An Interview with Kay Langston

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Kathleen (Kay) Langston covers the history of Triton College beginning in 1964. She also reviews the changes made in her area’s Library/Learning Center. Kay Langston was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library’s *Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project.

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Abstract

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Kathleen (Kay) Langston was born in Lansing, Arkansas in 1951. Her family moved from Arkansas during the ‘Great Migration’ settling in Chicago, then Detroit, and back to Chicago again. She graduated from John Marshall High School in Chicago in 1968. She earned degrees from the University of Illinois Champaign in 1973 and 1977. Her work experience include a sales job at Sears Roebuck (1973-1975), the Illinois State Geological Survey (1975-1976), the University of Illinois Graduate School (1976-1977), the University of Illinois Library (1978-1981), Virginia State Library Director of Circulation Services (1981-1983), Virginia Commonwealth University Circulation Services Manager and Triton College in River Grove, Illinois from 1984 to 2006. At Triton she served as Coordinator of Library Services, Dean of the Learning Resource Center and Associate Vice President of Learning and Academic Support. Langston discusses the history of Triton College since its founding in 1964. At the time of the interview she was a Community Advisory Committee Member and a member of the 50th Anniversary Steering Committee.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** History of Triton College (1964-2013); role of the Library and Learning Resource Center at Triton College; site and building development at Triton College; students at Triton College; teaching at Triton College.

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