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An Interview with Steven Thompson

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Steven Thompson serves as an archivist at Rock Valley College. He reviews the history of Rock Valley through its archives. He 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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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Steven Thompson was born in New Haven, Connecticut in 1956. He graduated from Downers Gove High School in 1974. He earned a BA from Macalester College in 1978 and a MA from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1983. He was first employed as a librarian at Barron County Campus–University of Wisconsin Center Systems. In 2002 he joined Rock Valley College as a liaison to the Friends of Estelle M. Black Library staff. There he teaches library classes, provides reference assistance, develops the library collections to five academic areas, and serves as a staff liaison archivist. Currently he is involved in the 50th year anniversary of the college, which was formed October 10, 1964 as the Winnebago-Boone County Junior College. This interview covers Rock Valley’s growth and development.

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