

# ARON DANTE RYAN

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## EDUCATION

### **Dominican University**

River Forest, IL

August 2022 – Present

MLIS

Graduating May 2025

GPA: 3.9

### **Elmhurst University**

Elmhurst, IL

August 2013 – May 2015

BA in English

Minor in Sociology

GPA: 3.9

### **Elgin Community College**

Elgin, IL

August 2011 – May 2013

Associate in Arts

GPA: 3.9

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Teen Services Associate** | Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL | 1/2025 – Present

- Assists teen patrons (Grades 7-12) at the Studio 270 reference desk
- Coordinates programs, including Teen Graphic Novel Club and Teen Writing Club
- Coordinates department-wide Communico entries, graphics, and copy requests
- Serves as Person in Charge

### **KidSpace Associate** | Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL | 11/2017 – 1/2025

- Coordinated Volunteens, a volunteer program for middle school students
- Coordinated Writing Club by leading virtual and in-person writing events, collecting submissions for literary journals, and managing Beanstack writing challenges
- Coordinated Read to Rover, a bilingual program where kids read to therapy dogs
- Coordinated Write to Rover, a bilingual program where kids write to animal pen pals
- Created displays, including book displays, art displays, and student display cases
- Gained proficiency in Beanstack, Canva, Communico, Sierra, and Zoom
- Assisted community members of all ages at the KidSpace reference desk by providing readers' advisory, answering reference questions, and promoting library programs

## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

### **Elgin Pride Board Member** | Elgin, IL | 4/2022 – Present

- Leads Community Outreach & Engagement committee
- Led 70 Elgin Pride events between April 2022 and January 2025, such as LGBTQ+ Book Club, Rainbow Writers, Chat & Caff, and Queer Mountaineers

### **Elgin Poet Laureate** | Elgin, IL | 1/2024 – 12/2025

- Leads opportunities for community members to share their creative work
- Composes poetry for community events, such as Elgin History Museum's volunteer luncheon, Elgin's Pride Parade, and Gail Borden Library's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary