

# ▶ MEET OUR K-12 TEACHER eBook CURATORS

## Teachers first, collaborators always

Students need informative, yet fun resources to meet their personal learning goals and pique their interest. Teachers need materials to engage learners and differentiate instruction while meeting educational goals. As trends in education evolve, Gale teachers curate collections that focus on high-interest topics, such as social issues, mental health, and STEM. Of course, when it comes to collection development, budget is always a top concern.

When a school decides to purchase eBooks from Gale, the librarian typically receives input from teachers first, and then passes that information and the purchasing budget on to the school's Gale education consultant. Our curators work behind the scenes to select eBooks that meet standards, keep students engaged, and save educators time.



**Nicole Albrecht**  
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“I’ve learned that eBooks can easily become textbook supplements. I encourage all teachers to keep an open mind and dare to think outside the box, because this is a real opportunity to hone in on their particular needs and have creative freedom as educators.”

Nicole Albrecht has a bachelor’s degree in secondary education from Western Michigan University and a master’s degree in education from Concordia University-Portland. She has almost a decade of teaching experience, with a background in curriculum development, some of which has been from working with charter schools. Now, as a Gale eBooks sales specialist, Albrecht actively works with K-12 schools and publishing partners to create hundreds of custom eBook collections. Along with being a presenter at the 2019 Michigan Association for Media in Education conference, she played a key role in working with the Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation to create Cameron’s Collection, our most popular collection.

“It’s about more than just teaching curriculum. While we want to find content that aligns with the basics and standards, it’s important that it’s relevant to what kids and teens are dealing with today. On the flip side, not only am I thinking about the students, but how teachers can easily integrate the content as well.”

Christine Schneider is a certified high school teacher from Michigan and has her master’s degree in teaching. Prior to working with Gale, she spent 10 years teaching grades 6–12 English and math in the metro Detroit area. From there, Schneider worked with the Library of Michigan, where she trained over 8,500 educators on how to integrate digital resources into the curriculum and presented more than 50 conference sessions. Among her many accolades, Schneider is the recipient of the 2018 MACUL Digital Leadership Award, the 2017 MAME Community Collaboration Award, and was a Spotlight Teacher for the Michigan Office of Adult Education in 2012 and 2013.

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