

2021 Library Jobline Fast Facts

Library Jobline connects qualified job seekers with open positions in libraries and museums nationwide through tailored search options and a robust network of employer subscribers. In 2021, the site posted twice as many jobs as it did in 2020. New user data from Library Jobline shows that almost half of new users (49%) were employers while the other half (51%) were job seekers. This points to a high demand for workers in 2021.

2021 Quick Stats

In 2021 there were

- 1083 jobs posted
- 373 new users
- 1,545,083 emails sent
- 356,202 site views

The Number of Job Postings By State in 2021

The top three states with the most job postings are Colorado with 49% of posts, Rhode Island with 14% of posts, and Massachusetts: 6% of posts.

The full list of states and their number of job postings is as follows:

Alabama 1	Louisiana 0	Oklahoma 1
Alaska 0	Maine 4	Oregon 42
Arizona 9	Maryland 4	Pennsylvania 4
Arkansas 1	Massachusetts 60	Rhode Island 156
California 23	Michigan 4	South Carolina 0
Colorado 533	Minnesota 10	South Dakota 0
Connecticut 19	Mississippi 0	Tennessee 12020 Job Posts
Delaware 0	Missouri 3	Texas 9
District of Columbia 1	Montana 8	Utah 5
Florida 1	Nebraska 4	Vermont 4
Georgia 4	Nevada 1	Virginia 2
Hawaii 0	New Hampshire 9	Washington 44
Idaho 3	New Jersey 4	West Virginia 0
Illinois 6	New Mexico 7	Wisconsin 8
Indiana 2	New York 3	Wyoming 22
Iowa 9	North Carolina 12	
Kansas 17	North Dakota 5	
Kentucky 11	Ohio 5	

Job Posts Increase Significantly in 2021

In 2021 there were five months with more job postings than any previous month, including the previous record high of 94 postings in January 2020.

The new record for the number of jobs posted in a month is 124, which was set in September 2021.

2020 Job Posts		2021 Job Posts		2021 New Subscribers	
Jan	94	Jan	61	Jan	19
Feb	75	Feb	59	Feb	21
Mar	36	Mar	86	Mar	19
Apr	19	Apr	83	Apr	14
May	16	May	89	May	13
Jun	24	Jun	97	Jun	18
Jul	45	Jul	110	Jul	18
Aug	32	Aug	104	Aug	20
Sep	66	Sep	124	Sep	13
Oct	54	Oct	106	Oct	13
Nov	42	Nov	93	Nov	15
Dec	39	Dec	71	Dec	9

There are 4,128 total Library Jobline users.

In 2021 there were 192 new job seekers and 181 new employers.

Posts by Library Type

- Public 78%
- Academic 16%
- School (K-12) 1%
- Prison/Correctional <1%
- Other 5%

61% of posts were for full-time positions.

Graduates of LIS programs face modified work environments but similar employment rates. According to Library Journal's 2021 Placement and Salaries survey, 84% of 2020 LIS graduates are employed full-time. Almost three out of four (73%) are employed in an LIS field. 65% of respondents expressed satisfaction with their placements, which is down 7% from last year.

Degree Requirements

32% of job posts indicated that an MLIS degree was required for the position. Slightly more (37%) did not require an MLIS degree. About 14% of job posts did not specify if a degree was required, preferred, or not required.

- Required MLIS Degree 32%
- Preferred MLIS degree 17%
- Did not require MLIS degree 37%
- No data 14%

Average starting wages for the past 3 years

Wages for jobs requiring an MLIS and wages for jobs not requiring an MLIS both bounced back in 2021 after falling in 2020. The wage increase from 2020 for jobs requiring and not requiring MLIS degrees was 15% and 6% respectively. Wages for jobs that prefer an MLIS fell by 1% since 2020.

Average hourly wages are calculated based on the salary ranges employers report in job posts. Annual salaries are calculated based on an assumption of working 40 hours per week and 52 weeks per year.

MLIS required	MLIS preferred	MLIS not required
2019 \$25.94	2019 \$24.48	2019 \$18.55
2020 \$25.10	2020 \$25.00	2020 \$14.91
2021 \$28.94	2021 \$22.93	2021 \$15.80

Library Jobline is on Twitter.

It has 1,190 total followers and has posted 9,441 total tweets.

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