Postings for library jobs remained steady in 2016, according to LRS's popular library job posting website, LibraryJobline.org. In 2016, 673 jobs were posted—the most ever since the service's launch in 2007. Average hourly salaries for Academic library positions remained steady ($21.96) and Public library positions ($22.09) increased by 6% since 2015. The average hourly salary for School libraries ($19.22) recovered from its low in 2015 ($16.62). Read on to learn more about how the rest of 2016 shaped up.

2016 QUICK STATS: 673 jobs posted

- Located in Colorado: 69%
- 168K views
- May busiest month (73 job postings)

LIBRARY JOBLINE TRENDS

- Jobs Posted Each Year
- Average Starting Wages:
  - 2009: $24.58 MLIS required, $14.65 MLIS preferred, $19.69 MLIS not required
  - 2016: $24.28 MLIS required, $23.89 MLIS preferred, $18.12 MLIS not required

OTHER SALARY RESOURCES

- 2016 librarian estimated median pay, Bureau of Labor Statistics:
  - $27.73
- 2015 new MLIS graduate median pay, Library Journal Placements & Salaries survey:
  - $22.65

SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 823K emails sent
- 556 job seekers added in 2016
- 1,152 total employers
- 4,726 total job seekers

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- 1,000+ followers
- 5.3K tweets

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.

- MLIS Degree
  - Required: 35%
  - Preferred: 31%
  - 2009: 18%, 2016: 17%

- Required Experience (1+ years)
  - Library: 23%
  - Professional: 21%
  - Supervisory: 14%

- Spanish Language Fluency
  - Preferred: 17%
  - Required: 12%
  - 2009: 1%, 2016: 1%