

The Diploma IN PUBLIC SERVICES

How to become a... Librarian

£19,000-£50,000 per year (depending on seniority)

Promotion to: Senior, Specialist or Managerial Librarian

Job Description:

Librarians are responsible for collecting, organising and preserving information in libraries so it is readily available to those who need it. Information can be in various forms and there are different types of libraries such as public and national, hospital, university and school libraries.

Responsibilities include selecting and ordering relevant material, liaising with users of the library, giving advice about resources and materials, classifying and indexing materials, taking responsibility for valuable or fragile publications, organise community work and managing the library.



Personal Competencies



Chris had always loved reading and knew his local library well. He asked his librarian about careers in the area and the work she described sounded really interesting.

Chris completed his career mapping on library services looking at the apprenticeship in Information & Library Services, relevant degrees and graduate training opportunities.

Following work experience in the local council Chris still felt that library services were better suited to his interests especially given that there were so many different types of libraries to progress through.

Chris' ideal will be to one day work at the British Library specialising in archiving. In the meantime he plans to go to university and hopes to get a library assistant role part-time either at the university or the local public library.

For more information try visiting:
Mla.gov.uk
Cilip.org.uk
lluk.org/ias

Training and Qualifications

Most librarians have a degree or postgraduate qualification in Information Studies, Library Management, Library studies etc. Minimum entry for degree courses is set by each university however academic requirements may be waived for applicants with 5 years experience as a library assistant. Experienced and certified library assistants can work towards Chartered Librarian status through the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals who also run qualifications in the area.