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Research Interests

Center on children's services, children's literature and consumer health information.

Educational Background

University of Pittsburgh, Ph.D., Library and Information Science
Duquesne University, School Certification
University of Denver, M.A., Librarianship
Brown University, A.B.

Honors and Awards

- Lifetime Achievement Award, Texas Library Association (2009)
- Beta Phi Mu Award, American Library Association, (2007)
- Invited Guest of Honor, National Diet Library, International Library of Children's Literature, Tokyo, Japan (8/2006)
- 100 Distinguished School Librarians, ALA's Whole Library Handbook for School Librarians (2004)
- Roll of Honor, American Library Association/Office for Intellectual Freedom and Freedom to Read Foundation (1999)
- Certificate of Excellence, Outstanding Contribution to the Purposes of the American Association of University Women (1999)
- Mentor, Texas Accelerated Library Leaders - TALL Texans (1998)
- Mentor, Ohio Leadership (1995)
- Littlefield Society (1993-present)
- University of Texas System Chancellor's Council (1993)
- Official Observer for the Association for Library Service to Children, White House Conference on Library and Information Services (1991)
- Scholar at the Advanced Research Institute, University of Illinois GSLIS at Urbana-Champaign (1990)
- Professional Recognition, ALSC Directors Board (6/26/1990)
Resolution reads:
"Recognized Barbara Immroth's great abilities in mediation, leadership in national and international circles, promotion of ALSC, graciousness and warmth in

- welcoming and maintaining new and old members, presiding over board meetings, and her commitment to keeping her board informed and involved in issues crucial to the completion of all ALSC Board meetings and programs."
- U.S. Delegate, U.S. - USSR Commission on Library Cooperation, Colloquium on Library Service to Children, Moscow, Kiev, Leningrad (1989)
 - Delta Kappa Gamma - education (1987)
 - Phi Delta Kappa - education (1985)
 - University of Texas Centennial Scholar (1982-1984)
 - University Scholar, Honors Convocation, University of Pittsburgh (1981)
 - Beta Phi Mu - library science (1973)
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Publications

Books

- Lukenbill, Bill & Immroth, Barbara. *Health Information Across the Curriculum*. (Libraries Unlimited, 2010) forthcoming.
- Lukenbill, Bill & Immroth, Barbara. *Health Information for Youth: The Public Library and School Library Media Center Role* Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2007.
- Immroth, Barbara, and Kathleen de la Pena McCook (eds.) *Library Service to Youth of Hispanic Heritage*. Jefferson, NC and London: McFarland, 2000.
- Immroth, Barbara F., and Viki Ash-Geisler (eds.) *Achieving School Readiness: Public Libraries and the First of the National Education Goals*. Chicago, IL: American Library Association, 1995.
- DeBoe, David C., Barbara F. Immroth, and Jane Manaster. *Teaching Texas History: An All-Level Resource Guide*. (Revised Ed.) Austin: The Texas State Historical Association, 1989.
- Immroth, Barbara F. *Texas in Children's Books*. Hamden, CT.: Shoe String Press, 1986.
- DeBoe, David C. and Barbara F. Immroth. *Teaching Texas History: An All-Level Resource Guide*. Austin: The Texas State Historical Association, 1985.

Book Chapters

- Alexander, Linda B., & Immroth, Barbara. Youth Services in Public Libraries. In K. McCook (ed.) *Introduction to Public Librarianship*. New York: Neal-Schuman, 2004, 211-239.
- Preface. In *Library Service for Youth of Hispanic Heritage*. Barbara Immroth and Kathleen de la Pena McCook (eds.) Jefferson, NC and London: McFarland, 2000.
- Bright Future for Youth of Hispanic Heritage: Libraries Offer Resources, Services and Hope for the Next Generation. In *Library Service for Youth of Hispanic*

