

## **The Rita Gold Early Childhood Education Center**

Brief - This will be a strong internship for MLIS candidates on the School Media Specialist or Children's Librarian tracks. The position will offer opportunities for collection curation, working with faculty and staff to improve library services, assisting in coordinating class visits to NYPL location nearest the school, and numerous other substantive librarian responsibilities. This internship does not offer classroom instruction.

Location/Site - The Rita Gold Early Childhood Center at Teachers College, Columbia University was founded in 1982. It serves children from 2 months through 5 years of age in three age category rooms: Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers. Rita Gold is known as an innovative center for early childhood education and development research. It is the practicum space for graduate students in early childhood at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Role/Responsibilities - The Center has been without professional library support for some time. There is a resource library as well as classroom bookshelves in each classroom. Parents at the school are highly motivated and engaged in the work of the school, the intern would have an opportunity to work with them and make resources available to them. There is a branch of the New York Public Library nearby to coordinate class visits to and these students are ideal for publisher outreach. This is a highly flexible position with widely varying opportunities. *This position does not offer classroom teaching.*

Supervision - The Intern will have two supervisors, an onsite supervisor consisting of a school administrator and a librarianship supervisor, Christian Zabriskie MA, MLS, Executive Director Urban Librarians Unite, Adjunct Faculty St John's University School of Information Studies, Rita Gold Parent.

Application Process - Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Christian Zabriskie at [christian.g.zabriskie@gmail.com](mailto:christian.g.zabriskie@gmail.com). Students from all LIS concentrations will be considered however there will only be one internship position available