

Anne Gageby

Anne has been as library program administrator and educator and has fourteen years of experience teaching elementary, middle, and high school students. Anne brings a very formal background in curriculum development and teaching (that includes environmental education) to children and youth. Anne has supervised teams, developed budgets, presented in professional settings and has been responsible for data and program analysis for the purpose of creating better processes to achieve goals for her programs.

As a school librarian, Anne incorporated environmental education and STEAM into her curriculum as frequently as possible. She created and taught lessons on the water cycle, soil erosion and conservation, animal habitats and life cycles, food chains, and more. She developed STEAM events for the library centered around cultural and historical celebrations while focusing on environmental education where and when possible. She created a learning station about birds in which her students learned about ornithologists like Dr. Lanham as well as birds they'll likely see in their backyards. She explored books/and read them to students, such as, "The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind" and then had a lesson on renewable energy and caring for our planet. Another project that Anne proffered was a research project about honeybees to go along with the reading "Honeybee: the life of Apis Mellifera" so that her students understood the importance of bees in our environment.

Anne understands the value and importance of program outreach as she has developed and implemented outreach initiatives within the public library system as well as in feeder schools in order to invest stakeholders in key programs. Anne has been a program administrator, has gained considerable experience in event management including organizing Makerspace, STEM, and environmental education events. Anne has organized other community events to include Veteran's Day events which included local authors, interest groups such as the Buffalo Soldiers, and local government representatives as guest speakers. These efforts engaged stakeholders and boosted her program's visibility, volunteer opportunities, and monetary investment.

Anne was trained in the *Growing Up Wild* curriculum through the *Association of Fish and Wildlife* which she then incorporated into her curriculum and lessons. Anne has attended and participated in innumerable environmental programs at Strawberry Hill, Calvert Cliffs State Park, Kings Landing Park, Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, and Battle Creek Cypress Swamp.

Anne was born and raised on Mount Hope Road and has volunteered with Strawberry Hill off and on since she was a kid. During her engagements with Strawberry Hill, Anne has done trail maintenance, animal care, general cleaning around the office, answering phones/ mailing newsletters, and has volunteered with various programs over the years. Her kids grew up hiking the trails and attending summer camps and Anne was married right here on our campus.

Anne has a bachelor's degree in Spanish (she is bilingual) from Mount St. Mary's University, a master's degree in Teaching from Mount St. Mary's University and a master's degree in School Library Media from McDaniel College. Anne is a veteran of the U.S. Army.