- Heritage*. Barbara Immroth and Kathleen de la Pena McCook (eds.) Jefferson, NC and London: McFarland , 2000.
- Born to Read Bilingual Program at San Antonio Public Library. In *Proceedings of Section on Reading*, International Federation of Library Associations, 2000.
 - Quality Library Services to Children and Young Adults for Changing Needs. In *Libraries: Global Reach, Local Touch*. K. McCook (ed.) American Library Association, Chicago and London, 1998, 181-186.
 - Reader's Advisory in the Academic Library Children's Collection. With Mary Lynn Rice-Lively. In *Developing Readers' Advisory Services: Concepts and Commitments*. K.McCook and G.Rolstad (eds.) New York: Neal-Schuman, 1993.
 - Teaching in Three Locations: A Texas Perspective. In *Continuing Professional Education and IFLA: Past, Present, and a Vision for the Future*. Blanche Woolls (ed.) Munchen: K.G.Saur, 1993.
 - Education of Children's Librarians. In *U.S.-U.S.S.R. Colloquium on Library Services to Children*. September 12-21. 1989. S. Roman (ed.). Chicago: American Library Association, 1991.
 - The Newbery and Caldecott Awards. In *The Newbery and Caldecott Awards: A Complete Listing of Medal and Honor Books 1990*. Association for Library Service to Children (ed.). American Library Association, 1990.
 - U.S.-U.S.S.R. Colloquium on Library Service to Children. In *The ALA Yearbook of Library and Information Services 1990*. Roger H. Parent (ed.). Chicago: American Library Association, 1990.
 - Networking: Studies of Multitype Library Networking with Implications for School Library Media Practice. In *Papers for the Treasure Mountain Research Retreat*. Blanche Woolls (ed.). Castle Rock, CO: Hi Willow Research and Publishing, 1989 (Retreat Edition).
 - Library Research Round Table. In *The ALA Yearbook of Library and Information Services 1989*. Roger H. Parent (ed.). Chicago: American Library Association, 1989.
 - Recruiting Children's Librarians. In *Librarians for the New Millennium*. W. Moen and K. Heim (eds.). Chicago: American Library Association, 1988.
 - Texas: Intellectual Freedom. *Texas Library Journal* 63(2). Summer 1987, pp. 64-65. In *ALA 1986 Yearbook*. Roger Parent (ed.). American Library Association, Chicago, 1986: 397.
 - Intellectual Freedom as Practiced by Public and School Librarians in Texas. In *Collection Management in School Library Media Centers*. B. H. White (ed.). Haworth Press, 1985. (A monograph also published as *Collection Management*, Vol. 7, Nos . 2/3, Fall 1985).
 - Networking and the School Library Media Program. In *School Library Media Annual*. S. Aaron (ed.). Littleton, Colo.: Libraries Unlimited, 1983.
 - The New Role of Librarians as Professionals: A Literature Review, with Thomas J. Galvin, Margaret Mary Kimmel, Desretta V. McAllister, and James M.

Matarazzo, in *The Information Society: Issues and Answers*. E.J. Josey (ed.). Phoenix: Oryx Press, 1978.

- Index, vol. 1-5, *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science*, 1975. V.6.

Journal Articles

- Lukenbill, Bill & Immroth, Barbara. (2009) *School and Public Youth Librarians as Health Information Gatekeepers: Research from the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas*. *School Library Media Research*, vol. 12.
- Immroth, Barbara & Lukenbill, Bill. (2007) Promoting Information Literacy & Teacher-Librarian Collaboration through Social Marketing Strategies: A Human Information Behavior Study. *Texas Library Journal* 83(2), 62-64, 66-67.
- Immroth, Barbara & Lukenbill, Bill. (2007) *Teacher-School Library Media Specialist Collaboration through Social Marketing Strategies: An Information Behavior Study*. *School Library Media Research*, vol. 10.
- Implementation of the Texas School Library Standards and Guidelines. *Texas Library Journal*, v 75(2) summer 1999. Results linked to GSLIS Web site under "Spotlights" labeled "School Library Programs Standards & Guidelines Survey and Results"
- Achieving School Readiness: An Investigation of the Implementation of a Prototype of Library Services for Young Children and their Families. *Public Libraries* 36(5). 1997, p. 300.
- Texas Libraries: Local Touch, Global Reach. *Texas Library Journal* 73(2). 1997, p. 58.
- Preschool Partnerships: School and Public Library Cooperation to Facilitate School Readiness. With Viki Ash-Geisler. *Proceedings: International Association of School Librarians Conference, 1994*.
- Readers' Advisory in the Academic Library Children's Collection. With Mary Lynn Rice-Lively. *Collection Building*, 12(3/4). 1993, pp. 63-66.
- Children's Services in Texas Public Libraries. *Texas Library Journal*, 69(3).
- Tribute to James Marshall (award winning Texas author and illustrator) for Memorial Service, Saint Peter's Church, New York. February 17, 1993.
- How is the Next Generation of Library Users Being Raised? The First National Survey on Services and Resources for Children in Public Libraries. *Public Libraries* 29(6). 1990, pp. 339-341.
- Annual Report of the ALSC President: 1989-90. *Journal of Youth Services in Libraries* 3(4), 1990, pp.271-276.
- A U.S.-U.S.S.R. Colloquium on Library Service to Children. *Journal of Youth Services in Libraries*(3). 1990, pp. 209-218.
- Improving Children's Services: Competencies for Librarians Serving Children in Public Libraries. *Public Libraries* 28(3). 1989, pp. 166-169.
- A History of the Newbery and Caldecott Awards. *Texas Libraries* 50(1). 1989, pp. 3-7.

