



Carla McLean spent 4 years in elementary school in Illinois. She went to college at the University of Pennsylvania and graduate school in library science at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Then, after a few years at her first professional library job, she got laid off and moved with her futon in her Toyota to San Francisco, her dream come true. She worked at San Francisco Public Library and moved away with a boyfriend to

Connecticut and then Dallas and when they broke up, she moved to Seattle. She has lived here since 1993 and worked at the Kent Library for 27 years until she retired 5 weeks before the pandemic lockdown. She has a home in Columbia City and has had the same tenant in her basement apartment for 10 years.