

Library

The Library job family includes the broad assembly of jobs needed to maintain a fully operational library supporting both study and research. These positions encompass service-oriented jobs supporting circulation, reference and other direct student patron needs; as well as the more advanced library skills needed to maintain the reputation of a highly regarded research university.

It is typically not essential that staff hold a formal degree for entry-level positions; although some understanding of library operations is helpful. For most professional positions, the standard credential is the Master of Library Science (MLS), tantamount to a terminal degree in the field.

Library staff members often find career development opportunities somewhat limited because of the highly specialized nature of a chosen concentration such as technical services, reference or collection development. Additionally, academic libraries often experience some of the lowest campus turnover, which can serve to inhibit growth opportunities for staff.