- Repopulating an Endangered Species: The Issues and Literature of Recruitment. *Top of the News* 43(2). Winter 1987, pp. 206-216.
- Texana for Children. *Texas Library Journal* 63(2). Fall 1987, pp. 95-98.
- TASL Report on School Library Membership in Multitype Systems.

Conference Proceedings

- Immroth, Barbara and Lukenbill, Bill. (2009) *Health Information in the School Curriculum*. Juried paper presented at the International Association of School Librarians Conference, Padua, Italy, August 2009.
- Immroth, Barbara and Lukenbill, Bill. (2009) *Get HIP: Providing Health Care Information for Youth through Collaboration and Team-building*. Juried paper presented at the 75th IFLA Conference in Milan, Italy, August 2009.
- Immroth, Barbara and Lukenbill, Bill. (2008) *Public and School Librarians as Health Information Gatekeepers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas*. Paper presented at the Get Hip - Health Information Plus: Informing the Health & Fitness of K-12 Students Conference, San Antonio, TX, June 7, 2008.
- Immroth, Barbara and Lukenbill, Bill. (2008) *Public and School Libraries as a Gatekeeper of Health Information: Research from the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, USA*. Juried paper presented at the 74th Annual World Library and Information Conference, International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), Quebec City, Canada, August 12-13, 2008.
- Immroth, Barbara and Lukenbill, Bill. (2008) *Health Information in Public and School Libraries in the Lower Rio Grande Valley*. Juried paper presented at the Texas Library Association Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, April 16, 2008.
- Immroth, Barbara and Lukenbill, Bill. (2007) *The Rio Grande Valley of Texas: Issues and Models for Health Information for Youth*. Paper presented at the 73rd International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) General Conference and Council, Durban, South Africa, August 26, 2007.
- Immroth, Barbara. (2007) *Collaboration of Teachers and Librarians*. IMLS grant funded research project. Paper presented at the Texas Library Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, April 2007.
- Immroth, Barbara. (2007) *Recruiting Doctoral Students for the IMLS Fellowships*, ALISE Conference, Seattle, WA (1/16/2007).
- Immroth, Barbara and Moore, Jennifer. (2005) *Local Readers, Global Resources: Bridges Toward Literacy*. Juried paper presented at the International Reading Association 50th Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, May 2, 2005.
- Immroth, Barbara. (2004) *Essential Library Service: Family Literacy Outreach*, Texas Library Association Contributed Papers Session (3/20/2004).
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Miscellaneous

- Immroth, Barbara. (2004) In Celebration of June's Life. Guest Editorial in *Texas Library Journal*, 80(1).

Grants & Fellowships

- *Youth, Community, Libraries: Empowerment for Success*, IMLS Grant to develop future faculty (2004-2008) Co-researcher: Dr. Bill Lukenbill.
- Alumni Teaching Fellowship, *Public and School Librarians as Health Information Gatekeepers for Youth in Small Towns and Rural Areas in South Texas*, School of Information, University of Texas at Austin (2006/07) Co-researcher: Dr. Bill Lukenbill.
- *Promoting Information Literacy & Teacher Collaboration through Social Marketing Strategies*, IMLS/Kent State Grant (2004) Co-researcher: Dr. Bill Lukenbill.
- *Talking Over Books, Utopia K-12 Funded Project (2003/04)* Co-researchers: Nancy Roser, Joan Shiring, and Liu Min.
- *Temple Teaching Fellowship*, School of Information, University of Texas (2001/02).
- *Texas School Library Standards Implementation Study*, Funded by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the Texas Library Association (1998/99).
- *Fast Tex Grant*, Funded by the University of Texas at Austin (Spring 1998).
- *Temple Teaching Fellowship*, University of Texas at Temple (1997/98).
- *Achieving School Readiness: Public Libraries and the First of the National Education Goals*, Funded by the U.S. Department of Education (1994).
A five day symposium with national attendees held at the University of Texas at Austin (May 1994).
- *HEA Title IIB: Library Career Training Program*, funded by the U.S. Department of Education (1994)
Master's: "*Planning, Delivering, & Evaluating Library Services to Children*"
Doctoral: "*The Public Library Role in Developing Readiness for School*"
- *Alumni Teaching Fellowship*, University of Texas at Austin Graduate School of Library and Information Science (1986/87).
- *Temple Teaching Fellowship*, University of Texas (1988/89).
- *Summer Research Award*, University of Texas, University Research Institute (1984).
- *Texas in Children's Books*, University of Texas Centennial Programs Grant (1982/84).

