



**Rebecca Davis**

shares how she is inspired



Profile in Excellence: Rebecca Davis, Library Specialist	
<b>FUSD Schools Attended:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fontana High School 1980 – 1983</li> </ul>
<b>Higher Education:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valley College Library Certificate</li> </ul>
<b>FUSD Career Experiences:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk Typist, Alder Middle School - 1987</li> <li>Clerk Typist, South Tamarind Elementary School - 1992</li> <li>Clerk Typist/Library Specialist, Hemlock Elementary School - 1992-2002</li> <li>Library Specialist, Cypress Elementary School - 2002-04</li> <li>Library Specialist, Shadow Hills Elementary School - 2004-Present</li> </ul>
<b>Who were the FUSD staff that affected you most as a student?</b>	<p><i>Although I am sure each one affected me in some way, the one that stands out is Mrs. Updike, a business teacher at FOHI, she was constantly pushing me to excel in my typing and shorthand skills, which have indeed come in handy throughout my career.</i></p>
<b>What did you dream of growing-up to be as a child that would lead you to your work with FUSD?</b>	<p><i>As a child, I wanted to be a Court Reporter. I thought it would be an exciting job, but my life took another direction and I am so glad it did. Working with the students for me is so much more rewarding.</i></p>
<b>Since you've joined FUSD as staff, what experience(s) have you been most proud of?</b>	<p><i>Helping to set up the Accelerated Reader Program in our school library where it was not being fully utilized and setting up a weekly bulletin board where parents and students can come to see how much their reading has improved. I feel that the program, along with teacher/principal support, has made a significant improvement in the students reading comprehension and helped many students to love reading as much as I do.</i></p> <p><i>Also, seeing my daughters go through the Fontana schools and succeed as young adults, one even becoming a librarian in the district.</i></p>
<b>What keeps you up at night about your work for FUSD?</b>	<p><i>Seeing students who are trying so hard, but are yet still struggling academically. I wish there was more I could do for them.</i></p>
<b>What do you think is the biggest misconception the public has about our work?</b>	<p><i>When I am sitting at my computer/workstation, that I am just waiting for students to come in and check-out books. But as librarians we are constantly updating our records and working to improve our collection by looking for books to add to our collection that go with the curriculum, and weeding out books that are outdated.</i></p>

<b>What can the community do to strengthen public education?</b>	<i>Read with your children each day and let them see you reading. Give your children the attention they need and deserve.</i>
<b>What inspires you to give your very best for the students of FUSD?</b>	<i>Knowing that I have made a difference in their lives. Seeing students after they have left the school come back to say how much they miss coming to the library and hearing the stories I have read to them.</i>
<b>What might staff or students be surprised to learn about you?</b>	<i>I was in the Army for 3 years as a Clerk Typist in the Personnel Administrative Center (PAC) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.</i>

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