

Kathleen Schrock

Also known as: Kathleen Schrock

Ethnicity: "German-Irish"

Year of Birth: 1957

Place of Birth: Denville, NJ

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Family: Born July 30, 1957, in Denville, NJ; daughter of John (a telephone worker) and Helen (a bookkeeper; maiden name, Baer) Beck; married James C. Schrock (a civil engineer), September 26, 1981; children: Rockwell Buckminster Schrock. Ethnicity: "German-Irish." Education: Rutgers College, B.S., 1979; Rutgers Graduate School of Library and Information Science, M.L.S., 1981. Religion: Episcopal. Avocational Interests: Reading, skiing, crafts, technology. Memberships: International Society for Technology in Education, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Massachusetts Computer-using Educators. Addresses: Home: 45 Starlight Lane, Eastham, MA 02642. Office: 78 Eldredge Park Way, Orleans, MA 02653.

EDUCATION: New Entry : 08/08/2002

CAREER: Nauset Public Schools, Orleans, MA, administrator for technology, 2001--; Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District, South Yarmouth, MA, library media specialist, 1990-97, technology coordinator, 1997-2001. Member of advisory panel, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Technology; Forum on Technology in Education: Envisioning the Future; chair, Cape Cod School Technology Facilitators, 1998--; Cape Cod Connect Education Subcommittee and Technical Review Team, 1998--; Museum of Natural History, Brewster, MA, librarian, 1987-90; University of Maryland, College Park, MC, circulation department head, 1984-86, assistant director of Education Library, 1986-87; Timberlane Regional High School, Plaistow, NH, library media specialist, 1983-84; Morristown Township Public Library, Morristown, NJ, librarian, 1981-83.

AWARD(S): MassCUE Technology Pathfinder Award, 1996; Classroom Connect Stars Award, 1998; Eschool News "Impact 30," 1999; People's Choice Webby Award, 1999; Above and Beyond Award, Massachusetts Software and Internet Council, 2001.

WRITINGS BY THE AUTHOR:

Evaluating Internet Web Sites: An Educators Guide, Master Teacher (Manhattan, KS), 1997.

(With Susan Hixson) Beginner's Handbook: Developing Web Pages for School and Classroom, Teacher Created Materials (Westminster, CA), 1998.

(With Midge Frazel) Microsoft Publisher for Every Day of the School Year, Linworth Publishing (Worthington, OH), 1998.

(With Midge Frazel) Inquiring Educators Want to Know: TeacherQuests for Today's Teachers, Linworth Publishing (Worthington, OH), 2000.

(With Jan Wahlers and Mary Watkins) Writing and Researching Books Using the Computer, Teacher Created Materials (Westminster, CA), 2001.

(Editor) The Technology Connection, Linworth Publishing (Worthington, OH), 2001.

Also columnist for Creative Classroom Magazine, New York, 1999--; editor of "Kathy Schrock's Every Day of the School Year" series, Linworth Publishing (Worthington, OH), 2001--, and Short Circuits E-Newsletter (online), 1999--.

WORKS IN PROGRESS: Online tools to support the educational process; effective infusion of technology into the K-12 curriculum.

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"Sidelights" Kathleen Schrock was trained as an educator and a librarian and works to promote the use of the Internet and computer technology as a teaching and learning tool. Her book *The Technology Connection* is a collection of 109 articles that appeared previously in *Technology Connection*, *Library Talk*, and *Book Report* magazines. In *School Library Journal*, Susan Shaver wrote, "The ideas provided here work, and may help rejuvenate the current positions and programs of even the most successful librarians." The articles examine the role of the librarian or media specialist in planning, creating, constructing, and maintaining a successful program to integrate technology and education.

In *Inquiring Educators Want to Know: TeacherQuests for Today's Teachers*, which Schrock wrote with Midge Frazel, the authors answer many of the questions they have heard during their workshops, lectures, and conferences on computer resources and their use in education. The questions fall into several categories: basic computer technology and operation, personal and professional use of technology, and application of technology in education.

Schrock told CA: "I am very involved with infusing technology into the curriculum in all areas and at all grade levels. Because I was previously a library media specialist, I am very interested in search strategies, evaluation of Internet information, copyright issues, and use of the computer as a tool to support teaching and learning. I am especially interested in promoting the use of the newest technologies to allow every student and teach access to information whenever, and wherever, they need it. Information literacy is an important skill for everyone to attain in this information-rich world. My book *Writing and Researching Using the Computer* includes tips, tricks, lessons, and handouts for teaching information literacy skills."

FURTHER READINGS ABOUT THE AUTHOR:PERIODICALS

Multimedia Schools, October, 2000, Jean Reese, review of *Inquiring Educators Want to Know*, p. 47.

School Library Journal, December, 2000, Susan Shaver, review of *The Technology Connection*, p. 173.

Teacher Librarian, May, 1999, Laura Hibbets McCaffery, "Worth a Look," p. 41; April, 2001, Carolyn Giambra, review of *The Technology Connection*, p. 47.

OTHER

Kathy Schrock's Guide to Eastham, <http://www.kathyschrock.net/eastham/> (June 5, 2002).

Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators, <http://www.discoveryschool.com/schrockguide/> (June 5, 2002).

Kathy Schrock's Unofficial Guide to American Graffiti, <http://www.kathyschrock.net/graffiti/> (June 5, 2002).

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