

WHY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE?

Library and information science is a career for anyone who loves working with people and being able to connect these people with the information they seek. Demand for talented individuals seeking a rewarding career that combines research, technology, project management, leadership skills, and a community focus is the highest it has ever been.

For more information about libraries, library associations, and related organizations, visit: <http://cs.ala.org/@yourlibrary/factsandfigures.cfm>.

To learn more about Texas librarians, visit: <http://www.txla.org>.



Technology is my groove in the library arena.

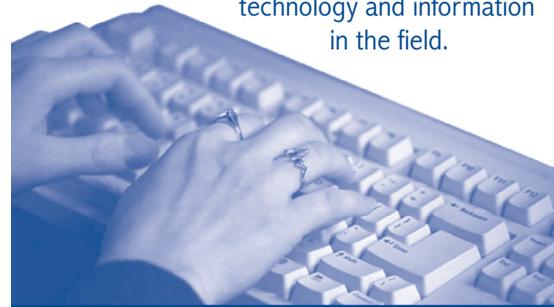
EMMANUEL MERENINI, PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

Earnings

Graduates report an average starting salary of \$37,975 in 2003 (Source: *Library Journal*, Oct, 15, 2004). The Texas Library Association endorsed a minimum entry-level salary of \$30,000 during 2003. According to *Occupational Outlook Handbooks*, salaries of librarians vary according to the individual's qualifications and the type, size, and location of the library. Experienced librarians can advance to administrative positions, such as department head, library director, or chief information officer. Librarians with primarily administrative duties often have greater earnings.

Educational & Training Requirements

To become a library and information science professional, a master's degree in library and information science (MLIS), obtained through a program accredited by the American Library Association (ALA), is required. Depending on which area of library and information science is entered, additional or specialized training may be required. Continued education will keep one abreast of the latest technology and information in the field.



In Texas, the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Austin and Texas Woman's University all offer ALA accredited master's programs for people seeking careers in a variety of settings, including academic, public, school, and special libraries. Sam Houston State University and University of Houston-Clear Lake offer programs recognized by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). These programs are renewed and approved by the American Association of School Librarians for those pursuing work in school libraries serving pre-K through 12th grade.

To check for the most current requirements for school librarians in Texas, check the Texas Education Agency website at: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/technology/libraries/lib_standards_librarian.html.

ALA accredited schools are listed at <http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oa/lisdir.html>

Scholarship Opportunities

The American Library Association (ALA) and its units provide more than \$300,000 annually for study in an ALA accredited master's program or from a school library media program that meets the standards of the NCATE.

For information on financial assistance, please call 800-545-2433 ext. 4281 for the ALA publication, *Financial Assistance for Library and Information Studies*.

Read about ALA scholarships at: <http://www.ala.org/work/awards/scholars.html>

Spectrum Scholarships for students from under-represented ethnic groups and Century Scholarships for students with disabilities are described at: <http://www.ala.org/spectrum/index.html>

"Librarians for the 21st Century"

This federal program supports efforts to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians. For more information, visit <http://www.ims.gov/grants/library>.



I am grateful to be part of a team and a profession that puts information power in the hands of all.

MARIBEL GARZA-CASTRO, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

Information Resources

Contact any of the following for more detailed information about library and information sciences as a career.

Texas Library Association:

www.txla.org

Association of College and Research Libraries:

www.ala.org/acrl

American Association of School Librarians

<http://ala.org/aasl>

American Library Association (ALA)

Human Resource Development & Recruitment
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
1-800-545-2433
www.ala.org

Special Libraries Association

1700 Eighteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009-2514
1-202-234-4700
www.sla.org

American Society for Information Science & Technology

Department 5189
Washington, DC 20061-5189
1-301-495-0900
www.asis.org

For more information about libraries:
www.ala.org/ala/librariesandyou/faqs/alafaqalas.htm

Meet real public librarians. Visit www.pla.org to read about some real life public librarians, how they chose their profession, and why they love it.

10 reasons why the Internet is no substitute for a library: www.ala.org/ala/online/selectedarticles/10reasonswhy.htm

TLA OBJECTIVES

- Encourage the identification, development, and maintenance of library services that will meet the informational, cultural, educational, and recreational needs of the citizens of Texas.
- Increase the effectiveness of libraries.
- Increase attention to intellectual freedom and social responsibility as an action-oriented association.



It is a noble and powerful job because we manage, evaluate, and teach and know how to attain information.

LESLIE ANN NAVARRO, ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN



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LIBRARY CAREER OPTIONS

PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

Public librarians provide access to information and introduce new information technologies. They develop programs that encourage community participation and support community involvement in the library. Public librarians select books, magazines, videos, DVD's, CD's, and online computer resources. In addition, youth services librarians provide programming such as storytimes and reading guidance for children and their families.

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

School librarians work with teachers and administrators to support the educational needs of students and in selecting new educational materials. They are instrumental in helping improve the reading skills of youth of all ages. They keep current with the ever changing needs of information technology. School librarians are experts on youth literature and current trends in reading.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS

Academic librarians work in a variety of higher education venues such as colleges and universities. They determine the needs of their institutions in order to provide the information that will best serve students and faculty and promote research.

SPECIAL LIBRARIANS

Special collections librarians work in museums, historical societies, corporations, law offices, and hospitals and other health care settings. They may preserve and provide access to unique materials and provide highly specialized research services.

In addition to these settings, graduates with master's degrees in information studies pursue a wide variety of other careers. They may be employed as archivists, records managers, data-base/information systems designers, knowledge managers, preservation officers, conservators, Web developers, information architects, or usability specialists.