

## Get a Job!

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**A**re you looking for a library job? Are you a new graduate, a laid-off library worker, or a midcareer librarian looking for upward mobility? Be sure to check out a new ALA web site, "Get a Job! ALA's Toolkit for Getting a Job in a Tough Economy," at <http://getajob.ala.org>. Developed by nine ALA units in collaboration with the ALA–Allied Professional Association (ALA–APA), the web site provides one-stop shopping for anyone looking for a job in any type of library.

"Get a Job!" provides resources, links, best practices, and real-life examples on topics specific to job

hunting in a tough economy as well as to basic job-hunting issues. If you need advice on how to network, you can read an article by ALA President Camila Alire on "Making the Most of Conferences." If you have been laid off, you might want to check out the "Reading List for the Laid-Off Job Seeker" or the list of blogs to read in your new spare time. Find out how to plan a job search strategy, what to do if you are laid off, and how to find out where the jobs are.

For job-seekers in any kind of market, there is information about resumes, interviewing, and cover letters. Find

practical information on the different types of resumes and when to use each one and learn interviewing "dos and don'ts." Here's something they usually do not teach in library school: this site has great resources and information on how to negotiate for salary and benefits.

"Get a Job!" is a work in progress. Eventually it will include more information for midcareer staff and people changing professions. New material is being added regularly, so site users are encouraged to subscribe to the RSS feed to take full advantage of the updates. If you have experiences or information to share, you can e-mail that to [gaj@ala.org](mailto:gaj@ala.org).

"Get a Job!" also links to JobLIST, ALA's online career center. Here's great news for job seekers: you can follow JobLIST on Twitter. Tweets include quick notification of each new library job ad, links to articles of interest to job seekers, and more. Become a fan of ALA JobLIST on Facebook for announcements, recent job ads, and a discussion board for job seekers to connect and share tips. YALS

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