Librarian

You no doubt have an affection for books, reading, and research. These skills will serve you well in a variety of library positions, and library science also makes room for other interests you may have: teaching, subject specialization, working with youth, event programming, archives/special collections, medicine/law, and more.

Suggested Faculty Contacts:
Laureen P. Cantwell, MSLIS, MPHc
Anne Bledsoe, MLS
Sylvia L. Rael, MLS, Library Director

Career Path

Recommended Emphasis:
✓ Literature or writing work equally well.

Recommended Specialized Courses:
✓ ENGL 240: Children's Lit
✓ ENGL 320: Report & Proposal Writing
✓ ENGL 365: Lit for Young Adults
✓ ENGL 385: Technical and Professional Writing
✓ English 497: Internship in Business, Technical, or Professional Communication
Apply What You Learn:

✓ Intern/Work at a local public library, museum, or historical society.

✓ Seek Student Employment at Tomlinson Library (Public Services, Technical Services, Special Collections/Archives).

Develop Your Expertise. Consider these graduate and certificate programs:

School Library Media (K-12):
• U. of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign
• U. of Washington
• Simmons College

Services for Children & Youth (Public):
• Florida State University
• Rutgers - State U. of NJ
• Syracuse University

Archives & Preservation (Academic, Museum):
• Simmons College
• U. of Michigan - Ann Arbor
• UNC - Chapel Hill

Overall & Academic Librarianship:
• U. of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign
• UNC-Chapel Hill
• U. of Washington

Certificates are also options for:
• School Media Licensure
• Graduate Certificate in Archival Studies
• Digital Information Management
• Library & Information Science Certificate

Observations and Advice:
If you enjoy research and presentations, a faculty position in an academic library may be of interest. Academic library positions may prefer a second masters or a doctoral degree, especially if you want to land a tenure-track faculty position.