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I am delighted to write a reference for Matthew David. Matthew was a student in my class on collection development at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois. Matthew came to my class with experience in libraries, both in cataloging and acquisitions, and he also had wonderful experience with Harcourt Publishers. He also has a wonderful educational background for academic libraries with a master's degree in public administration and a humanities background.

My course requires the ability to synthesize material from a variety of sources, the ability to make judgments about competing resources and competing approaches to librarianship, and the ability to see and understand collection development in the broad sense, taking into account the community, the publishing industry, and the information environment. Finally, the course requires excellent oral, written, and technological skills. In all of these areas, Matthew performed extremely well.

He was proactive and learned from his peers in the class as well as from my lectures and postings. His performance in the debate, in the consortium project and in the collection development policy assignment was of the highest caliber. He writes well and he does his homework. Matthew also showed in the consortium project that he worked well with groups. Overall, I think he will be an excellent librarian.

If I can give you further information, please do let me know.

Sincerely,

Mary H. Munroe

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