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My Love of Books ...
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my heart. Eureka! I contemplated my first encounter with printed materials. I always knew that “good books are friends who are always ready to talk to [me].” No matter how limited and unappealing my experience with books was in the times of communist Bulgaria, even then, I saw clearly my love of books as the distinctive thread linking my past, present, and future.

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BORN & LIVED: Sofia, Bulgaria. I currently live in Germantown, MD.

EARLY LIFE: I had a wonderful childhood switching back and forth from the large city and the rural village where my grand-parents lived. First, I read books surrounded by farm animals and later by... computers.


EDUCATION: Two Masters degree earned: Chemical Engineering from Bulgaria and Library & Information Sciences from University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA.

FIRST JOB: The National Polytechnic Museum in Bulgaria served as my initial source of inspiration to pursue a library degree later in the United States while working as a circulation technician at the Howard County Public Library, Columbia, MD.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES: Collection development in science, technology and engineering with emphasize on reference materials. At the national level, I’m involved with the work of Science & Technology Section (STS). Current research area is focused on library staff with hidden disabilities.

IN MY SPARE TIME I LIKE TO: I love to escape from the digital environment by riding a bike in the nature with the kids, and of course ... reading books.

FAVORITE BOOKS: All books written by Shirley MacLaine, American film and theatre actress.

PET PEEVES/WHAT MAKES ME MAD: A person who doesn’t say a word and forces me to figure out what he/she wants to tell me. So, please speak, don’t stand mute!

PHILOSOPHY: Think positively and smile often. When you see a high mountain, climb it; don’t run back! Once on the top, enjoy the view!