

## **SAROJ GHOTING**

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### **SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND:**

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National trainer on early literacy for library staff. Present workshops at national, state, regional conferences for 8 years. Co-author of books on early literacy published by the American Library Association. Thirty years' experience as children's librarian in public libraries serving customers, especially children, parents, and other adults who work with children. Consultant to American Library Association on Every Child Ready to Read @ your library® initiative and instrumental in implementing the initiative as pilot site for Montgomery County (MD) Public Libraries.

### **EDUCATION:**

M.L.S. Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 1976  
B.A. Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, 1973

### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Early Childhood Literacy Consultant. Self-Employed.** (March 2003 -- present)

Present trainings and workshops, nationwide, at a variety of conferences as well as for early childhood staff, child care providers and staff. Present online classes and webinars on various aspects of early literacy. Served as consultant for the Early Literacy Initiative to the Public Library Association and Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association. Develop content for website, update research on early literacy, developed training kits for staff, developed activity sheets for parents. Executive Producer for *Every Child Ready to Read @ your library®* training video. Scriptwriter for *Playing with Words* video. Wrote Manual and activity sheets for ALA Graphics' Curious George Read to Me Program. Co-author of book, *Early Literacy Storytimes @ your library: Partnering with Caregivers for Success* (ALA Editions, 2005)

#### **Early Childhood Services Coordinator. Montgomery County Public Libraries**

(June 2001-December 2002)

Planned and implemented service initiatives related to Library's early childhood services. Assessed needs, planned and presented training for library staff and for early childhood partners in area of early literacy. Worked with administrative staff, library managers, and front-line staff to implement and evaluate programs and training. Worked with Outreach Coordinator to reach targeted populations, including low-income, immigrant groups, and ethnic minorities. Represented Library on Early Childhood Initiative committees and workgroups of government, business, education, and community organization representatives. Briefed County Council as needed regarding Early Childhood Initiative. Worked with webmaster to add content on community early childhood services and library services for young children. Served on county-wide Marketing Workgroup to publicize the importance of early childhood to the community. Videod for cable TV spot on early literacy. Liaison to Public Schools' English as a Second Language Services, and Public Schools' Early Childhood Services, including Head Start, Title I services, Even Start, Early Head Start, and programs through Health and Human Services such as First Steps, Baby Steps, Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program, Healthy Families and other home visiting programs.

**Senior Librarian for Children's Services. Rockville Regional Library. Montgomery County Public Libraries.** (1994-2001)

As Regional Children's Librarian, planned, implemented and evaluated systemwide children's services including representing the Library at meetings of government agencies and organizations, planning and presenting training workshops for library staff, and acting as liaison and advocate of children's services with Library administration and with the community. Managed and budgeted children's collection including the Children's Resource Collection, for parents, teachers, and child care providers. Branch liaison to Children's Resource Collection Library Advisory Committee. Presented storytimes and storytelling programs for children newborn to 12 years of age and their families. One of two library staff trained County "Brain Development Trainers" for County's Early Childhood Initiative. Liaison for Public School's Reading Initiative. Worked with local and county-wide groups who support children including the city and county government agencies, Head Start, Title I, faith communities, recreation departments, child care organizations. Initiated and organized systemwide child care workshops and coordinated with Maryland Child Care Administration for training credit. Presented workshops for child care providers, parents, college students of early childhood education. Trained all branch and Sunday staff on areas concerning services to children and adults who work with them.

**Project Manager. STORYCARE Project Montgomery County Public Libraries.**

Coordinated and developed Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) grant for kits to help child care providers share literature with children two to four years of age. Organized advisory committee to develop the kits. Developed and implemented training for child care providers. Developed instruments for evaluation of project with Children's Coordinator.

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

Association for Library Service to Children division of American Library Association  
National Association for the Education of Young Children  
Public Library Association division of American Library Association  
American Library Association  
International Reading Association

**PUBLICATIONS:**

*Early Literacy Storytimes @ your library* (ALA, 2006) co-authored with Pamela Martin-Diaz  
*The Early Literacy Toolkit: A Handbook and Tip Cards* (ALA, 2009) co-authored with Betsy Diamant-Cohen