

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:

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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-Chamaign
- UNC-Chaptel 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.