Trends, Fall 1987.

Contributing Editor, "Library Buildings," in Texas Library Journal vol. 59, 1983.

"Automation at the Dallas Public Library," in Library Journal, June 1, 1982 (joint author).

"Local Sources of Funding." *Facilities Funding Finesse: Financing and Promotion of Public Library Facilities*, American Library Association, 1982.

"Financing the Electronic Library: Models and Options," Drexel Library Quarterly, Fall 1981 (joint author).

"Legislative Support of Library Services in Texas." *Libraries in the Political Process*, Oryx Press, 1980.

- "Tilting at the Windmill," in Library Journal, June 15, 1978.
- "Understanding Federal Aid: What Good Is Washington Doing Libraries." American Libraries, November 1977.
- "What's Up In Downtown Dallas," *Southern Methodist University/Dallas Public Library*, June 30, 1976, (editor, Proceedings).
- "Special Report: Siting the Public Library," Wilson Library Bulletin, December 1975.
- "Community Information Service: Should We? (Yes.) How? (Carefully!)" Texas Library Journal, Spring 1975.
- "Interface With Local Information Agencies: A Community Information Network," *ERIC Clearinghouse on Information Resources*, 1974.
- "Building a Library: A Consultant's View," Texas Library Journal, Spring 1971.
- "Reference Service Planned By Reference Librarians," RQ, Fall 1969.
- "Survey of Cooperative Ventures in Texas Libraries," *Final Report of a Library Inter-Network Study Demonstration and Pilot Model*, SMU-Texas State Library, September 1969.
- "Advice to the Lovelorn: What It's Like at Your First ALA Conference," ALA Bulletin, January 1969.
- "Patrons Look at Libraries," Library Journal, September 15, 1968.
- "Library-Industry Cooperation: A Proposal," Texas Library Journal, Summer 1967.
- "Free Space: Can Public Libraries Receive It?" ALA Bulletin, March 1964.

OTHER

Beta Phi Mu.

Leadership Dallas, Class of 1978 – 79.

Listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

Listed in Biographical Directory of Librarians in the United States and Canada.

Selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America, 1971.