

Transcript for Meet Laurie Therrien

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

JD: Okay well I'm here with Laurie Therrien, is that right?

LT: Yes

JD: Okay excellent. Laurie, tell me a little bit about what your job is here at Jackson Library.

LT: Sure I'm a web developer and I work in ERIT. I absolutely love the department. Some of the things that I'm working on now is the site index. We're working on revamping the site index and we've done some really cool things with the searching ability. What you can do is the words that you enter in the search, it will take the individual words and kind of try to find what the best match is. Another cool thing that we're doing is tag clouds which is a big Web 2.0 thing and really that's the project that I'm working on now.

JD: Excellent. So tell me a little bit about how you got here so what was your path to your job as a web developer in Jackson Library.

LT: Sure. I've always had a passion for web development and I actually have a two year technical degree with web development with a concentration in .NET. When I graduated, I got a job doing data entry which you can imagine isn't very exciting. So I did a lot of outside outsourcing, and I did some web development, I did some technical writing, and then I took a job at MailCo Productions and I was a web developer there focusing on VB.NET. And after that I became senior web developer at Flow Companies, which I was there for about a year.

JD: Excellent, and then this job opened up and it seemed perfect for you?

LT: Oh it's perfect! I absolutely love it.

JD: Okay awesome.

LT: And it fits my skill set which is great.

JD: That is always good. So what do you like to do outside of your passion for web development?

LT: I'm big into scrapbooking, I have piles and piles of pictures to scrapbook. It seems like it's a never-ending hobby, but that's fun. I also enjoy mountain biking which is a lot of fun, just being out in nature is nice.

JD: Excellent and do you like Greensboro?

LT: Oh I love Greensboro because they have really nice trails in the area. I love the greenway and Battleground Park is really nice.

JD: Yeah I was wondering if you had some good biking opportunities here, it seems like a--

LT: Yes they have a lot of single tracks in the area which is a lot of fun.

JD: Great. Well, let's see, is there anything you'd like to tell us about yourself or your job?

LT: I'm very happy to be here and if you want to come say hi me, feel free to come see me in ERIT, I'm in the back.

JD: Awesome well we're very happy to have you here and it sounds like you're working on some really exciting projects so we will look forward to seeing your handiwork on the website.

LT: Great we're going live with the site index in September.

JD: Excellent, thanks Laurie.

LT: Thank you.