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## Guide for New Library Students

The objective of this toolkit is to ensure that any library students who want to work in an academic setting are equipped with resources and knowledge that will benefit their future career as a technician or librarian. The library world is quite expansive, therefore this toolkit is meant to give students confidence to navigate their library careers. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all the resources available for students, but a good starting point for planning your future.

### Library Journals

Here is a list of academic library journals that students can use for their assignments in courses. Additionally, these journals are excellent places to submit potential publications. Library journals are a great way for students to keep up to date with emerging trends and news in the library world.

- [The Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science](#)
- [In the Library with the Lead Pipe](#)
- [Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship](#)
- [Journal of Academic Librarianship](#)
- [College & Research Libraries \(C&RL\)](#)
- [Evidence Based Library and Information Practice](#)

To find other journals and publications in the library and information world, check out these lists below

- [Periodicals](#)
- [Peer Reviewed Library Journals](#)
- [InsideOCULA](#)

### Relevant Conferences

This list contains academic library conferences. These conferences provide students with the opportunity to network and present their work. Conferences can be rather cost prohibitive, however many conferences offer student pricing and volunteering opportunities to provide access to the conference. Various universities and colleges also offer their student conference bursaries which cover travel and admission.

- [Ontario Library Association \(OLA\) Superconference](#)
  - Check out the [OCULA Student Guide to Super Conference!](#)
- [Ontario College and University Library Association \(OCULA\) Spring Conference](#)
- [American Library Association \(ALA\) Annual Conference](#)
- [Academic Libraries Toronto \(ALT\) conference](#)
- [Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians \(CAPAL\) conference](#)



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- [Dublin Core™ Metadata Initiative DCMI](#)
- [Ontario Association of Librarian Technicians OALT/ABO](#)
- [International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions](#) (IFLA Congress)
- [Association of College and Research Libraries](#) (ACRL)

For more conferences see these lists below

- [Events](#) (not a comprehensive list, but helpful)

## Resources for Grants/scholarship/awards applications

Library & Information Technician programs and Masters of Library and Information science can be rather expensive, therefore it is important to have scholarships and awards that can alleviate some of this stress. These resources can be used for conferences, tuition and other living expenses.

- [External Funding Opportunities - Ontario Library Association](#)
- [Scholarship's Canada Librarianship](#)
- [Research Grant](#) (Canadian Association of Research Libraries)
- [Price McIntosh Bursary](#)
- [Spectrum Scholarship Program | ALA](#)
- [Kaleidoscope Program](#)

For more funding opportunities

- [Library & Information Sciences Scholarships and Funding Opportunities](#)

## Where to find jobs

This list includes the most used library job boards as it is important to know about job opportunities and get an idea of salary ranges in the field. If there is a specific institution that you would like to work at, we recommend making a profile on the institution's job site, that will send you email notifications when there are openings in your field.

- [Partnership Job Board](#) (includes various library types)
- [Jobs Site - Faculty of Information](#)
- [Jobline – Foothills Library Association](#)
- [Job Board | Library Publishing Coalition](#) (mostly USA based)
- [Library Job Search | ALA](#)
- [Hiring Librarians](#)
- [FIMS Career Central](#) (Western University)

Job boards for other provinces:



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- [University of Montreal EBSI Job Board](#) (French)
- [Government of Canada Job Bank](#) (Librarian)
- [Government of Canada Job Bank](#) (Library Technician)
- [INALJ International](#)

### Help with Interviewing

- [Hiring and Interviewing - Public Library Director Toolkit](#)
- [Interviewing | ALA](#)
- [Interviewing at an Academic Library](#)
- [INTERVIEW QUESTION LIBRARY](#) (specific interview questions)
- [County of Marin - INTERVIEW QUESTION LIBRARY](#)
- [Job Offer Negotiation](#)

### Working on Campus and Collective Agreements

This list includes information about some collective agreements and how to understand them. Many new library students try to get jobs at their school's academic library and it is important to understand the collective agreement that you are covered by.

- [Canadian Union of Public Employees](#)
- [CAUT |](#)
- [Library sector | Canadian Union of Public Employees](#)
- [Sector profile: Library | Canadian Union of Public Employees](#)
- [The collective bargaining process - Canada.ca](#)
- [CUPE 4948 - TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY WORKERS UNION LOCAL 4948](#)
- [Opseu](#)

### Library Organizations and Associations

This is a list containing some library organizations and associations. They can be great to join for community building and networking. Many of them have student discounts for their membership fees, which are starred\*. There are a few that offer mentorship opportunities which are a great way to gain a deeper understanding of the academic library world.

- [Ontario Library Association\\*](#)
  - [OCULA](#)
  - [Other OLA Divisions](#)
- [Association of Research Libraries](#)
- [Canadian Federation of Library Associations](#)
- [Canadian Association of Research Libraries\\*](#)
- [ViMLoC: Visible Minority Librarians of Canada](#)



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- [Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians \(CAPAL\)\\*](#)
- [American Library Association\\*](#)
- [Ontario Association of Librarian Technicians \(OALT/ABO\)\\*](#)
- [LIS Student Groups](#)

More associations in Canada for Information Professionals:

- [Librarianship.ca](#)

Mentorship Opportunities

- [Mentoring Committee - Ontario Library Association](#)
- [Mentorship Program | ViMLoC: Visible Minority Librarians of Canada](#)
- [Research & Scholarship Mentorship Program](#)
- [Mentoring Opportunities | ALA](#)

## Learn from other information professionals

The following resources are created by information professionals in the academic library field. These blogs and podcasts are meant to give critical insight into the world of librarianship for future or new professionals.

### Blogs

- [ACRLog](#)
- [critlib](#)
- [Librarian.net](#)
- [TinkeringChild](#)
- [Book Riot](#)
- [Library Journal](#)
- [INALJ](#)
- [LibGig](#)
- [Free Range Librarian](#)

### Podcasts

- [Library Land Loves](#)
- [Circulating Ideas](#)
- [Lib Voices](#)
- [The Authority File | Academic Library Podcast | Choice 360](#)
- [librarypunk](#)



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