

Danielle King, Assistant Branch Manager

Danielle King has a Masters in Library and Information Science (MLS) and a Bachelor's in English. She has worked for the Orange County Library System for six years at different branches and the main library. Danielle's first position was Youth Programs Coordinator. Her primary job responsibility was to develop, plan, implement, publicize and evaluate system-wide programs and events for children and teens. The programs that she has developed range from system-wide contests to summer reading initiatives. Danielle established many community partnerships with organizations such as the Central Florida Sports Commission and the Orange County Citizen's Commission for Children. Consequently, Danielle has been able to create promotional opportunities and participation in events that include, but are not limited to, the Dew Action Sports Tour, the Warped Tour, and the Annual Celebrity Mascot Games. She is committed to providing high quality services to children and young adults. In her pursuits, she developed the first Teen Summer Reading Program at the Orange County Library System which was featured in the book "Sizzling Summer Reading Programs for Young Adults, 2nd ed." by Katharine Kan. Danielle developed and implemented the Teen Library Corp (TLC), a teen volunteer program which won the Urban Libraries Council/Highsmith Award of Excellence. Danielle was quoted in the local newspaper, *The Orlando Sentinel* regarding her work with teens especially the Teen Library Corp. With the help of a committee, she also spearheaded the library's first high school reading list "Coming Soon to a Bookshelf Near You," which won the 2006 LAMA Best of Show in the Young Adult Reading Materials category. She worked with a branch manager on the *Smart Investing Grant*, a money-themed program for kids with stories, interactive activities and movies based on finance education for youth. This program was coordinated with a program for adults that occurred simultaneously to bring in families.

In March 2008, Danielle was promoted to Assistant Manager at the Alafaya branch where she has been very active in developing, promoting and implementing our Summer Reading Programs for children and teens. She actively encouraged staff members to promote and participate in programs for teens. One of the programs she scheduled was *ART: String This* where teens learned tricks and tips on how to play the guitar. She also set up two Summer Art Fun programs with junior and high school teachers to present fun art workshops for teens at the branch. One of those included skate board and surf board design and decorating. Danielle has also been involved with Teen Gaming at the Alafaya branch where kids come monthly to play with electronic games like the Wii, PlayStation, Xbox, karaoke and DDR. In this way she helps teens learn more about technology in a fun and non-intimidating way. She has a true interest in helping teens and promoting education, reading, technology and entertainment. Many of her teen patrons from other library locations have been positively touched by her influence. They come by to say hi and participate in her programs. She has seen children grow in their ability to use technology and expand their reading skills and interests. She has also helped other staff members become more involved in promoting library services to teens by asking them to schedule one program a month.

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