

Application Related Information

Application:	Application Not Verified	Iteration Name:	202540_GR_G
Grad Program Applying To:	MIT	Program Name:	MIT

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:	Kevin Korinek	Recommenders Title:	Community Engagement Librarian
Recommenders Institution:	University City Public Library	Contact Name:	Aaron Stables
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	10/09/2024 06:43 PM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000120474755	Recommendation Owner:	Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:
Time since last contact with applicant:	Applicant as productive member of group:
Relationship with Applicant:	Applicant most significant strengths:
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Responsibility/reliability:
Communication Skills - Oral:	Communication skills - written:
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Ability to work independently:
Ability to handle stress:	Ability to think critically:
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Ability to think creatively:
Openness to feedback:	Potential for leadership:
Ability to work in a team:	Personal/professional reflection:

Description Information

Description:	Form URL:	https://evergreenstatecollege.radius
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Other Information

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Kevin Korinek
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10/9/2024

Shalimar Pederson
Credential Evaluator
The Evergreen State College
Olympia, Washington

Dear Shalimar Pederson:

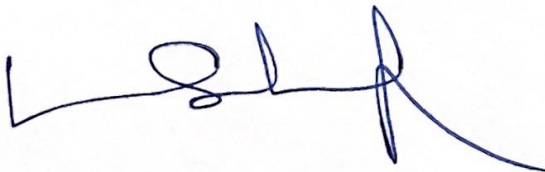
I am writing to offer my recommendation of Aaron Stables for the Masters in Teaching graduate program at The Evergreen State College.

I first started working with Aaron at St. Louis County Library in 2015, where I was managing the library's first community-oriented bookmobile. Our mission was to bring free library resources and materials to low-income children and families in underserved populations throughout St. Louis County.

Aaron's passion for the work was evident immediately. He brought the skills and experiences he had in social work and helped make our bookmobile better, inadvertently showing me ways that I could improve my own librarianship. He communicated with our community stakeholders and initiated partnerships with local non-profit organizations, like CAASTL and Girls, INC. He planned and implemented kids' programs like kite-flying, craft building and story times. His knowledge of children's literature helped him connect effortlessly with kids. He demonstrated that reading could be both educational and fun.

I can assure you that Aaron is a prime candidate for your program. As a graduate student, I'm confident he'll be able to connect pedagogy with practice. He is intelligent, empathetic and excited about deepening his knowledge of important teaching concepts, such as the need for diversity, inclusion and social justice in the classroom. His positive attitude has had lasting, positive effects on our patrons, our partnerships, and our staff. I have no doubt that he will do excellent work and I can't recommend him enough; he will make an excellent addition to your academic body.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Korinek', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kevin Korinek
Community Engagement Librarian