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Dear colleagues at the UCSD Libraries in San Diego,

As you might already know, I will have the chance to stay at your institution as part of the German-U.S. Librarian Exchange program in April/May. Therefore, I would like to give you some information about myself.

I was born in 1964 at the city of Ingolstadt (Bavaria), Germany. In 1983, I graduated from Katharinen-Gymnasium (academic high school) Ingolstadt. I hold a B.A. degree in Library Sciences, Diplom-Bibliothekarin (FH), from the Bayerische Beamtenfachhochschule Munich, where I graduated in 1986. Since 1987, I have worked as a full time Librarian at Passau University Library. While continuing my full time job, I was studying German Language and Literature and History by distance study from 1999 – 2007. I hold a M.A. degree from the FernUniversität Hagen where I graduated in 2007.

At my institution, I am in charge of many things related to public services. Behind the scenes, I send overdue notices and take care of book replacement and processing inter-library loan orders. A great deal of my working day, however, is dedicated to outreach work. I am managing the library's user training . We offer guided tours for our elementary students and advanced courses dealing with all sorts of research tools. My special working field in that context is instructing high school students. Last but not least, I am a member of our Information Desk team.

In my free time, I like reading – not only the German classics, but also scary mystery novels as written by Stephen King and his compatriots in crime -, playing the piano, relaxing at the spa and traveling – preferably to my favorite island: Kauai, Hawaii.

I am looking forward to sharing professional experiences with all of you and I hope to bring back lots of helpful suggestions. I am sure it will be very interesting – and very much fun! – to become familiar with and to learn from each other.

Have a nice time till we'll meet for real and thank you very much for all your efforts to make my stay a pleasant one.