

SARAH GABLE

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Summary

Sarah Gable became interested in medical librarianship after meeting Mildred Langner and discussing the profession. At the time, the library school at the University of South Carolina had just been established. Sarah enrolled and, as she puts it, “the rest is history.”

Throughout her entire professional career, Sarah worked at the USC School of Medicine Library. She began as a part-time cataloger, then moved into a full-time reference position. Later, she became the Head of Reference, and, finally, the Associate Director for Information Services.

Sarah was very active on Southern Chapter committees. She served on the Governmental Relations Committee, the Membership Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Professional Development Committee (where she served as Chair), and the Local Arrangements Committee for the Columbia meeting in 1992. Sarah also served as Chapter Council alternate, and currently serves as the Southern Chapter’s Chapter Council Representative at MLA.

Sarah’s fondest Southern Chapter memory is of a meeting during which Ada Seltzer roasted Ted Srygley with a “striptease.” “It was one of the funniest things I ever experienced in my whole life!”

To new medical librarians, Sarah says, “Look for a mentor. Find someone whose work you admire, and let them know them you would appreciate their advice and help. Keep your skills honed and learn at every opportunity.”

See the full transcript on the SC/MLA Oral History web page.

Laura Kane
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