

Transcript for Meet Jenny Dale

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IM: Hi, I'm Irma Minerva at the University Libraries at UNCG, and this is your podcast of the week.

BF: I'm sitting here with Jenny Dale, a fairly new librarian here at UNCG's Jackson Library. Why don't you tell us a little bit about yourself?

JD: Okay. I was born and raised in North Carolina. I went to UNC to get my undergraduate degree in English literature, and then I went straight into library school, also at UNC. I worked in a couple of different branch libraries when I was an undergraduate as a student assistant and I loved the work that I did there. It was really exciting to have so many different things to do in a single job, so that's what really made me decide I wanted to be a librarian. So I got my masters in library science and then I headed out to Kansas where I worked at Kansas State University, K State Libraries, and I was the instructional design librarian there.

BF: Great I guess it's exciting to be back in your home state. How do you like working at UNCG or Jackson Library or just your job in general?

JD: I love working here. I'm really excited to be back in North Carolina. UNCG is a really great campus to work on, it's really vibrant and active, there's just so much going on all the time which I really love. Jackson Library is also a fantastic place to work, there's a lot of energy here which I noticed that right away. I really like the students that I've worked with so far, they're really interested in the library and they seem to be really happy with Jackson Library, which is great. I really like my job, I love doing library instruction and I love working with first years especially, so it was kind of a perfect fit.

BF: That's great, I know they're thrilled to have you here especially someone that likes to work with first year students. So what do you do when you're not being a librarian?

JD: When I'm not being a librarian, right now I'm still exploring Greensboro. Even though I'm a North Carolina native, I didn't spend a lot of time here until I moved here. So I'm just finding my way around, learning all the different things that are available here. I really like to cook, not so much on baking, it's a lot of measurements there, but cooking is really fun for me. I like to read, I'm really into the Greensboro public library, it's really great, the downtown branch location is really cool. And I've just been enjoying all the outdoor kind of parks and all that that's available here in Greensboro.

BF: And just one last question since you're involved in library instruction, what do you think is the future of library instruction?

JD: I think that library instruction, obviously I'm biased, is really an exciting place to be right now. I think part of the future of library instruction is going to be really making it even more embedded into higher education curricula. I think that it's such an important skill to be information literate and I think libraries can play a really important role in helping students gain those skills. So I see it being just embedded across campuses. But what I think is a really exciting opportunity is all of the different kinds

of delivery formats that we're starting to really explore more. There's always going to be the face to face instruction, but with online instruction there are new opportunities to integrate a lot of interactivity and a lot of really exciting new technologies into teaching. So I think it's one of the parts of librarianship that's moving really fast and it's really exciting.

BF: Well as the distance ed librarian I'm excited to hear you talk about doing online instruction too, so hopefully we'll be working together more in the future and thank you for taking the time to talk a little bit about yourself.

JD: Thank you.