Abstract: Research conducted primarily in UT libraries to produce a comprehensive, historical, annotated bibliography of children's books about

Texas, for ages preschool through eighth grade, for the benefit of researchers, teachers, parents, and children.

Selected Past Research Projects

- *Compatibility Study Group*, Texas State Board of Educator Certification (4/15-16/2004).
- *Books for Incarcerated Mothers*, collected data about books for mothers to read on tape for their children (2003).

Teaching

Regular Courses Taught

- [INF 382E](#): Materials for Children
- [INF 388C](#): School Library Management
- [INF 388R](#): Practicum in School Libraries
- [INF 382U](#): Seminar in Electronic Information Resources for Children & Young Adults
- [INF 382V](#): Seminar in Visual Resources for Children and Youth
- [INF 387C](#): Managing Information Organizations

Seminars

- Doctoral Seminar for IMLS Youth, Community, Libraries Fellows (long semesters Fall 2005 - Spring 2007)
- Freshman Seminar (FS 301) - Children's Literature and the Texas Book Festival (Fall 2003-2007)

Lectures & Presentations

- Invited Lecture, *Library Service to Youth of Hispanic Heritage; Look at my Lips*, Ezra Jack Keats Lecture at the Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi (4/2008)
- Guest Lecture, *Dissertation Research and Writing*, DRT II presentation, School of Information, UT (2/21/2006)
- Guest Speaker, *Collaboration of Teachers and Librarians*, IMLS grant funded research project, Popular Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM (2/2006)
- Guest Lecture, *Local Readers, Global Resources: Bridges Toward Literacy*, School of Information, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (11/2005)

- Guest Lecture, *Health Information for Youth & the Hide of the Rhinoceros*, School of Information, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (11/2005)
- Guest Lecture, *Professional Ethics, Roles, Future*, 180J presentation, School of Information, UT (Fall 2005)
- David Macaulay exhibit and speech, National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, Abilene, TX (6/2005)
- Guest Speaker, Retirement of Blanche Woods, San Jose State University (5/2005)
- *Promoting Information Literacy & Teacher-Librarian Collaboration Through Social Marketing Strategies* i-Forum presentation, School of Information, UT (2/15/2005)
- Invited Lecture, *IMLS Youth, Community, & Libraries Fellowships*, Rio Grande Valley Association of School Librarians, So. Padre, TX (10/22/2004)
- Guest Lecture, *Children's Literature* for UT Bridging Disciplines course titled "Children & Society" (2/25/2004, 3/2/2005)
- Guest Lecture, *Professional Associations*, 180J presentation, School of Information, UT (Fall 2003, 2004; Spring 2004)
- Moderator for Louis Sacher presentation, Texas Book Festival (11/8/2003)
- Moderator, *Fun Facts: Bringing Non-Fiction to Life*, Texas Book Festival (11/8/2003)
- i-Forum presentation, Research-a-Polooza, School of Information, UT (10/28/2003)
- Vibirnum Foundation Early Literacy Conference, Austin, Texas (9/11-13/2003)

Workshops

- Storytelling Workshop (2003-2009) for to School of Information students

Editorial Boards

- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Children & Libraries, Association for Library Service to Children (2006-present)
- Chair, *American Libraries* Advisory Board (2003/04)
- *CRITICAS: An English Speaker's Guide to the Latest Spanish Language Titles*, Cahners (2001)
- Founding Editorial Board Member, *School Library Media Research* (1998-2000)
The electronic research journal of the American Association of School Librarians

Service

School of Information Service and Committees

- Graduate Advisor (1991-1999)
- Assistant Graduate Advisor (1998-2004, 2008-present)
- Chair, Graduate Studies Committee (2008-2010)
- Member, Admissions and Awards (2008/09)
- Member, Curriculum Committee (2008)
- Member, Faculty Search & Speakers Committee (2006/07)
- Chair, Recruitment and Alumni Outreach Committee (2005/06) Committee Report in Annual Report.
- Minority Liaison Officer (2006)
- Member, Doctoral Studies (2005-2007)
- iSchool Booth, ALA Annual Conference (2005)
- Chair, Careers and Placement (2003-2005)
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee (1980-present)
- Member, Ad hoc Relocation and Space (2004)
- Member, Presidential Management Intern Faculty Election Panel, Career Services Committee (2003-2005)
- Chair, Admissions Committee (1991/97)
- Sponsor, American Library Association Student Chapter (1992-present)
- Sponsor, Texas Library Association Student Chapter (1994-present)
- Chair, Commons Lectureship in Children's Librarianship (1984)

