**Resume for Edith Ching**

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**Education**:

B.A. cum Laude, Middlebury College, Middlebury Vermont 1964

Majored in American Literature , minored in English Literature

M.A.T. in English and Education, Harvard University 1965

M.L.S. The University of Maryland, 1995

**Current Positions:**

Instructor, the University of Maryland, 2008-present. Teach:

Children’s Literature Survey course to graduate students, teachers and potential librarians. I have placed 6 of my last semester students in their current positions, was an advisor to an independent study project.

Diversity in Children’s Literature short course for CEU’s.

Reviewer, Booklist Magazine

Conferences Presentations, etc.

Montgomery County Public Library Symposium on Diversity, March 2017.

Montgomery County Public Schools2019-. 2015. Best books as listed by Capitol Choices.

Southern Maryland Library Association 2019-2015. Yearly preentatio on Best books as listed by Capitol Choices.

Annapolis Book Festival April 2015: Modeerator for Diane Muldrow, discussion of Little Golden Books.

NCTE Nov. 2014. **Harnessing the Power of Narrative Visual Art and Lyrical Storytelling in Informational Books**

International Reading Association 2007. **Boys and Books, how to encourage reading and retain good readers.**

Celebration of Children’s Literature, 2006, Same topic

Mayland Librarians’ Assocation Oct. 2006 and the International Boys’ School Coalition, June 2005

**Picture Books, they’re not just for kids anymore.**

Conference of Christian Educators 2005 : **Capitol Choices, just how do you choose a good book.**

**Most recent Past Positions**:

Librarian, Washington Latin Public Charter School, Washington, D.C. 20016 2008-2010

I created a library from donations and with a very limited budget, did reader’s profiles on almost all students, brought in authors, created reading lists, ran two book sales.

Author Escort for Bookfame, 2008-present

Lower School Librarian, St. Albans School for Boys, Washington, D.C. 20016

1992-2008.

Responsibilities:

Librarian to 260 male students in grades 4-8. Responsible for curriculum for library, book purchasing, teaching research skills and promoting reading. Yearly check out averages 3,000 books over an 8 month period.

I have created a Parent-Son Book Club and conducted numerous chapels.

I instituted a strong visiting author program with participants such as David Macaulay, Avi, Nancy Farmer, Lois Lowry, Allen Say, Richard Jackson (editor), Ed Young, Susan Campbell Bartoletti, Jennifer Holm .

I have created and maintained a library web site with features such as hot news, web connections for teacher’s projects, reading recommendations that change monthly, web sites of interest and a Reader’s Advisory with over 500 read-a-liked suggestions.

I have created the Summer Reading lists for students in grades 4-8 and also prepared supplemental list for parent meetings.

In conjunction with the school psychologist I have also prepared reading lists on various development stages of child development for parents and other professionals.

I have also chaired a school wide Speakers’ Series for the past 7 years and organized panels on Civil Rights and National Securty and the “Right” to Download Music. Individual lectures I have helped to organize have been given by Randy Kennedy, Alex Ross, Thomas Walker, Steven Johnson.

I have supervised over 20 parent volunteers who assisted daily in the library

I have served on the assembly and curriculum committees and chaperoned a trip to New York for visiting Japanese students for the past two years.

**Past Positions**:

Adjunct Professor, the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, English Department

Technical Writing teacher for college juniors and seniors (a graduation requirement)

1987-1992.

Assistant Professor, Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland, English Department

Freshman English writing teachers.

1975-1987 (with hiatus in 1982-1984 for residency in Japan).

Teacher of English Conversation

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Training Specialist

The Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D.C.

1972-1975

Educational Specialist on Technology Project, Computer Assisted Instruction

The Mitre Corporation, McLean, Virginia

1970-1972

Teacher of English to Junior and Seniors at Punahou School, Honolulu, Hawaii

1967-1970

Specialized in American Literature Courses, General Survey and Poetry.

Teacher of English to Freshmen and Juniors at Oyster Boy High School, Oyster Bay, New York. 1965-1967

Literature surveys, grammar, composition, American Literature.

**Professional organizations and activities**:

Elected to Caldecott Committee 2021

American Library Association. I will be Priority Advisor II June 2017, serving 2 year terms.

ALSC Nominating Committee 2016.

Chairman of the ALSC Notable Children’s Book Committee 2015

ALSC Notable Children’s Book Committee 2011-2013

Co-chair of the ALSC President’s Program for June 2011.

An elected member to the 2007 ALA Newbery Committee. When there was controversy over the selection, I was asked to be a spokesperson to the press.

I am a member of the Washington Children’s Book Guild (where I have been program chairman for 3 years and am past President). I now co-chair the Diversity Outreach Committee.

I am a member of Capitol Choices, a book selection committee that annually publishes a list of the 100 best books of the year.

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I was a member of the Advisory Board for **Booklist** magazine for four years and am a reviewer for picture booksfor the magazine

In the May 2007 Booklinks magazine I had an article on suggestions for Summer Reading Responses.

I have conducted numerous workshops for The International Boys School Coalition, the National Association of Independent Schools, the International Reading Association and the Maryland Librarians’ Association as well as for various local groups on topics including:

NCTE November 2014. I was a presenter of **Harnessing the Power of Narrative, Visual Art and Lyrical Storytelling in Informational Books**, along with Jen Bryant, Cynthia Grady and Melissa Sweet.

**Capitol Choices, just how do you choose a good book**. Conference of Christian Educators, Fall 2005

**Boys and Books, how to encourage reading and retain good readers** for the Celebration of Children’s Literature, May 2006; the International Reading Association’s Regional Conference, Oct. 2007

**Picture Books, they’re not just for kids anymore**, Maryland Librarians’ Association, Oct. 2006. The International Boys’ School Coalition, June 2005.

Use of storytelling in the classroom, students at the University of Maryland.

For 10 years I have also taught English at Gaigo School’s summer English Language Camp in Hakone Japan. Gaigo is a public Japanese High School in Yokohama Japan that specializes in foreign language study. The summer camp last for 4 days and is an intensive English language experience for students completing their first year of study.