

2022 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 2022, the site posted 188 more jobs than it did in 2021. New user data from Library Jobline shows that under half of new users (42%) were employers while over half (58%) were job seekers. Overall, there was an 18% decrease in new users but a 17% increase in job postings compared to 2021.

2022 Quick Stats

In 2022 there were

- 1,271 jobs posted
- 305 new users
- 1,711,505 emails sent
- 296,385 site views

The Number of Job Postings By State in 2022

The top three states with the most job postings are Colorado with 48% of posts, Rhode Island with 13% of posts, and Wyoming with 6% of posts.

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

Alabama 0	Kentucky 10	North Dakota 2
Alaska 0	Louisiana 1	Ohio 5
Arizona 5	Maine 1	Oklahoma 0
Arkansas 0	Maryland 0	Oregon 48
California 15	Massachusetts 62	Pennsylvania 0
Colorado 612	Michigan 2	Rhode Island 168
Connecticut 26	Minnesota 11	South Carolina 4
Delaware 0	Mississippi 0	South Dakota 5
District of Columbia 4	Missouri 11	Tennessee 4
Florida 1	Montana 3	Texas 17
Georgia 8	Nebraska 11	Utah 1
Hawaii 0	Nevada 0	Vermont 4
Idaho 2	New Hampshire 5	Virginia 2
Illinois 17	New Jersey 3	Washington 50
Indiana 7	New Mexico 16	West Virginia 0
Iowa 8	New York 1	Wisconsin 4
Kansas 16	North Carolina 24	Wyoming 72

Job Posts Peaked Early In 2022

In 2022 there was a 17% increase in job postings from 2021 and a 135% increase in job postings compared to 2020.

The new record for the number of jobs posted in a month is 131, which was set in March 2022. The previous record was 124 in 2021.

2022 Job Posts

Jan	120
Feb	95
Mar	131
Apr	110
May	119
Jun	112
Jul	116
Aug	113
Sep	102
Oct	99
Nov	87
Dec	67

2022 New Users

Jan	13
Feb	18
Mar	29
Apr	23
May	29
Jun	29
Jul	29
Aug	29
Sep	26
Oct	35
Nov	21
Dec	24

There are 4,231 total Library Jobline users.

In 2022 there were 178 new job seekers and 127 new employers.

Degree Requirements

30% of job posts indicated that an MLIS degree was required for the position. Slightly more (36%) did not require an MLIS degree. About 18% of job posts did not specify if a degree was required, preferred, or not required.

- Required MLIS Degree 30%
- Preferred MLIS degree 16%
- Did not require MLIS degree 36%
- No data 18%

2021 Graduates of LIS programs found similar employment rates but higher job satisfaction.

According to Library Journal's Placements and Salaries Survey 2022, 86% of 2021 LIS graduates are employed full-time. Seven out of ten (71%) are employed in an LIS field. 76% of those with a job expressed satisfaction with their placement, which is up 11 percentage points from last year.

Posts by Library Type

- Public 73%
- Academic 19%
- School (K-12) 2%
- Prison/Correctional <1%
- Other 6%

75% of posts were for full-time positions.

Average starting wages for the past 3 years

Wages for jobs not requiring a MLIS and wages for jobs preferring an MLIS both increased from 2021. The wage increase in 2022 for jobs not requiring a MLIS degree and jobs preferring a MLIS degree was 9% and 10% respectively. Wages for jobs that require a MLIS degree fell by 5% after jumping 15% in 2021.

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
2022 \$27.55	2022 \$25.12	2022 \$17.25

Library Jobline is on Twitter.

It has 1,195 total followers and has posted 9,657 total tweets.

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