

Resources on Library Careers

Every librarian, whether they have an MLIS or not, can benefit from materials on library careers. The following materials are available from APLS and will help you as you plan your career or seek a better and more complete understanding of the job you have now:

(1) *What They Don't Teach You in Library School* by Elisabeth Doucett. This book gives librarians practical advice that most library school curriculums omit. It covers a variety of library topics relevant to the day-to-day job of working in a library, such as management, administration, and marketing. It shows how librarians can use practical business and organizational skills to do a better job. The information is presented in a grab-and-go format that's ready to apply to the real world.

(2) *Making the Most of Your Library Career* edited by Lois Stickell et al. While an MLIS can provide the skill set and credentials needed to get a library job, your library career will benefit from knowing how to maximize your potential. This book addresses many important topics, like: how to adapt at a new organization, navigating management's expectations, how to make suggestions for change, managing the cyclical nature of a librarian's work year, the rewards and challenges of a professional organizations, and why a library degree is valuable outside a traditional library setting. This book is full of practical advice that will help guide your career in librarianship's ever-changing environment.

(3) *LIS Career Sourcebook: Managing and Maximizing Every Step of Your Career* by G. Kim Dority. A must-have guide of professional development resources for library staff at every phase of their career. Includes resources for every level, from paraprofessionals to experienced professionals. Covers the following: a career lifecycle approach to building a career, practical guidance and resources for every stage of a career, resource annotations, and a comprehensive further reading list.