

Masters in Library and Information Sciences -- Career Resources

What can I do with a Masters degree in Library and Information Sciences?

Librarians in user services, such as reference and children's librarians, work with patrons to help them find the information they need. The job involves analyzing users' needs to determine what information is appropriate, as well as searching for, acquiring, and providing the information. The job also includes an instructional role, such as showing users how to access information. For example, librarians commonly help users navigate the Internet so they can search for relevant information efficiently. Librarians in technical services, such as acquisitions and cataloguing, acquire and prepare materials for use and often do not deal directly with the public. Librarians in administrative services oversee the management and planning of libraries: negotiate contracts for services, materials, and equipment; supervise library employees; perform public-relations and fundraising duties: prepare budgets; and direct activities to ensure that everything functions properly. (From: *The Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook*: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos068.htm>)

Library and Information Sciences Job-Related Titles	
Librarian	Information Broker
Information Specialist	Legal Informatics Specialist
School Media Specialist	Health Informatics Specialist
Archivist	Digital Imagist
Indexer	Industry Knowledge Specialist
Cataloger	Web Systems Developer
Information Resource Manager	Vendor Platform Specialist
Conservation Librarian	Information Literacy Instructor
Library Director	Taxonomy Librarian

Bureau of Labor Statistics Information:

Librarian (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos068.htm>)

- Job opportunities are expected to be very good because a large number of librarians are expected to retire in the coming decade, creating many job openings.
- Jobs for librarians outside traditional settings will grow the fastest over the decade.
- Median annual earnings of librarians in 2002 were \$43,090. The middle 50 percent earned between \$33,560 and \$54,250. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$24,510, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$66,590.

Archivist (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos065.htm>)

- Most worked in museums, historical sites, and similar institutions; educational institutions; or in Federal, State, or local government.
- A graduate degree and related work experience generally are required.
- Keen competition is expected for most jobs because qualified applicants generally outnumber job openings.

Library and Information Sciences Job Search/Listings Websites

American Library Association (ALA)

(<http://www.ala.org/ala/hrdr/libraryempresources/2004employmentguide.htm>)

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Job Placement Hotline (<http://www.aallnet.org/hotline/>)

Ann's Place and Maria's Corner- Library Job Hunting (http://www.geocities.com/aer_mcr/libjob/)

Association of Research Libraries (ARL) (<https://db.arl.org/careers/>)

The Chronicle of Higher Education: Chronicle Careers (<http://chronicle.com/jobs/>)

Internet Library for Librarians (www.itcompany.com/info retriever/job.htm)

Jobs for Librarians and Information Professionals (www.lisjobs.com)

Library and Information Technology Association [LITA] (<http://www.lita.org/ala/lita/litaresources/litajobsite/litajobsite.htm>)
 Library Job Postings on the Internet Compiled by Sarah Johnson (www.libraryjobpostings.org)
 Medical Library Association [MLA] (<http://www.mlanet.org/career/>)
 Texas Library Association [TLA] Job Listings (<http://www.txla.org/jobline/jobline.asp>)
 Texas State Library and Archives Commission (<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/jobs/index.html>)

Professional Associations, Organizations, and List-servs

American Library Association [ALA] (<http://www.ala.org/>)
 American Association of Law Libraries [AALL] (<http://www.aallnet.org/>)
 American Association of School Librarians [AASL] (<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslindex.htm>)
 American Medical Informatics Association [AMIA] (<http://www.amia.org/>)
 The American Society of Indexers [ASI] (<http://www.asindexing.org/site/index.html>)
 American Society for Information Science and Technology [ASIS] (<http://www.asis.org/>)
 Association of College and Research Libraries [ACRL] (<http://www.ala.org/ACRLTemplate.cfm?Section=acr&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=15&ContentID=7768>)
 Association for Computing Machinery (<http://www.acm.org/>)
 The Association for Information Management Professionals (<http://www.arma.org/>)
 Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (<http://www.ala.org/ALCTSTemplate.cfm?Section=alcts>)
 Association of Research Libraries (<http://www.arl.org/>)
 Medical Library Association [MLA] (<https://www.mlanet.org/>)
 Public Library Association [PLA] (<http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/pla.htm>)
 The Society of American Archivists (<http://www.archivists.org/>)
 Special Libraries Association [SLA] (<http://www.sla.org/index.cfm>)
 Texas Library Association [TLA] (<http://www.txla.org/index.html>)

