

My name is Rory Doneff and this summer I worked as an intern in the materials department. This is my second year in this position and I am so grateful to have been welcomed back to this role.

Throughout the summer, I learned about and engaged in just about every part of what happens behind the scenes. My time was spent between projects, and filling in for staff when necessary (giving them an opportunity for some much needed summer vacations). My projects included cataloging and adding Library of Congress tags to our "library of things," i.e. cake pans, board games and memory kits, making them easier for patrons to find. I worked on an inventory of donated items to our Manitowoc collection and went through and pulled duplicate items to make room for our new renovations. Interspersed with these projects I would clerk, process books, shelve, and help with ILL and homebound services.

Just like last year, I felt supported by my coworkers in the Materials department. The mentorship I was offered just continued to blossom even with having been apart 9 months. I am especially grateful to Laura, Margo, Meredith and Ann R for engaging with me in such enlightening ways.

Change can be alarming and frightening. I sure know it is as I move off to college and become a real adult. The library and I have developed around each other for the last 18 years and while I know it is different I don't think it has changed, I think it has grown. Because whatever happens, whichever way the world spins the library will always move forward.

Thank you once again for another opportunity to do what I love.