

Joe O'Brien

Public Librarian & Content Creator

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EXPERIENCE

Livingston Public Library, Livingston, NJ — *Adult Services & Acquisitions Librarian*

JANUARY 2020 - PRESENT

Creating engaging video content for social media; producing monthly podcast episodes featuring interviews with notable community members; publishing zines about people & events from town history; booking concerts by local musicians; reference services / research assistance

Livingston Public Library, Livingston, NJ — *Youth Services Library Assistant*

OCTOBER 2017 - JANUARY 2020

Running a "Musical Storytime" program and producing storytime videos to foster literacy & education through music & picture book readings; writing & performing in promotional skits; collection development; providing informed & efficient customer service to a diverse & discerning community of library patrons

Flapperhouse Magazine, Brooklyn, NY — *Founder / Managing Editor*

OCTOBER 2013 - DECEMBER 2018

Publishing & editing a quarterly literary magazine; managing editorial staff; hosting & organizing monthly readings

EDUCATION

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Communication & Information — *Master of Information*

JANUARY 2020 - DECEMBER 2022

New York University, Tisch School of the Arts — *Bachelor of Fine Arts, Film & Television*

SEPTEMBER 1999 - MAY 2003

SKILLS

Video & audio production
Music-making
Customer Service
Events & programming
Research
Writing & editing

AWARDS

Library Journal Movers & Shakers, 2025 Awarded to "up-and-coming individuals from around the world who are innovative, creative, fighting against censorship, and helping improve their library and community."

New Jersey Library Association's Public Relations Award, 2024 Awarded for a podcast promoting the Livingston Public Library's "English Language Learners" program.

New Jersey Library Association's Innovative Program Award, 2021 Awarded for a series of "Pride Month" storytime videos, encouraging kids to embrace what makes them different