2017: Library Jobline Reflects a Steady Job Market

Postings for library jobs continued to rise in 2017, according to LRS’s popular library job posting website, LibraryJobline.org. In 2017, 701 jobs were posted—the most ever since the service’s launch in 2007. Average hourly salaries for both Academic ($22.06) and Public ($22.26) library positions remained steady. The average hourly salary for School libraries ($19.86) continued to rise and has recovered from its low in 2015 ($16.62). Read on to learn more about how the rest of 2017 shaped up.

**2017 QUICK STATS: 701 jobs posted**

- Located in Colorado: 67%
- Full-time (35+ hrs per week): 78%
- January: busiest month (73 job postings)
- School: 2%

**LIBRARY JOBLINE TRENDS**

- **Jobs Posted Each Year**
- **Average Starting Wages**
  - MLIS required
  - MLIS preferred
  - MLIS not required

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 958K emails sent
- 128 employers added in 2017
- 1,233 total employers
- 407 job seekers added in 2017
- 5,005 total job seekers

**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.

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

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