

Shari Barnhart — Rainbowtech Designs

For 30 years, in both public and private education, I was an English teacher, Librarian, and Technology Specialist. I was well known for my workshops for teachers and administrators. Throughout this distinguished career, I focused on literacy and the use of technology to support learning. I possess a unique skill set including expertise in writing, design and website and multimedia creation. I focus on a client's project with the same kind of never-give-up attention I once gave to my students.

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— Professional Experience

RAINBOWTECH DESIGNS – GRAPHIC DESIGN AND WEB PUBLICATION – 2003 – 2011

I design and produce websites for individuals, organizations or business. I also design and produce print or media projects, including brochures, cards, books, discs, etc.

LEARNING RESOURCES COORDINATOR, – NEW CANAAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, CT – 1994 – 2003

I was responsible for integrating technology to support curriculum in K–12 classrooms and Media Centers. I collaborated with teachers to design challenging lessons and units that taught technology skills within curriculum content. I was a member of the district Professional Development Team and presented workshops around the state and the US.

LIBRARIAN – BEDFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL – WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT – 1993 –1994

I was charged with turning a traditional print library into a vibrant, technology-supported media center. I encouraged teachers to collaborate with the Media Center to integrate media literacy into the classroom curriculum.

SAXE MIDDLE SCHOOL – NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT – 1973 –1993

Classroom teacher – English and Reading grades 7–8. I was the Chair of the English Department from 1978 to 1985. When the school transitioned to a Team organization, in 1986, I served as a grade 7 team leader until 1990 when I became the Library Media Specialist. I managed the library media center facility and curriculum, gave book talks, taught research skills and worked with teachers to integrate media literacy into their subject area curriculum.

— Education

Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio – Bachelor of Arts in English and Education Certification – 1972
Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut – Master of Arts in Educational Technology –1982

— Awards

Golden Apple Award – Thirteen/WNET – “Outstanding Contribution to the Online Community” New York, NY – 1992
Celebration of Excellence – State of Connecticut – For “Exemplary Collaboration and Technology Integration” – 1994
Teacher of the Year Nominee – Westport Public Schools, Westport Connecticut – 1994
Rheta A. Clark Award – Connecticut Educational Media Association – For “Outstanding Contributions to the Field” – 1997

— Additional Experience

- Design, develop, and manage websites and graphic projects for individuals, businesses and communities, 2004 – present
- Apple Retail Store – International Plaza, Tampa, FL – Mac Specialist and One to One Creative trainer, 2007 – 2008
- Workshop presenter – Educational technology, Technology Integration, Handheld Computers. 1990 – present
- Palm Education Training Coordinator – Palm, Inc., PETC Trainer, Handheld Technology in Education, 2003 – 2006
- PETC Resource CD – Created a training resource CD for Palm, Inc. to distribute to PETC's, 2003 – 2005
- Consultant for the Peace Corps Information Collection Exchange (ICE), Project, 2002
- edVentures in Technology – Instructor, Technology Experience for Educators, Specializing in iLife, 2000 – 2005
- Camp Apple – Apple, Inc. – Instructor at Camp Apple, Technology Camp for Educators, 1998 – 1999
- Connecticut Association of Independent Schools, CAIS – Technology Commission, 1994 – 2004
- Apple Core Trainer, Apple, Inc. – Basic computer skills training program for teachers, 1994 – 1999
- Instructor, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, Introduction to Educational Technology for education majors, 1999
- Manager, Learning Link, Thirteen/WNET Online Bulletin Board /Teacher Forum, New York, NY, 1991 – 1992