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• First coordinator (1963 – 1977) of children’s services at SFPL
• A leader in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion

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• Loving with your whole heart
• Finding a place to be yourself