

**Profile of
Ellen Latorraca
Associate Academic Librarian, Andersen Library, UW-Whitewater
2017 Regents Academic Staff Excellence Award Individual Recipient**

Highlights from nomination materials:

- Has been a member of UW-Whitewater's staff since 2011; as the education librarian, supports the seven departments and all programs within the College of Education and Professional Studies and maintains the Andersen Library Curriculum Collection.
- Has developed, both independently and in collaboration with her colleagues, an extensive array of informational literacy tutorial materials to support students from the UW-Whitewater colleges participating in the Undergraduate Research Program and the Research Apprenticeship Program.
- Initiates and strengthens partnerships on and off campus to help train teachers and researchers and make the assets of the university library available to everyone.
- Works with library colleagues and faculty members to develop and maintain effective materials and deliver needed services to students in the College of Education and Professional Studies; trains and supervises staff members at the Reference Desk.
- Provides classroom-based and one-on-one instruction in the use of library resources and personally follows up on student questions with additional information.
- Creative initiatives, such as the "Stuffed Animal Sleepover," a coordinated effort with the UW-Whitewater's Children's Center, are becoming regular highlights of the Andersen Library calendar and bring more children, families, students, and teachers to the campus every year.
- Has developed more than 50 online guides that provide basic and advanced tutorials for programs and services, such as EndNote, Badgerlink, and Google Scholar; the most popular guide has been viewed more than 850 times.
- For a variety of departments, has developed detailed research links and tips tied to specific course offerings, including graduate-level coursework.
- Recipient of UW-Whitewater Service Excellence Award (2016).

In Ellen Latorraca's own words:

- "As a liaison with the College, I have welcomed the opportunity to draw on my experience as a former educator in the K-12 system and in adult education to support the widely ranging programs within the College...."

In the words of colleagues:

- "[Ellen] works tirelessly to educate students, inspire future teachers, and generously share her expertise with colleagues and partners as well as students."
—*Susan Elrod, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UW-Whitewater*
- "Her teaching strategies and application of information literacy concepts have created engaging and dynamic classroom learning experiences for the students she serves."
—*Paul Waelchli, Director, Andersen Library, UW-Whitewater*