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## Profile

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First Name

Janee

Last Name

Middle Initial

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Suite or Apt

Santa Barbara

City

CA

State

93111

Postal Code

UCSB

Employer

Director, Data Curation Program

Job Title

research specialist in digital  
library technologies

Occupation

### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Library Board of Trustees of the City of Goleta: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

### Do you reside in the City of Goleta?

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards

### Are you currently serving on a City of Goleta Board, Commission or Committee?

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Yes  No

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### If your answer is yes, please specify.

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**Board Members/Commissioners are required to attend meetings on a regular basis. If appointed, will you be able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill your duties as a member?**

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Yes  No

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**Do you or immediate family members have any relationship (professional, financial, other) that may present a potential conflict of interest for this board, committee or commission?**

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Yes  No

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**If yes, please explain.**

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N/A

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## Interests & Experiences

Question applies to Library Board of Trustees of the City of Goleta

**Why are you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees of the City of Goleta?**

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I have lived in the Santa Barbara area since age 4; went to local public schools including UCSB; have been a resident and homeowner in Eastern Goleta Valley since 1991; and raised two children who attended public schools. My family has always been a heavy user of the library, particularly when my children were young but even today. Which is to say, I feel invested in this community and feel I have a stake in the community's success--- and now, with Goleta Valley Library's independence, in the Library's success. And, as a relatively new "empty nester," I see serving the Goleta Valley Library in some capacity as a way of giving back to the Library and to the community generally. Also, I think the Library is important. What defines a community? I would say a community's values and spirit are most directly reflected in the amenities its resident prioritize and fund: its parks and other recreational facilities; its support for the visual and performing arts; and, yes, its library. In my view, the Goleta Valley Library is an essential part of what "Goleta" means.

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**Describe your qualifications, experience, and education, and list any technical or professional requirements you have relative to the duties of the board, commission or committee to which you are applying.**

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I am currently employed by the UCSB Library, where I am Director of the Data Curation Program; and also by the California Digital Library (CDL), a systemwide unit of the University of California that provides library services to the 10 campuses. My work over the past 20 years at UCSB and 9 years at CDL has been in the area of research and development of digital library technologies and the management of scientific research data. Previously I worked as a software engineer for a local research and development company. My degrees are in mathematics and computer science. While the UCSB Library is a research library, not a public library, and while my work has been almost exclusively in the domain of digital resources, nevertheless by years of close work with and alongside librarians I have either participated in or come to be familiar with the different aspects of library operation. These include: the principles that govern libraries and that inspire our librarians, as espoused by the American Library Association; technical aspects of library operation such as cataloging and catalog systems; contractual issues such as licensing and subscriptions; operational aspects such as reference desk services; creation of library policy; library strategic planning; and, to a lesser extent, budgeting. Additionally, I believe my experience serving as president, treasurer and board member of the Coalition for Sustainable Transportation is relevant and would prove useful in this context. Through my association with this non-profit organization over the last 9 years I have become familiar with budgets and budgeting; fundraising and grant applications; employee relations and related law; the mechanisms of city government; and, generally, an understanding of the frameworks in which organizational bodies and staffing roles fit and inter-relate.

**Please describe your goals and priorities for the Goleta Library.**

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The short answer is, I think the Goleta Library has been doing a great job and I would like to see more of the same! And the credit goes to Library staff, who have been doing so much with what are surely insufficient resources. But here are five areas that are particularly important to me: 1) Introducing children to reading and to the world of literature. At minimum such exposure improves literacy, a vital skill in today's world, but of course there are the richer benefits of exposure to culture. Besides, I just love seeing the library get taken over by little kids at storytime! 2) Supporting the underprivileged. My experience as a volunteer in local schools really opened my eyes to the different backgrounds our children come from and the different amounts of resources they have access to. I believe it is vital that the Library do what it can to make up for these disparities, and to give everybody, particularly children but not just children, the same opportunities. This ethic is reflected in the very existence of a public library, to be sure, but is more directly reflected in, e.g., reading and tutoring programs, teaching English as a second language, and providing Internet and other kinds of technological access. 3) Forging connections between community members. I think the summer reading program, in which my daughters participated as both readers and mentors, is fantastic, for it pairs up children of different ages and socioeconomic backgrounds who would otherwise never meet. It's a wonderful model, and I would welcome programs that provide similar benefits. 4) Serving as a community hub. From art shows to hosting speaking events, the Library broadens its relevance by engaging more members of the community beyond direct patrons. 5) Embracing new technological opportunities. Within a generation we have seen, not just a multitude of changes in media types and the rise of online services, but a shift from an entertainment consumer culture to one in which the average person can easily become a producer as well. Staying up-to-date with respect to technology is necessary to remain relevant, particularly to young people. Supporting new forms of production can empower voices that have not historically been heard.

**What civic and/or volunteer activities have you participated in? You may include past or present activities.**

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Since 2009 I have been a board member of the Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST), a local 501(c)(3) organization with close to \$200,000 in annual revenues that advocates for sustainable and alternative transportation infrastructure. I am ex-president of COAST, and for the last two years have been serving as treasurer. Related, since 2009 I have been co-director of the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program, which works to make walking and biking to school safer and which services Goleta schools along with all elementary and junior high schools on the south coast. While my children were in school I was actively involved with PTAs and PTSAs, mostly in relation to SR2S but also to, for example, help in the classroom and chaperone on field trips. While it was actively doing so, I helped Goleta Valley Beautiful plant trees. I organized a GVB-sponsored event to create a new walking path in my neighborhood. And, in a opportunity I am hoping to resurrect, for two years I served as piano accompanist for a local Suzuki violin studio, accompanying students ages 4-16.

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**Have you obtained any memberships in professional organizations?**

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no

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Upload a Resume

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**How did you hear about the position?**

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email

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**Have you attended meeting(s) or viewed meetings on the City's website (<http://www.cityofgoleta.org/i-want-to/news-and-updates/government-meeting-agendas-and-videos>) for the board, commission, or committee for which you are applying?**

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Yes  No

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## Demographics

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All Demographic information is optional.

### Ethnicity

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None Selected

### Gender

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None Selected

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Date of Birth

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**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**File a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700)**

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I Agree

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**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**Completion of the Code of Ethics and AB1234 Ethics Training:**

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I Agree

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**NOTES**

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