2015: The Rise of Library Jobline Continues

Postings for library jobs continued their upward trajectory in 2015, according to LRS’s popular library job posting website, LibraryJobline.org. In 2015, 656 jobs were posted—the most ever since the service’s launch in 2007—and almost 3 times that of 2009’s low of 228 postings. Average hourly salaries for Academic ($21.79) and Public ($20.80) library positions were at an all time high, though the average salary for School libraries ($16.62) fell by 20% since its high in 2012 ($20.74). Read on to learn more about how the rest of 2015 shaped up.

2015 QUICK STATS: 656 jobs posted

- Located in Colorado: 68%
- March busiest month (67 jobs postings)
- 741K+ views

LIBRARY JOBLINE TRENDS

- Average Starting Wages:
  - MLIS required: $24.80 in 2009, $22.37 in 2014
  - MLIS preferred: $24.58 in 2009, $17.05 in 2014
  - MLIS not required: $27.01 in 2009, $20.67 in 2015

REQUIREMENTS & PREFERENCES

When posting jobs on Library Jobline, employers have the option of specifying whether they prefer or require that applicants meet certain criteria. Here we’ve outlined the percentages in which employers indicated the criteria below. In 2015, all types of required experience displayed recovery from their lows during the recession.

- MLIS Degree:
  - Required: 35% in 2009, 31% in 2015
  - Preferred: 18% in 2009, 20% in 2015

- Required Experience (1+ years):
  - Library: 23% in 2009, 24% in 2015
  - Professional: 13% in 2009, 15% in 2015

- Spanish Language Fluency:
  - Required: 1% in 2009, 2% in 2015

1. Among those postings that specified a degree requirement and a starting wage.