

2018: Use of Library Jobline Jumps Again

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Postings for library jobs continued to rise in 2018, according to LRS's popular library job posting website, LibraryJobline.org. In 2018, 815 jobs were posted—the most ever since the service's launch in 2007. Average hourly salaries for Academic (\$23.28) library positions remained steady, while Public (\$21.98) library positions dropped slightly. The average hourly salary for School libraries (\$22.37) rose again and has recovered from its low in 2015 (\$16.62). Read on to learn more about how the rest of 2018 shaped up.

2018 Quick Stats:

- 815 jobs posted
- 64% located in Colorado
- 407,000 views
- Busiest months – January and April with 83 job postings
- 69% of the jobs were full time (35+ hours per week)

Library Type

- Public Library – 68%
- Academic – 19%
- Other – 9%
- Institutional – 2%
- School – 2%

Subscriptions

- One million emails sent
- 288 job seekers added in 2018, making a total of 2,743 job seekers
- 155 employers added in 2018, making a total of 1,259 employers
- 1,100+ followers and 6100 tweets
 - #JobTip: Follow @libraryjobline to get our favorite job hunting advice, #libraryjobs postings, & weekly #HOTJOB.

Library Jobline Trends

Jobs Posted Each Year

Year	Count	Year	Count
2009	228	2014	615
2010	262	2015	656
2011	313	2016	673
2012	392	2017	701
2013	431	2018	815

Average Starting Wages (Among those postings that specified a degree requirement and a starting wage.)

Degree requirement	2009 average starting wage	2018 average starting wage
MLIS not required	\$14.65	\$18.46
MLIS preferred	\$19.69	\$24.55
MLIS required	\$24.58	\$26.01

Wages for library positions have increased since 2009.

- MLIS required – 6%
- MLIS preferred – 25%
- MLIS not required – 26%

Other Salary Resources

In 2018, librarian estimated hourly median pay was \$28.39 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the new MLIS graduate median pay was \$25.07 according to the Library Journal Placements & Salaries survey.

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.

Requirement	2009 percent	2017 percent
MLIS required	31%	35%
MLIS preferred	18%	45%
Library experience (1+ years)	23%	15%
Professional experience (1+ years)	18%	16%
Supervisory experience (1+ years)	13%	11%
Spanish language fluency required	1%	4%
Spanish language fluency preferred	17%	30%

Resources

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