I’VE ALWAYS VALUED EDUCATION. Being a librarian has allowed me to continue my education and to help others with theirs. I’ve always enjoyed finding answers and I believe that knowledge is power. Sharing knowledge and helping to empower others in this way is extremely rewarding.

YOU’VE ASKED HOW MY CAREER AS A LIBRARIAN HAD AN EFFECT ON OR INSPIRED PEOPLE. I’ve only been a librarian for a short time, but I hope that I’ve had an effect on the students here by encouraging and inspiring them to become more active participants in their own learning. Hopefully I’m teaching them how to find and use reliable information. It’s also my hope that they will take these skills beyond Brookdale and into the rest of their lives.

I’VE ACHIEVED A FEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS. Earning my Master’s degree in Library and Information Science has been my most significant accomplishment recently. I’m also proud of the student leadership positions I’ve held throughout my schooling. At Rutgers University, I was President of the Library & Information Science Student Association. While in graduate school I was also the Student Assistant to the Director for the program’s ALA Accreditation. As an undergraduate I did service learning projects with the Alternative Spring Break Program at James Madison University. My co-leader and I organized a group of students and coordinated a trip to New York City.
which included arranging lodging, transportation and meals. Our group worked with a non-profit group that prepared and delivered food to people living with HIV/AIDS.

I also participated in a different Alternate Spring Break trip to Dominica, a small island in the Lesser Antilles. Our group worked with Peace Corps volunteers in educating a youth group on environmental issues.

I’m hoping to get involved in service learning while here at Brookdale as well.

I ENJOY CREATIVE WRITING AND POETRY. When I was a high school English Teacher, I was the advisor to the student literary magazine, *imagine*. I had the opportunity to encourage students to find their creative voices and share their work.

I’VE SERVED THE COMMUNITY BY MY INVOLVEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS. I’ve volunteered with the Sierra Club and I have also been involved with the Surfrider Foundation which promotes the protection and enjoyment of the world’s oceans, waves and beaches. I’m particularly interested in the intersection between women’s issues and environmental issues.

FUTURE GOALS: I look forward to pursuing professional and community service opportunities that would allow me to empower women and positively impact community. I also plan to pursue a second Masters Degree, and hope to become a certified yoga instructor in the near future. I’d like to recommend the video *Iron Jawed Angels*, a story of the Suffragettes which can be found in the Bankier Library Multimedia Collection (JK1896 .I76 2004).