

## Librarians: Part of the Solution

Many people spend years working in impersonal corporate settings while dreaming a job in which they can contribute to the greater good.

Librarianship offers just such an opportunity to help others by working in public libraries and those operated by schools and businesses. Today's libraries are more than books and magazines - they are also technology centers, offering free access to computers and the Internet and free instruction on how best to use this technology.

Libraries are the cornerstones of their communities, the place where people go to find answers and gather to enjoy discussion groups and other programming. **At the center of these vibrant institutions are librarians.**



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## The 21st Century Librarian

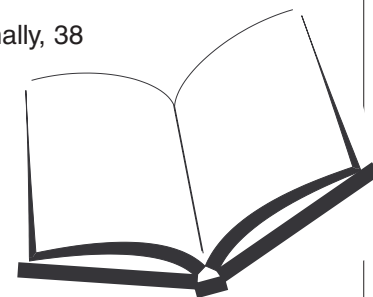
Today's librarians are a fascinating and diverse group of people working at a broad range of jobs in public, academic and institutional settings.

Using cutting-edge technology and extensive data bases, many of today's librarians are the ultimate search engines for clients who range from research scientists to the general public. Others produce Web sites that bring around-the-clock library services to patrons with home or office computers.

Of course, a library career still offers ample opportunities to conduct a story hour for children, answer reference questions or plan programs for adults.

## Becoming a Librarian

It's easier than you might think to become a librarian, and it doesn't require an investment in a new undergraduate degree. What is required is a Masters of Library Science Degree. In Rutgers University, New Jersey is graced with one of the Top 10 library schools in country, as rated by U.S. News and World Report. Another Top 10 school is in the region, Drexel University in Philadelphia. Nationally, 38 colleges and universities in 26 states and the District of Columbia provide distance education opportunities for MLS candidates.



## Want more information?

There may be a nationwide shortage of librarians in some areas of the country, but there's no shortage of librarians ready to offer encouragement and advice to those considering a career in librarianship. **Here's where to start.**

### The New Jersey Library Network:

The four regional library cooperatives and the State Library maintain a Web page which will answer many of your questions about how to become a librarian and what scholarships are available. **[www.becomealibrarian.org](http://www.becomealibrarian.org)**

### Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey -

The Web site of the university's School of Communication, Information and Library Studies describes course work and requirements for the school's new undergraduate Information Technology and Informatics major and for its Master of Library Science degree. **[www.scils.rutgers.edu/ac/g/mls/](http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/ac/g/mls/)**

### Drexel University -

The Web site for this Philadelphia-based university's Master of Library Science degree is **[www.cis.drexel.edu/grad/ms/index.html](http://www.cis.drexel.edu/grad/ms/index.html)**.

### The New Jersey Library Association -

NJLA maintains a job hotline and clearinghouse. **[www.njla.org](http://www.njla.org)**.

### The Educational Media Association of New Jersey -

The School Librarians have links to curricular and education issues in the state. **[www.emanj.org](http://www.emanj.org)**

### The Special Library Association -

This group maintains a Web site for information professionals and special librarians. **[www.sla.org](http://www.sla.org)**

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