UNT Student Organizations

Library and Information Sciences Student Associations [LISSA] (<http://orgs.unt.edu/lissa/index.htm>)
 American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T) North Texas Chapter (<http://orgs.unt.edu/asis/nt-asis.html>)
 Special Libraries Association (SLA) UNT Chapter (<http://www.unt.edu/sla/>)

Books and Print Resources

Student Development Office Career Services Collection:

Title	Author	ISBN	Year	Also available at
Career Starter Webmaster	Joan Vaughn	1-57685-371-3	2001	CareerBookstore.com
Careers for Cybersurfers	Marjorie Eberts & Rachel Kelsey	0-8442-2297-6	1997	CareerBookstore.com
Careers in Focus - Internet		0-89434-330-0	2001	CareerBookstore.com
Opportunities in Library & Information Sciences		0-658-01642-3	2002	CareerBookstore.com

General Library and Information Sciences Books at UNT Dallas Library:

TITLE	CALL NUMBER	YEAR
American Library Dictionary, v. 1-2	Z 731.A53 2005-06	2005
Annual Review of Information Science and Technology, v. 33-39	Z 699.A1 A65 v.33 1998 c.2 through Z699.A1 A65 v.40 2005 c.2	1998-2006
Concise Dictionary of Library and Information Sciences	Z 1006.K39 2000	2000

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Collection Development in the Electronic Environment: Shifting Priorities	Z 675.U5 C64235 1999	1999
Culturally Diverse Library Collections for Children	Z 1361.E4 T68 1994 c.4	1994
Culturally Diverse Library Collections for Youth	Z 1361.E4 T677 1996 c.3	1996
Digital Reference Services	Z 711.45.D546 2003b	2003
Electronic Collection Management	Z 692.C65 E42 2000 c.2	2000
Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science, v.1-33, 36-73	Z 1006.E57	
Evolution in Reference and Information Sciences: The Impact of the Internet	Z 711.47E96 2001 c.2	2001
Fundraising for Libraries: 25 Proven Ways to Get More Money For Your Library	Z 683.2 U6 S93 2002	2002
Future Teaching Roles for Academic Librarians	Z 711.2 F87 2000 c.2	2000
Guide to Information Sources in the Botanical Sciences	Z 5351.D38 1996	1996
Guide to Reference Books [Sheehy]	Z 1035.1.G89 1996	1996
Harrod's Librarian's Glossary	Z 1006.H23 2000	2000
Helping the Difficult Library Patron	Z 711.H437 2002 c.2	2002
Information Sources in Science and Technology	Z 7401.H85 1998 c.3	1998
International Encyclopedia of Information and Library Science	Z 1006.I57 1997	1997
Introduction to Reference Work, v. 1-2	Z 711.K32 2002 c.4	2002
Leadership in the Library and Information Science Professions: Theory and Practice	Z 678.L374 2001	2001
Librarian's Companion	Z 670.W39 1996 c.2	1996
Libraries and Electronic Resources	Z 716.6.L495 2001 c.2	2001
Library of Congress Subject Headings, 23 rd ed., v. 1-5	Z 695.Z8 L524a 2000 c.3	2000
Library Services for Business Students in Distance Education	Z 718.85.L54 2002 c.2	2002
Lobby For Your Library	Z 683.2.U6 K56 1992 c.2	1992
Magazines for Libraries	Z 6941.K2 2003 c.2	2003
Off-Campus Library Services	Z 675.U5 O452 2001 c.2	2001
Reference and Information Services: An Introduction	Z 711.R443 2001 c.3	2001
Reference Sources in Science, Engineering, Medicine and Agriculture	Z 7401.M278 1994 c.2	1994
The Collaborative Imperative: Librarian and Faculty Working Together in the Information Universe	Z 675.U5 C6417 2000 c.2	2000
The Librarian's Career Guidebook	Z 682.35.V62 L53 2004	2004
Web-based Instruction: A Guide for Libraries	Z 711.2.S59 2001 c.2	2001

Other Suggested Titles:

Title	Author	ISBN	Year	Available at
Jump Start Your Career in Library and Information Science	Priscilla K. Shontz, Steven J. Oberg, Robert N. Klob, and Robert R. Newlen	0810840847	2002	Amazon.com; UNT
Career Opportunities in Library and Information Science	Linda P. Carvell	081605245X	2005	Amazon.com
Opportunities in Library and Information Science Careers	Kathleen De La Pena McCook	0658016423	2001	Amazon.com; UNT; netLibrary