University Service and Committees

- Member, UT General Faculty's Faculty Advisory Committee on Budgets (2009-2012)
- Member, Children & Society Panel, Bridging Disciplines Program, School of Undergraduate Studies (2007-present)
- Member, Division of Instructional Innovation & Assessment Faculty Advisory Committee (2005-present)
- Faculty Fellow, Jester Upper East, (2003-2006)
- Member, Blanton Museum Faculty Advisory Committee (2005)
- School of Information Donations Orange Santa Organizer, University of Texas (2003-2004)
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee to Advise the President Selection of the Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (1996-1999)
- Member, President Berdahl's Initiative, University of Texas at Austin Steering Committee for the Year of the Child (1996/97)
- Member, University Library Committee (1990/92)

Professional Service and Committees

American Library Association

- Member, American Library Association Accreditation External Review Panel, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto (2010)
- Member, Public & Cultural Program Committee IMLS Grant Advisory Committee (2007-2009)
- Member, Sara Jaffarian Award Committee, National School Library Award (2008)
- Member, American Library Association Accreditation External Review Panel, School of Library & Information Management, Emporia State University (2008)
- Member, Public & Cultural Program Committee (2004-2008)
- Member, American Library Association Accreditation External Review Panel, School of Library & Information Science, Louisiana State University (2005)
- Invited Attendee, President's Diversity Pre-Conference, Orlando, FL (6/25/2004)
- Councilor at large (1983/87, 1992-1996, 2000-2004)
- ALSC Councilor (1987/88)
- International Relations Committee (1998-2000)
- 2nd Congress on Professional Education, Steering Committee member (2000)
- Chair, Nominating Committee (1998, ballot; 1997/98)
- Representative to the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners (1995-1998)
- Chair, Committee on Research and Statistics (1991-1995)
- Vice-President, Freedom to Read Foundation (1994-1995)
- FTRF Trustee (1991-1995)
- Committee on Appointments (1989-1990)
- Chicago Conference Program (1989-1990)
- Intellectual Freedom Committee (1978-1982)
- Intellectual Freedom Roundtable
- Library Research Round Table, Chair

American Library Association - Divisions

- American Association of School Librarians
- Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies

International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA)

- ALA Representative, School Libraries & Resource Centers section (2001-2009)
- Secretary, School Libraries & Resource Centers section (2007-2009)
- Member, Conference Program Committee, School Libraries & Resource Centers section (2004)
- ALA Representative Children's Libraries Section Standing Committee (1993-1999)

Association for Library Service to Children

- Member, Notable Books for Children Committee (2007-2009)
- Caldecott Committee (1999)
- Representative to Advisory Board for the Committee on Accreditation project to recruit and train qualified individuals to serve as external evaluators for graduate programs in library and information studies (1994)
- Member, International Relations Committee (1990-1993)
- President (1989-1990)
- Newbery-Caldecott Committee (1979)

Association for Library and Information Science Education (formerly Association of American Library Schools)

- Faculty Development Committee (1994/95)

Beta Phi Mu

- Chair, Scholarship Committee (2001-2004)
- Chair, Nominating Committee (2001/02)
- National President (1999-2001)
- Board Member (1997-2003)

Texas Library Association

- Presidential Appointed Member, School Library Summit Planning/Program Committee (Spring 2002-2005)
- Volunteer Recruiter, Texas Book Festival (2004-2006)
- Member, Children's RT Nominating Committee (2004)
- Member, Woll Award Committee (2001-2005)
- Chair, Scholarship and Research Committee (1999-2000)
- Expert Witness for ACLU-TX in a suit in the federal district court against the city of Wichita Fall, TX challenging the constitutionality of the city council's censorship ordinance, deposition given 8/4/99
- President (1997-98)
- Board Member (1996-1999)

- Texas Conference on Libraries and Information Services (2001)
- Monitor, Texas Education Agency Board of Education (1991-1993)
- Executive Committee, Texas Association of School Librarians (1991/92)

Texas Education Agency

- Member, Advisory Committee to Revise the State School Library Standards (2004-2005)

Texas State Board for Educator Certification

- Monitor, School Library Certification (2005)

U.S. Department of Education

- Grant Reviewer, *Improving Literacy Through School Libraries* (2004)

Other Service

- Member, Medallion Winner Selection Committee for Children's Book Festival, University of Southern Mississippi (2006-2009)
- Chair, June Franklin Naylor Award for the Best Book for Children on Texas History, Daughters of the Republic (2006-2009)