Adventures in Librarianship

Do you know the places you’ll go?

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Outcomes.

We hope you will leave with...

- a better understanding of the different career paths available to you
- a better knowledge of exploring career pathways
- a community of support as you move forward in your careers
Meet us!

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Discussion Expectations.

- We'll all be sharing our experiences (even you) so remember we've got a time limit.

- We are all on our library journey. Don't feel bad that you aren't where someone else is.

- Don't be afraid to ask the hard questions.
Let’s meet you...
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What’s your role at your current job?

- Patron experience associate
- Public Services Librarian
- Manager
- Sr Library Associate, Children's Specialist
- Library Specialist Lead
- Outreach Assistant
- Children's Librarian
- Library assistant in two different branches
- Children's Services Associate
What’s your role at your current job?

- Elementary school media specialist
- Art coordinator
- Library Services Specialist (paraprofessional)
- Patron Services Technician
- Library Associate
- Patron Service Technician
- Outreach Librarian
- Spanish services coordinator
- Adult Services Librarian
What’s your role at your current job?

- Librarian Assistant / Social Media
- Technical Services
- Sr Librarian / Tech Serviced
- Children's services assistant
- Patron service tech and mentor
- Technology Trainer
- Library specialist Lead
- Library Assistant, Branch Liaison
- Programming Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Adult Services Librarian
What’s your role at your current job?

Branch Manger
How many years of library experience do you have?

- 0-2: 7
- 3-5: 11
- 6-10: 8
- 11-20: 9
- 21+: 1
What are your career goals?

- MLS and my own little library in the middle of nowhere :)
- Honestly, to make some more money
- Teen Librarian
- Cataloging 😛
- Not sure yet!
- Personal and creative fulfillment, whatever shape that takes
- State Librarian
- I want to get a MLIS and become a young adult librarian.
- Work in an archive!
What are your career goals?

- MIls to librarianship, public, academic, medical?
- Finding positions and opportunities to build community
- KCH Manager.
- IDK MLS? Mountain Woman?
- Make more money while doing what I love
- Become a public librarian
- Is there an MLS combined with Creative Writing? Or even a "cookbook librarian"? =)
- No idea. Be financially secure
- Higher salary, position that will fully utilize my analytical skills and research, not exclusively focused on children

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What are your career goals?

New Opportunities...higher level.

TBD

my own office to cry in

To keep learning forever and become full time

After working at eight different libraries, I'll probably stay put (unless my managers stage a coup).

Finding a way to never retire completely

Complete my MLIS within the next 5 years and wait for a position to open up in the library I work for..... purchasing, adult services or branch manager.

A full time position where I can make an impact. Ideally, an MLS and small-town librarian.

Be happy
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<td>Finish my library degrees (I'm working on undergrad and master's) while working as a library clerk part-time. But, once done with school, I want to work full time and pay my debts. Would love to manage a library branch or work in administration.</td>
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<td><strong>Don't wait! You are never too old! 🎓</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Keep growing and learning maybe Manager of a small country library</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Talk to people. Ask for opportunities. Don’t be afraid to create your own path.</strong></td>
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What are your career goals?

- Advocate for yourself
- Put yourself out there
- Don’t take ALL of those loans
- Don’t let others intimidate you
What advice would you give your past self?

- Be open to change
- Take your own path
- Stand up for yourself
- Don't get Amazon Prime
- Focus on your interests
- Opportunity is unexpected
- Don't sell yourself short
- Just do it
- Go ahead and do it
- Don't despair
- Don't be scared
- Lay off the drugs
- Do what you love
- Always move forward
- You are qualified
- Go with what you love
- Cheaper in 1982
- Take your time
- Don't hesitate
- Keep going
- Don't hesitate
- It really will be ok
- Stop being so afraid
- You will be different
- Do uncomfortable stuff
- Don't stress eat
- Be patient
- You know nothing
- Don't stress eat
- Stop worrying
- Do it
- Ask for help
- Disappoint
- Burn out
- Listen
- Don't wait
- Save your parents
- You can do this
- Don't hold back
Do you have a question or advice about moving into a new role?

- Working with difficult people
- Online vs in person vs hybrid MLS program
- How do you pay for a master's degree?
- Give it your all and never stop asking questions!
- Don’t take advice that discourages you. Find the best mentor.
- What is the structure of PPLD? Does each branch have a supervisor and a manager? Does each position require a MLS?
- Learning a new position can be painful but remember how well you learned your current position and be confident.
- How did you choose your school?
- Have you ever left a job you loved and a group of co-workers you really enjoyed?
Do you have a question or advice about moving into a new role?

- In MLS school, why is GPA so important after decades and work experience?
- How did you choose your Mills program?
- It's ok to feel uncomfortable in a new role. It's when you feel comfortable that there is something to question.
- Did you stay in a place you didn't love to get a degree?
- I want to know where people in the room went to for MILS
- Are online programs always cheaper than in person or hybrid programs?