

JUDITH M. GIBBS
Indexer, Librarian, Writer, and Editor

Summary

Master of Library Science. Accomplished in print, online, and database indexing. Acknowledged for excellence as a reference librarian in medical, engineering, and university library settings. Extensive experience as a medical and technical writer. Certificate in Technical Writing and Editing, University of Washington, June 2003.

Indexing Projects

Experience in individual and team settings with print, online, and database indexing, including:

- Scholarly and technical books
- Medical/pharmaceutical books and journal articles
- Microsoft Speech Server 2007 (speech recognition software)
- Encarta products
- Software manuals
- Online Help
- General interest and trade books ranging the gamut from biographies to health care topics

**Articles
Published
Since 1995**

"SKY Indexing 7.0," *Key Words*, July – September, 2010.

"SKY 7.0: A Sneak Preview," *Key Words*, July – September, 2008; 2009.

Book review: Annual Review of Information Science and Technology, 2002, *Key Words*, March 2003.

"NISO news," *Key Words*, November/December 2001.

"Nurse-led art expression," *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing*, June 1999.
Served as ghostwriter for author Marilyn Liggett.

"Improving medical treatment procedures," *Proceedings of the STC Annual Conference*, 1996.

**Professional
Affiliations**

American Society for Indexing (ASI).

- Vice-President, Pacific Northwest Chapter.
- National conferences, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2008, 2009, and 2010.
- Representative to the National Information Standards Organization (NISO). Position entails reviewing proposed information standards, including those submitted by ANSI and the Library of Congress, to ensure appropriateness of indexing requirements. The ASI review may include comments on information retrieval and the quality of the written presentation.
- Chair, Best Professional Practices Committee. Position required coordinating, at the national level, development of best professional practices (ethics) for indexers.
- Grader, indexer training course.

Other Professional Experience

Extensive experience researching, writing, and editing medical and technical documentation, including medical treatment procedures; software training modules; commercial airplane design documents; and equipment installation and maintenance documentation for nuclear power plants, commercial food processing equipment, and an electric utility.

Work History**Writing, Editing, and Indexing as a Contractor and Consultant**

- The Write Guru, Seattle, 1994-present (President)
- Microsoft, Redmond (1999, 2000, 2006)
- King County, Seattle, 1998-1999—simultaneously with Children's Hospital
- Children's Hospital, Seattle, 1998
- Supply System (now Energy Northwest), Richland, 1991, 1992
- Puget Power/Puget Sound Energy, Bellevue, 1990-1991, 2002
- Boeing Support Services, Seattle, 1989
- Westinghouse Hanford Company, Richland, 1987, 1989

Writing as a Direct Employee

- Hanford Environmental Health Foundation, Richland (1993-1994)
- UNC Nuclear Industries, Richland (1983-1986)

Reference Librarian (Part-Time)

- Danny Schneller Foundation, Seattle (2000-present)
- Washington State University at Tri-Cities, Richland (1992-1994)

Anthropology Instructor (Part-Time)

- Columbia Basin College, Pasco (1988)

Education and Professional Development

- Master of Library Science—University of Washington
- Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology—University of Washington
- Certificate in Technical Writing and Editing—University of Washington
- In-service courses in occupational health—For example, overview of occupational pulmonary and skin diseases; treating internal radionuclide contamination; and update on blood-borne pathogens
- Technical courses—Engineering physics, calculus, linear algebra, differential equations, advanced engineering mathematics, digital design, C programming language. Columbia Basin College, Pasco, and Tri-Cities University Center (Currently Washington State University, Tri-Cities Campus), Richland.
- Diversity experience—Travel in Australia, Egypt, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Italy; Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and the United Kingdom. Ongoing interest in Native American and Native Canadian cultures.