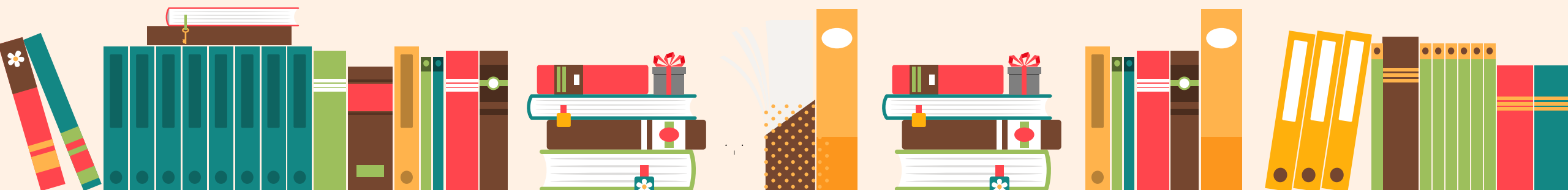


LIBRARIAN INTERVIEW

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Community Served

- *Emily's department specializes in **local Oakland and East Bay history**, so she gets questions from people who are looking to research some specific facet of local history.*



Instructional roles

help them **find and interpret specific resources** that will be useful to them

use the **index in each book** to look for mentions

librarians have to be able to **search the online catalog and the vertical file index** spreadsheet

we often do that **research alongside the patron**, and only allow them to proceed on their own when we're sure **they are confident about what to do**

Inclusion

targeted outreach to spread the invitation to **groups that aren't well represented** in our collection

open to anyone who walks through the door.

we do some research for patrons, especially those who **cannot visit in person**.

explaining how we're searching **as we go** so they can understand what it's possible for them to replicate either from **elsewhere** in the library or from **home**.

Influence of technology

ebooks in addition to print books when possible

digitize some of our collections as time, **budget**, and **rights** restrictions **allow**

we do **not** currently **have a computer** that **patrons** can use to search our catalog or online resources

Reflection

learned the library **keeps a tally** on search requests.

surprised they can't ask the community to **help** with **purchasing** or **sourcing** specific subjects

still want to know why they can't ask for community collaboration. UC Berkeley Archives buys from a [book dealer](#) I also use and my old HS Library has an Amazon wish list

Thank you!

