

Library Jobline Expands in 2019

Library Research Service (LRS)'s Library Jobline connects qualified job seekers with open positions in libraries and museums nationwide. Designed specifically for library and museum professionals, the website allows users to filter by salary, library type, and MLS degree preferences. In 2019, the website further evolved to include regional pages and additional data requirements for featured posts, making it easier for employers and qualified individuals to find the perfect career match.

2019 Quick Stats:

- 783 jobs posted
- 434 new users
- 1,089,179 emails sent
- 338,785 site views

Colorado, North Carolina, and Wyoming posted the most jobs

State	Count	State	Count	State	Count
Alabama	3	Kansas	5	New York	1
Alaska	2	Kentucky	6	North Carolina	30
Arizona	6	Louisiana	1	North Dakota	5
Arkansas	0	Maine	0	Ohio	5
California	12	Maryland	2	Oklahoma	1
Colorado	481	Massachusetts	23	Oregon	18
Connecticut	8	Michigan	3	Pennsylvania	2
Delaware	9	Minnesota	3	Rhode Island	16
District of Columbia	1	Mississippi	1	South Carolina	0
Florida	2	Missouri	5	South Dakota	0
Georgia	1	Montana	6	Tennessee	5
Hawaii	1	Nebraska	4	Texas	15
Idaho	10	Nevada	0	Utah	0
Illinois	12	New Hampshire	2	Vermont	0
Indiana	4	New Jersey	2	Virginia	0
Iowa	9	New Mexico	8	Washington	8
				West Virginia	1
				Wisconsin	6
				Wyoming	34

Library Jobline Users: 3,833 total

There were 288 new job seekers added in 2019 and 142 new employers added in 2019.

Library Type

71% of posts were for full-time positions.

Library Type	Percent of Job Postings
Public	72%
Academic	20%
School	2%
Institutional	<1%
Other	5%

Graduates of LIS programs have more options and better opportunities.

According to Library Journal's 2019 Placement and Salaries survey, 87 percent of 2018 LIS graduates are employed in the field with a satisfaction rate of 74 percent. Full-time employment also rose to 86 percent.

Degree Requirement

37% of job posts indicated that an MLIS degree was required for the position. However, only 60 percent of posted jobs specified if a degree was required, preferred, or not required.

Requirement	Percent	Number of Jobs
MLIS required	37%	176
MLIS preferred	27%	126
Did not require MLIS degree	36%	169

Average starting wages have increased since 2009

Although average starting wages increased over the past decade, they stayed relatively stagnant from 2018 to 2019. For positions requiring an MLIS degree, the average wage fell slightly from \$26.01 to \$25.94. They also fell from \$24.55 to \$24.48 for positions where an MLIS degree was preferred. The average wage rose for positions that do not require an MLIS degree from \$18.46 to \$18.55.

Degree requirement	2009 average starting wage	2019 average starting wage
MLIS not required	\$14.65	\$18.55
MLIS preferred	\$19.69	\$24.48
MLIS required	\$24.58	\$25.94

@LibraryJobline on social media

#JopTip #MondayMotivation #LibraryTwitter “Go to the #library. Walk around. Observe the staff and patrons. How you feel about a place will impact how much satisfaction you’ll get on the job.”

Library Jobline has 1,221 total followers and 7,465 total tweets.

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