

WORKING *it*

SENIOR GRAPHIC DESIGNER
FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT
(2011–present)

I've also starred in the following roles:

Graphic Design Manager // Royal Buying Group, Inc.

Design Associate // Bohringer Creative

Art Teacher // Aurora Central Catholic High School

Freelance Artist // Simply Erika

LEARNING *it*

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
Master of Art, Animation (in progress)

College of DuPage

Graphic Design, Web Design, Illustration; Honors

Illinois State University

Bachelor of Science, Art; Honors

DOING *it*

SIMPLYERIKA.COM
Design Portfolio

bellossoms.com

Storybook Series

sheroandvex.com

Web Comic

BEING *simply erika*

I'm an **expert designer**, able to understand the goals of clients and *create solutions*.

Multi-tasking is a core component to all of my work. I'm consistently grinding out a multitude of diverse projects at any given moment.

I'm a skilled **time manager** and stay accountable for my tasks. Bottom line, my projects *get done*.

I'm a **great presenter** and enthusiastically share my ideas. I often take the speaking role in group projects. I can also be very persuasive. *Is it working?*

I take **feedback** in the right direction and I'm always looking to learn.

I think in storyboards. I enjoy **ideation** and drafting concepts from beginning to end.

I can draw. By hand. I'm unusually speedy and easily step in to be a caricature artist, face painter and art instructor when the opportunity arises.

I'm very **physical**. I still want to be a Power Ranger. *So, if this doesn't work out...*

I know how to keep a room of 6-year-olds **entertained with art** for an entire *hour*.

I'm an innate **storyteller**. I've created a series of storybooks to explore that: bellossoms.com.

I collect toys, play tennis and **love** polar bears and 7-11 Slurpees.

creative & ^(very) bright

CONTACT *me*

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