Dr. Verlene ‘Vee’ Miller Herrington
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Dr. Herrington took a neglected, underfunded, library (housed in an old warehouse) with few customers, no computers and no shelving and transformed it into a state-of-the-art facility. She obtained program funding, assisted in the design, and oversaw the million dollar renovation project of the U. S. Army Military Intelligence Library. Due to her innovative, non-traditional and enthusiastic approach to library services, the new state-of-the-art library averages 700 onsite visitors daily. She spearheaded the expansion of additional library services by inviting the Foreign Language Center to relocate in the heart of the campus. Within two years, the library at Fort Huachuca won the Library of Congress Information Center of the Year Award. In 2009, Dr. Herrington was awarded the Library of Congress Federal Librarian of Year Award. The library, which had a 1800% increase since opening in 2003, has a non-traditional model of library services for the young soldiers attending the US Army Intelligence Center School. With 75 computers, Wi-Fi, a CyberCafe, Smart boards, VTC equipment and a Scola Dish with foreign language broadcasts from around the world. “Serving customers and meeting their needs is what being a good librarian is all about”, Herington said.

Vee attended Ball State University and received her B.S. in Psychology. She earned a Masters in Information Science from the University of Tennessee, a Masters in School Psychology from the University of Cincinnati, and her Ph.D. in Education from the Arizona State University.