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EDUCATION

M.A. English, University of Missouri--Kansas City, Kansas City, MO, May 1992.
M.A. Library & Information Science, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, May 1987.
B.A. (with Honors) in English and Philosophy, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, May 1980.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder and CEO, TAP Information Services, June 2003 to the present.

TAP Information Services (www.tapinformation.com) provides a wide variety of services supporting libraries, library consortia and associations, government agencies, publishers, information technology companies, and other information-intensive organizations.

Major current projects include:

OPAL: Online Programming for All (www.opal-online.org), a collaborative service involving dozens of library organizations on three continents providing online public programs for library users worldwide. OPAL was begun in 2003 by a group of libraries for the blind and physically handicapped.

Info Quest (<http://www.myinfoquest.info/>): a collaborative text-messaging reference service for users of mobile phones.

Unabridged (<http://www.unabridged.info/>), a collaborative web-based downloadable digital audio book program for blind, low-vision, and otherwise print-impaired readers. Participating states include California, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Oregon, Texas, and Vermont.

Trendy Topics (<http://www.alliancelibrarysystem.com/trendytopics/>): A series of monthly online conferences started in 2010.

Financial ABC's For Generations X, Y, and Z, a project coordinated by the Alliance Library System and funded by a grant from FINRA to deliver saving and investing information to these members of Generations X, Y, and Z in a variety of diverse methods, building on what was done in our previous project, Smart investing @ your library, which was targeted at Baby Boomers.

Director, Center for Library Initiatives, Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) (<http://www.cic.uiuc.edu/>), January 2000 to June 2003.

Dean of University Libraries, Western Illinois University (<http://www.wiu.edu/>), July 1998 to December 1999.

Associate Director for Collections and Technical Services, University Libraries, Northern Illinois University (<http://www.niu.edu/>), August 1994 to June 1998.

Collection Development Coordinator, Memorial Library, Mankato State University (now Minnesota State University at Mankato) (<http://www.mnsu.edu/>), September 1991 to July 1994.

Humanities Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Bibliographic Instruction, Miller Nichols Library, University of Missouri--Kansas City (<http://www.umkc.edu/>), June 1987 to August 1991.

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Peters, Thomas A. *Library Programs Online: Possibilities and Practicalities of Web Conferencing*. Santa Barbara, CA: Libraries Unlimited, an imprint of ABC-CLIO, 2009.

Peters, Tom. 2009. "The Future of Reading." *Library Journal* 134 (18) (November 1): 18-22.

"A Report on the First Year of Operation of the Alliance Second Life Library 2.0 Project, Also Known as the Alliance Information Archipelago, April 11, 2006 through April 18, 2007." Available online at <http://www.alliancelibrarysystem.com/pdf/07sllreport.pdf>

"Digital Audiobook Services Through Libraries." Published as volume 43, number 1 of *Library Technology Reports* (2007).

SELECTED RECENT GRANT-RELATED ACTIVITIES

FY 09: Tom Peters is involved in the programming, website maintenance, and evaluation of the \$100,000 grant from ALA and FINRA to the Alliance Library System for the "Smart Investing @ Your Library Project."

FY 09: Tom Peters served as co-evaluator of the \$80,000 grant from the Illinois State Library to the Alliance Library System for the "ATLAS: From Early Illinois to YouTube" project.

FY 09: Tom Peters evaluated and wrote the final report for the \$60,000 grant from NIH/NLM to the Alliance Library System for the "AIDS Information and Outreach in Virtual Worlds" project.